NEWS

MR. W. ERIC BROOKS has succeeded Mr. V. H. BLACKMAN in the department of botany of the British Museum.

MR. A. W. HILL, lecturer at Cambridge University, has been appointed assistant director of the Royal Gardens, Kew.

EDWARD W. BERRY spent the summer in collecting Mesozoic and Pleistocene fossil plants in Virginia and North and South Carolina.

MR. T. D. BECKWITH, Department of Agriculture, has been elected assistant professor of bacteriology and plant pathology at the North Dakota Agricultural College and Experiment Station, Fargo, N. D.

MR. J. H. SCHAFFNER, professor of botany at Ohio State University, has been granted leave of absence of one year to study in Germany. His work at the university will be cared for by Dr. A. DACHNOWSKI, University of Michigan.

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH of the late MAXWELL T. MASTERS is published in Kew Bull. Misc. Inf. 1907:325–334, prepared by Mr. W. B. HEMSLEY. A bibliography is also published, not including contributions to the Gardeners' Chronicle, and containing 141 titles.

DR. TH. HERZOG, of Freiburg, has gone to South America for a stay of eighteen months, having been appointed botanist of a Portuguese commercial society organized to introduce "plant products" into Europe. His explorations will lie chiefly in Bolivia and the Amazon region, and in connection with his other work he hopes to obtain valuable collections of plants, and especially of mosses.

MR. C. F. BAKER, for three years past chief of the Department of Botany in the Estación Central Agronómica, at Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba, has been appointed curator of the Herbarium and Botanic Garden at the Museu Goeldi Pará, Brazil. All letters and packages should be addressed to him at that point after November 1, 1907. His especial function there will be the further development of the herbarium and garden at Pará, and the botanical exploration of some of the most interesting parts of the Amazon Valley.