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LINNÆUS AND THE NEW YORK ACADEMY
OF SCIENCES

THE commemoration on May 23 by the New York Academy of Sciences of the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Linnæus took place in accordance with the program that has already been printed in SCIENCE. In the morning exercises were held in the American Museum of Natural History, where there was an exhibition of animals and minerals known to Linnæus; a presentation of letters by delegates from other societies, and an address by Dr. J. A. Allen on 'Linnæus and American Zoology.' After luncheon had been served to invited guests, the exercises were resumed in the New York Botanical Garden, where there was an exhibition of American plants known to Linnæus; an address by Dr. P. A. Rydberg on 'Linnæus and American Botany,' and lantern slides of American flowers known to Linnæus were exhibited by Dr. H. H. Rusby. In a walk through the garden, trees known to Linnæus were pointed out by Dr. W. A. Murrill. Later the bridge over the Bronx River on Pelham Parkway between the Botanical Garden and the Zoological Park was dedicated in memory of Linnæus and a bronze tablet was unveiled. The tablet was presented by Dr. N. L. Britton, president of the New York Academy of Sciences, and was accepted by the commissioner of parks of the Bronx. Addresses were also made by Dr. George F. Kunz, president of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society, and by Mr. Emil F. Johnson, president of the United Swedish Societies of New York. There was singing by the American Union of Swedish Singers, and the Swedish minister to this country and the Swedish consul of New York City were present. Subsequently there was an exhibit of animals known to Linnæus in the New York Zoological Park. In the evening the exercises were continued at the Museum of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences,

addresses being made by Mr. F. A. Lucas and Mr. E. L. Morris. There was a reception at the New York Aquarium given by the New York Zoological Society to the New York Academy of Sciences. The committee of the New York Academy in charge of the celebrations was: Nathaniel L. Britton, Hermon C. Bumpus, William T. Hornaday, Frederic A. Lucas, Charles H. Townsend, William Morton Wheeler.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

M. DOUVILLE has been elected a member of the Paris Academy of Sciences in the section of mineralogy in the place of Bertrand.

PROFESSOR A. S. WARTHIN, of the University of Michigan, has been elected president of the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists.

PROFESSOR CHARLES F. BURGESS, of the department of chemical engineering of the University of Wisconsin, was elected to the presidency of the American Electro-chemical Society at the fifth annual meeting held in Philadelphia.

ON the occasion of the centennial of the University of Maryland honorary degrees will be conferred as follows: Doctor of science—Dr. Henry D. Fry, Baltimore; Dr. Alexander C. Abbott, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Henry J. Berkley, Johns Hopkins University; Edwin S. Faust, Strassburg; Dr. Isaac Stone, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Charles P. Noble, Philadelphia; J. Homer Wright, Harvard University; Dr. J. Whitridge Williams, Johns Hopkins University; Dr. N. G. Keirle, Baltimore. Doctor of laws—Dr. Wm. T. Councilman, Harvard University; Major-surgeon James Carroll, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.; Dr. Simon Flexner, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Professor W. D. Halliburton, King's College, London; President G. Stanley Hall, Clark University; Dr. Francis L. Patton, Princeton, N. J.; Judge James McSherry, Frederick, Md.; Surgeon General Walter Wyman, U. S. N., Washington, D. C.; Dr. S. J. Meltzer, New York City; Professor William T. Porter, Harvard Medical School; Dr. William J. Mayo, Rochester, Minn.; Pro-