

comfortable arm chair in front of a small desk, seated himself, and began a hasty review of the ground covered by the previous lecture. The review occupied about five minutes, when he plunged into new matter and continued talking with a fair degree of rapidity to the close of the hour. Professor Weismann is always accompanied by an intelligent attendant, who brought forward such charts and models as were necessary to illustrate the lecture. Many of these are employed. In fact the wall behind the lecturer was always covered with charts which could be drawn down or rolled up at will, in addition to coloured diagrams on the blackboard. One of the features of Weismann's lectures was the facility with which he could use coloured chalks in sketching organs and special features to be illustrated. He in common with other lecturers in this school always employed chalk of a definite colour to illustrate given tissues or organs. A system of this kind adds very considerably to the clarity of the lecture. Dr. Weismann used no notes in lecturing. At the close of the hour he immediately retired to his private room. It is considered a very special privilege on the part of the student to be able to approach the professor and discuss any point covered in the hour's lecture. Although long past the seventy-year mile post Weismann is still lecturing daily at twelve, including Saturday.

Among the pleasant experiences during my stay at Freiburg were attendance and participation in several botanical excursions, of which there are a number every week, there being one every Saturday and usually one on Sunday. The number of students attending these excursions varied from twenty-five to forty. Usually several women were members of the party. A fee is charged for the privilege of attending them, in the same way that a fee is charged for laboratory facilities.

The ordinary plan was to take a certain train out of town for a given distance into the country, the details and a map of the route having been previously posted in the laboratory and lecture rooms of the botanical department. One of the assistants usually acted as business manager of the party, purchasing tickets and apportioning the expenses among those attending. On arriving at the starting point for field work the party immediately struck out into the country at a smart pace. It must be borne in mind that botanical students (or field-naturalists) are not given the freedom of the countryside in the same generous way in Germany that obtains in Canada and the United States. Parties are not allowed to tramp at will over meadow or even through pasture lands. If such liberties are attempted they are likely to come into sharp conflict with the owner of the land. There are certain crown properties, however, in which