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the excursion notify the leader, L. M. Underwood, at Columbia University, as early as possible in order that proper accommodations may be provided.

NEWS ITEMS

Dr. B. M. Duggar, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been elected professor of botany in the University of Missouri.

Professor Francis E. Lloyd lectured before the Biological Club of Princeton University, May 15, on "The Behavior of the Pollen-Tube in Spermatophytes."

Professor F. S. Earle returned to New York on May 27 from a collecting trip of two months, mostly spent in the Davis Mountains of western Texas and the Sacramento Mountains of eastern New Mexico.

Dr. W. A. Cannon, recently fellow in botany in Columbia University, will spend the summer in western North Carolina. A part of his time will be devoted to making collections for the New York Botanical Garden.

The eleventh session of the Hopkins Seaside Laboratory at Pacific Grove, California, began on June 9, the regular course of instruction closing July 19. Dr. Anstruther A. Lawson, assistant in botany at the Leland Stanford Junior University, has charge of the botanical courses.

The May number of the *Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club* includes three papers of interest to students of the fungi, viz., "The Nidulariaceae of North America" by V. S. White, illustrated by five plates; "Concerning some West American Fungi" by David Griffiths; and the conclusion of "Supplementary Notes on the Erysiphaceae" by E. S. Salmon, F. L. S.

Mr. Cyrus G. Pringle, one of the best known of living botanical collectors, has accepted an appointment as keeper of the herbarium of the University of Vermont, where his personal herbarium is soon to be deposited. The same institution has recently acquired on deposit the herbarium of the late C. C. Frost, which is especially rich in the cryptogamous plants of the Connecticut Valley.

The department of botany of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Holl, Massachusetts, continues under the direction of Dr. Bradley Moore Davis, of the University of Chicago. The session for the summer of 1902 extends from July 2 to August 13. Dr. George T. Moore, Dr. Rodney H. True, Dr. Henry C. Cowles, Dr. Charles H. Shaw, Professor Andrew C. Moore, Mr. James J. Wolfe, and Miss Lillian G. MacRae are the other members of the botanical staff.

The Journal of Mycology, the publication of which was discontinued with volume 7 in 1894, is now revived by Dr. W. A. Kellerman, of the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. This journal was established by Dr. Kellerman and Mr. J. B. Ellis in 1885 and later passed under the control of the Division of Vegetable Pathology of the United States Department of Agriculture, volumes 5-7 being published under the latter management. The journal will now be issued quarterly, the May number beginning volume 8.

The first regular meeting of the New York Naturalists' Club was held at the College of Pharmacy, 115 West 68th Street, on the evening of May 20. A constitution was adopted, and William L. Sherwood was elected president and Percy G. Doane, secretary and treasurer. The Naturalists' Club aims to be more popular and wider in its scope than the other scientific societies and clubs in New York City. At the June meeting a paper will be read upon the nature and classification of living objects, with an endeavor to show some of the relations of the larger groups.

The third annual meeting of the Horticultural Society of New York was held at the New York Botanical Garden on May 14 and 15. An exhibition of plants and cut flowers, with prizes open to all competitors, was a prominent feature of the meeting. Prizes to the amount of \$425 were offered by the Botanical Garden and to the amount of \$110 by the Horticultural Society. The June meeting of the society is to be held at the Botanical Garden on Wednesday and Thursday, the 11th and 12th, the main feature being an exhibition of roses and other flowering shrubs, peonies, small fruits and vegetables. Prizes

aggregating about \$300 are offered. The Council of the Society announces that it has completed arrangements for an International Conference on Planting Breeding and Hybridization to be held in New York, September 30 to October 2, 1902.

“The Wild Flower Preservation Society of America” has recently been organized with the following officers: President, Mr. Frederick V. Coville, United States Department of Agriculture; vice-president, Dr. D. T. MacDougal, New York Botanical Garden; secretary, Mr. Charles Louis Pollard, United States National Museum; treasurer, Mrs. Carolyn W. Harris, 125 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, New York; managers, Dr. L. H. Bailey, Cornell University; Mrs. N. L. Britton, New York Botanical Garden; Miss Alice Eastwood, California Academy of Sciences; Mr. E. L. Morris, Washington, D. C.; Mr. C. D. Beadle, Biltmore Herbarium; Mr. Joseph Crawford, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dr. C. F. Millspaugh, Field Columbian Museum; Mr. A. M. Read, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Charles E. Bessey, University of Nebraska; Mr. Walter Deane, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Dr. F. H. Knowlton, United States Geological Survey; Dr. William Trelease, Missouri Botanical Garden.

The annual dues are one dollar and each member is entitled to receive *The Plant World*, the official organ of the society, without additional charge. Under the auspices of the society a public lecture, illustrated by Van Brunt lantern slides, on “Some Wild Flowers in Need of Preservation” was delivered by Dr. N. L. Britton, May 22, before an audience of seven hundred, in the lecture hall of the U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.

Dr. William J. Gies, adjunct professor of physiological chemistry in Columbia University, has been appointed consulting chemist of the New York Botanical Garden.