

Notes

Professor Alfred Rehder celebrated his 75th birthday on September 4, 1938. In appreciation of his conspicuous services over a period of 40 years to the Arnold Arboretum, to horticulture, dendrology, systematic botany and botanical bibliography, the staff tendered a dinner to him and to Mrs. Rehder on the evening of September first. This was attended by thirty-one individuals. During the course of the dinner, Professor Rehder was presented with a substantial purse provided by members of the committee appointed by the Corporation of Harvard University to visit the Arnold Arboretum, and his associates. It is worthy of note that Professor Rehder's original appointment on the staff of the Arboretum in 1898 was at the rate of \$1.00 per day as what was then called a "working student", and his first task was to eliminate the weeds in the then newly established shrub collection by the vigorous use of a hoe. One unique feature of the dinner was the table decorations which were all sprays of plants actually named and described by Professor Rehder.

At the opening ceremony of the fifteenth International Geographical Congress, Amsterdam, July 18, 1938, Dr. E. D. Merrill, Director of the Arnold Arboretum, was elected an honorary member of the Royal Dutch Geographical Society for his investigations in plant geography. The other American scientist so honored was Dr. C. O. Sauer, Professor of Geography, University of California.