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The following brief record of recent events in the history of Blue Hill Meteorological Observatory supplements the note on the same subject in the REVIEW for March, 1914, page 183. The information is taken from the "Reports of the president and treasurer of Harvard College, 1912-13," Cambridge, Mass., 1914, pages 16, 167, 203; treasurer's statement, page 17.

The observatory was bequeathed to Harvard University by Abbott Lawrence Rotch, who died on April 7, 1912. The formal transfer of the observatory took place in March, 1913, and at the same time the university received from the donor's estate \$50,075, the income from which is "to be used and applied for the purpose of maintaining upon the premises [on Great Blue Hill] a meteorological observatory and of making, recording, and reducing meteorological observations and publishing the results thereof in connection with the Harvard College Observatory * * *." Mrs. Rotch has liberally supplemented the income from this fund, so that it has been possible to appoint Alexander George McAdie as Abbott Lawrence Rotch professor of meteorology and director

of the Blue Hill Observatory. Prof. McAdie entered upon his duties just before the opening of the academic year 1913-14.

The library remains housed at the observatory on the summit of Great Blue Hill, but is now a constituent part of the Harvard University library soon to move into its new building. Prof. Rotch left a well-chosen collection of books intended for those engaged in research work in meteorology, climatology, and aerodynamics, amounting to 7,900 volumes and 14,950 pamphlets. The founder had given special attention to the acquisition of standard treatises, rare issues, and volumes of exceptional merit and interest.

The Editor is requested to state that after May 1, 1914, the address of the International Commission for Scientific Aeronautics will be "c/o K. Preuss. Aeronautisches Observatorium, Lindenberg bei Beeskow, Germany." This will also be the address of Prof. Dr. H. Hergesell, president of the International Commission, as he has recently been appointed director of the Aeronautical Observatory.