

belief underlying the custom being the characteristic notion that the powers of the consumed are thereby conveyed to the consumer. A related belief finds expression among the same people in the practice of opening the abdomen of an enemy killed in battle, extracting the caul fat and anointing with it the body of the victor, the ceremony taking place while the body of the victim is still warm, or, if practicable, before his death. In all cases, of anthropophagy the skins were carefully removed, dried, and then hung in high trees to be blown about by the winds.

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PROPOSED INSCRIPTION FOR THE STATUE  
OF DARWIN.

WE recently quoted from the London *Academy* inscriptions proposed for the statue of Darwin. Mr. Edward Montgomery, of Hemstead, Texas, suggests the following substitute :

Charles Darwin, whose painstaking biological investigation has demonstrated the developmental ascent of lowest to highest forms of life, proving Evolution to be the master-key to the secrets of nature, and opening to striving humanity the inspiring prospect of natural perfectibility.

We have also received from 'Milner Kenne' the following sonnet :

CHARLES DARWIN.

Father of Science, versed in Nature's lore,  
Toilsome unraveller of her mystic laws,  
Tracing by painful thought effect to cause  
Till, like Columbus, thou new worlds explore ;  
Say, shall we ever see thy equal more ?  
Modest as great, yet fearless without pause,  
Careless alike of censure or applause,  
Steering still onward to the unknown shore.  
To thy keen sight, thy patient thought and clear,  
The newer science owes nativity.  
Thy sunlike mind bids ignorance disappear  
Till Nature's wonders seem to mirror thee,  
And to us mourning say in words of cheer,  
*Si monumentum quaeris, aspice !*

THE NATIONAL ZOOLOGICAL PARK.

THE following circular letter has been sent by the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to officers of the army serving in the Philippines, Cuba, Porto Rico and Hawaii and on other outside stations :

The Secretary, on behalf of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, and with the permission of the Honorable the Secretaries of State, of War and of the Navy, calls the attention of officers of the United States on foreign stations to the fact that there is at the capital a National Zoological Park, established by an Act of Congress approved April 30, 1890, which provides :

That the National Zoological Park is hereby placed under the direction of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, who are authorized to transfer to it any living specimens, whether of animals or plants now or hereafter in their charge ; to accept gifts for the Park at their discretion, in the name of the United States ; to make exchanges of specimens, and to administer the said Zoological Park for the advancement of science and the instruction and recreation of the people.

That the heads of the executive departments of the government are hereby authorized and directed to cause to be rendered all necessary and practicable aid to the said Regents in the acquisition of collections for the Zoological Park.

This Park, of which some idea may be formed by the accompanying map and illustrations, has been established in an unusually beautiful site near the city of Washington. It is intended to form here a representative national collection which, while especially rich in our native American animals, shall also contain specimens from all parts of the world, and shall be to America what the zoological gardens at London, Paris and Berlin are to their respective countries.

For several years Congress made no appropriation for the purchase of animals, and the Park is still largely dependent upon gifts to increase the collection, which is far from adequate as an exhibit in a national institution.

If officers stationed abroad who may be interested in animal life would bear in mind the necessities of the Park many additions could be made to the collection. Almost any foreign animals would be gladly received.

Expenses of boxing and of land transportations, where necessary, will always be paid by the Zoological Park.

Purchase of animals can be made only in exceptional cases, but if the opportunity for any especially desirable acquisition arises the Secre-

tary of the Smithsonian Institution would be pleased to be advised by letter or, in urgent cases, by telegraph. The Secretary would also be glad to correspond with officers who expect to visit regions where interesting animals occur.

Public recognition of gifts is made, the names of donors being placed upon the labels attached to the cages or pens, and a notice of the gifts, with the names of the donors, is also made a part of the annual report of the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

A list of the most important animals that can be collected in different countries is appended hereto, and concise directions for boxing, shipping and feeding are given.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS.

A CABLEGRAM from Cairo dated July 27th states that Mr. N. R. Harrington, instructor in Western Reserve University, has died at Atabara of typhoid fever. Mr. Harrington was a member of the Senff zoological expedition of Columbia University, which was on its way to the upper Nile for the purpose of studying the embryology of *Polypterus*.

REPORTS from the *Elder*, carrying the party of men of science taken to Alaska by Mr. E. H. Harriman, state that the trip has been in every way successful. The steamship is now returning from Kodiak to Sitka.

MAJOR MARCHAND is to be presented with the grand gold medal of the French Geographical Society for 1900. Silver replicas will be given to all the officers of his mission. Major Marchand has been appointed to the 4th Regiment of Marines and his subordinates have also been reincorporated in the army.

MR. H. N. DICKSON, of New College, Oxford, has been given the Johnson Memorial Prize of the University for his work on 'The Currents in the North Sea.'

DR. E. A. DE SCHWEINITZ, Director of the Bio-chemic Laboratory of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and Dean of the Columbian Medical School, Washington, and Dr. R. de Schweinitz, professor of ophthalmology, of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, attended a meeting of the Paris Academy of Medicine on June 12th.

DR. E. PFLÜGER, professor of physiology at Bonn, well known for his physiological researches and as editor of the *Archiv für die gesammte Physiologie*, commonly known as Pflüger's Archiv, recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

DR. V. VON LANG, professor of physics in the University of Vienna, has been elected General Secretary of the Vienna Academy of Sciences.

THE Linnæan Society of London has elected the following foreign members: M. Adrien Franchet, of Paris; Dr. E. C. Hansen, of Copenhagen; Professor Seichiro Ikeno, of the University of Tokyo; Dr. Eduard von Martens, of the University of Berlin, and Professor G. O. Sars, of the University of Christiania.

THE Liverpool Section of the Society of Chemical Industry proposes to collect £300 for the establishment of a lectureship to commemorate the services to applied chemistry of the late Dr. Ferdinand Hurter.

THE Right Rev. Charles Graves, F.R.S., Lord Bishop of Limerick, has died at the age of 87 years. He was formerly professor of pure mathematics at Trinity College, Durham, and has made many contributions to mathematics.

THE *American Anthropologist* publishes an obituary notice, by Mr. A. R. Spofford, of Mr. Manning F. Force, who died at Sandusky, Ohio, on May 8th, at the age of 75. He was one of comparatively few Americans who, while engaged in other pursuits—he was a Judge in the Superior Court—took an interest in science and contributed to its advancement. His work on the Mound-Builders of the West is a standard authority on this subject.

THE annual meeting of the corporation of the Marine Biological Laboratory will be held at the laboratory at Woods Holl, Mass., on Tuesday, August 8, 1899, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the election of officers and trustees, to act on an alteration of the by-laws and to transact such other business as may come before it.

AN International Hydrographic and Biological Congress for the discussion of the conditions of the North Sea and North Atlantic Ocean met at Stockholm on June 16th.

THE German Anthropological Society and