

NEWS AND NOTES.

In the present number of the NATURALIST is published some of the work done last summer at the Lake Laboratory, located at Sandusky, O. For the announcement for the summer of 1901, or any other information, address Herbert Osborn, Director, Ohio State University, Columbus, O.

Special Papers No. 3, Ohio State Academy of Science, has been distributed. This paper deals with "The Preglacial Drainage of Ohio," and the authors are W. G. Tight, Granville, J. A. Bownocker, Columbus, J. H. Todd, Wooster, and Gerard Fowke, Chillicothe. The paper is a neat pamphlet of seventy-five pages, with a number of maps and half-tones.

Referring to Burplehaus' note on *Syndesmon* (OHIO NATURALIST, 1:72), I may say that I have a number of specimens from Eastern Kansas, all of which have sessile involucreal leaves. Some of the specimens in the Ohio State Herbarium have sessile leaves, while others have involucreal leaves with petioles one inch or less in length. That there can be no mistake in the interpretation of what is supposed to constitute an involucreal leaf is shown from the following statement in Britton and Brown's *Flora*, 2: 50:—"Involucre of three compound sessile leaves; leaflets stalked." Mr. S. E. Horlacher, of Dayton, Ohio, writes that all the specimens in his herbarium agree with the *Flora* in having sessile involucreal leaves. There may be several forms of *Syndesmon* distinct enough to designate as varieties; there is at least a large amount of variation.

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