NOTES

Thirteenth Annual Meeting.—The American Society of Plant Physiologists will meet in its thirteenth annual session at Atlantic City, New Jersey, December 29, 1936. As usual, the meetings will extend through several days. The arrangements as set forth here are preliminary, and members should verify the announcements from information to be published later by the A.A.A.S. in Science. The headquarters of the Society will be at the Ambassador Hotel, and the scientific sessions will probably be held in the Auditorium. The usual joint meetings with the American Society for Horticultural Science, the Physiological Section of the Botanical Society of America, and Section G, A.A.A.S., may be expected. The annual dinner is scheduled for Tuesday evening, December 29. It is customary to announce the awards of honors at the close of the annual dinner. This year the fifth award of the Stephen Hales prize, and the twelfth award of the Charles Reid Barnes life membership are to be a part of the after-dinner program. No one will want to miss these festivities. Tickets for the annual dinner should be purchased as soon as possible after arrival in order that the secretary may make suitable reservations for every one. The officers of the Society will welcome and appreciate the cooperation of the members in all matters pertaining to the successful conduct of the meetings.

Committee on the Stephen Hales Award.—The personnel of the Stephen Hales award committee is defined in the constitution and by-laws of the Society. The committee on the fifth award is constituted as follows: Dr. W. W. Garner, U. S. Department of Agriculture, chairman; Dr. Hubert Bradford Vickery, Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station; and Dr. Charles A. Shull, the University of Chicago. Each member of the committee serves for six years, and by rotation, becomes chairman during the last two years of his tenure of membership. The announcement of the award will be made at the annual dinner of the Society.

Committee on the Charles Reid Barnes Life Membership.—The committee chosen to select the recipient of the twelfth award of the Charles Reid Barnes life membership in the American Society of Plant Physiologists has been appointed by President R. B. Harvey as follows: J. W. Shive, Rutgers University, chairman; Dr. H. A. Spoehr, Carnegie Institution of Washington; Dr. Sam F. Trelease, Columbia University; Dr. Edwin C. Miller, Kansas State Agricultural College; and Dr. E. S. Johnston, the Smithsonian Institution.
Reissue of Early Volumes of Plant Physiology.—The executive committee of the Society has been considering the feasibility of issuing a reproduction of volumes 1 and 2 of Plant Physiology, which have been unavailable for a number of years. In order to determine whether there is sufficient demand to pay the costs of reproducing these volumes, members who would be willing to pay the usual price to obtain them are requested to write to the secretary to that effect. It would aid also if members would examine the files of Plant Physiology in their respective institutional libraries, and if possible secure a pledge of subscriptions if the library does not possess these early volumes. If sufficient interest is shown, photographic reproduction of the first two volumes could be financed without difficulty. The secretary and other officers would be pleased to know whether there is interest enough to warrant the expenditure of funds for this purpose.

Errata.—The attention of the editors of Plant Physiology has been called to a number of errors in the current volume. The list is not complete, but includes only those which have been reported by authors. This list of errata is to be found at the close of the table of contents of volume 11. It is a useful custom to enter these corrections at the points where the errors occur. This is especially desirable in connection with tabulated data, arabic numerals, decimal points, etc., errors which are difficult to detect in casual reading.

We are indebted to Dr. Otis F. Curtis for several corrections to the key list of names for identification of plant physiologists in attendance at the Sixth International Botanical Congress, which accompanied the reproduction of the photograph in the January 1936 number of Plant Physiology. Numbers 113 and 114 are transposed in the key. No. 113 is K. V. Thimann, and no. 114, R. Emerson. In addition, no. 121, left unidentified in the key, is W. Schumacher, whose name was recorded as no. 115. This leaves no. 115 unidentified. If any other errors are noted in this key, we hope corrections will be sent to us for publication.

Manuscripts.—Authors are urged to make their papers as brief and clear as possible. With many investigators engaged in similar lines of work, a general reviewing of the past literature by each author is unnecessary. There is too much repetition, too much waste of space and funds in the reproduction of long literature lists with identical citations. By eliminating this reappraisal of the entire background of research for a time, presenting just that which is new, with its immediate bearing upon other recent work, authors can guarantee a more prompt publication of their papers.

In other ways authors can contribute to more rapid handling of their papers. Legends, for instance, should not be attached to the photographs
or drawings. The figures go to the engravers, and the legends to the typesetters. They should therefore be separate. The figures should be numbered properly on the back of the copies sent, and bear the author's name: the legends corresponding, properly numbered, should be type-written on a separate sheet as part of the manuscript.

Frequently literature citations are sent in incomplete form, or not in alphabetic order. Papers containing defective citations, or literature lists otherwise lacking in conformity to the style used in Plant Physiology, are automatically delayed in being sent to the printer. They must wait until the editor can find time to return the list to the author, or until the citations can be amended by editorial service. This sometimes requires much time because of the pressure of other duties. Early publication is facilitated by attention to such details as are mentioned.

**The Living Garden.**—An unusually interesting and valuable garden book has been written by Dr. E. J. Salisbury, Quain Professor of Botany in University College, London. The author presents garden plants as living organisms, responding to the conditions of their environment. The story is told with a minimum of technical terms, yet one realizes as he reads that he is being led by a master into the fascinating knowledge of how plants live, grow, and reproduce their kind; how they compete with their neighboring plants; how they respond and adapt themselves to their changing environment. The book contains seventeen chapters replete with information that could be provided only by one who knows and loves plants, and who has watched them grow through many seasons. Every young botanist, and especially those interested in the behavior of plants, should read it; for it has a style and quality that inspires to deeper study. The publishers, the Macmillan Co., New York, offer it to the public at $3.00 per copy.