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. is still far from being a day for rejoicing in the accustomed pattern.

Who could say "Merry Christmas" to a boy on his way into battle—or, at home, to his mother or father—without a feeling of revulsion at the hollowness and incongruity of the words as he pronounced them?

While the thunders of war still reverberate, the Museum can express to its Members, its friends, and its staff—those at home and those in the service of the Nation—only the wish that the hopes of all which have risen so notably since the last Yuletide, may culminate in Victory during 1944, and that another year will not have to pass without an unqualified "Merry Christmas."

CHICAGO N.H.M. BULLETIN IS NEW NAME OF NEWS

The change in name from Field Museum of Natural History to Chicago Natural History Museum becomes effective this month, and it has therefore become necessary to change also the name of this periodical for Museum Members.

This is the last issue to bear the name FIELD MUSEUM NEWS. Beginning with the January, 1944 issue, this publication will be called CHICAGO NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM BULLETIN. The seemingly obvious change which might have been expected, to "Chicago Museum News," was impractical because that name seemed to imply a

publication reporting the news of all Chicago museums including those in fields not covered by this institution.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE CUT

During 1944, due to the absence of so many members of the Museum staff on the urgent business of war, and the necessity imposed upon all publishers to conserve paper supplies, THE BULLETIN will be published bi-monthly instead of monthly. The issues will appear in January, March, May, July, September and November. Apart from this reduction in the number of issues, no other change is at present contemplated.

BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY HOUSE AIDS ANATOMY DIVISION

The Museum benefits from the friendship and co-operation of innumerable individuals as well as organizations of all kinds. These include especially the local zoological gardens and the commercial biological supply houses which supply specimens, charts and microscope slides to schools. In Chicago, the General Biological Supply House has served this museum in a unique way by embalming rare animals of all kinds. Since the time when the Museum's Division of Osteology took up a research program, with a few miscellaneous alcoholic specimens and the gleanings from several expeditions assembled and bravely labeled "Division of Anatomy," the General Biological Supply House has given its whole-hearted co-operation, and has made generous contributions of time and materials.

The first major acquisition that made the aid of the supply house of vital importance was in connection with Su-Lin, the giant panda. This animal had long been a subject of zoological argument, and no thorough dissection had ever been made to establish its relations with the raccoons on one hand and the bears on the other. If the necessary detailed studies were to be done, Su-Lin's body could not be embalmed piecemeal, and the Museum had neither the experience nor the necessary equipment for modern embalming. The General Biological Supply House came to our aid, and soon Su-Lin was returned not only full of embalming fluid, but with his blood vessels filled with colored starch ready for the most delicate dissection ("she" turned out to be "he" on the dissecting table). This started a Noah's ark trek to the supply house. Su-Lin was followed by another panda, a lesser panda, a gorilla, a sloth bear, black bear, bassariscus, binturong, palm civet, raccoons, skunks, weasel, kinkajous, and many others. Some were injected with colored starch, others by the latest latex method. In all, hundreds of gallons of preserving fluid were used up. Nor did the biological supply house balk when asked to embalm a baby giraffe. No doubt the recent death of an elephant at

Brookfield Zoo occasioned bated breath and averted eyes at the GBSH.

In the course of studies at the Museum on carnivorous mammals related to Su-Lin, the General Biological Supply House presented various embalmed specimens without charge. The Museum has often served the supply house with information and identification of specimens. Their counter-services now greatly outweigh our aid in the past. The Museum is especially indebted to the expert embalmer at the supply house, Mr. Arnold Blaufuss, as well as to Mr. A. S. Windsor, and to the president of the company, Mr. C. Blair Coursen. —M.B.

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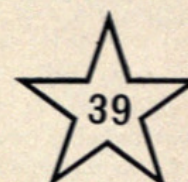
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