

and mountaineers of the Caucasus; Feb. 3, Dr. D. Webster Prentiss, Mesmerism in animals, with experiments; Feb. 10, Professor Theodore Gill, Mythical animals; Feb. 17, Dr. John S. Billings, U.S.A., Germs and epidemics.

— At the meeting of the Biological society of Washington, held Jan. 19, an address was given by the retiring president, Professor Theodore Gill, on the Principles of zoögeography.

— The Association of Ohio Colleges, during its meeting at Wooster, Dec. 27, formally adopted the resolutions of the American association for the advancement of science and the American philological association, concerning the degrees of S.D. and Ph.D. Henceforth the sixteen colleges comprising the association are in honor bound not to confer either degree, except upon examination.

— Diffuse but entertaining notes on the habits of *Lepus sylvaticus* are given by Rev. Samuel Lockwood in the December number of the American Naturalist.

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