

*SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE LAMARCK  
MEMORIAL*

AMERICAN naturalists are responding to the invitation of French naturalists to join in the work of erecting a monument in Paris to Lamarck. The American members of the international committee, consisting of Messrs. Agassiz, Osborn and Dean, have not as yet, however, received a sum substantial enough to indicate adequately the interest which Americans have always displayed in the works of Lamarck, or the part which America should play in the building of this monument to the founder of the evolution theory. Up to the present time there are forty-two subscribers, and the total amount raised is \$497.

At least \$1,000 should be sent to France to represent worthily the zoological interests of this country.

Among the subscribers are Messrs. Agassiz, Mayer, Montgomery, Sigerfoos, H. L. Bruner, Osborn, Osburn, Gage, Allis, Dean, Brewer, Mary Rathbun, Thaxter, Dachrowski, Nachtrieb, Grover, Beal, Parker, Birge, Bigelow, Clarence H. Mackay, Woodward, Kellogg, Schuchert, Lee, Armstrong, N. Y. Academy of Sciences, Martha Bunting, Holland, Rathbun, Walcott, C. F. Cox, Gill, Wagner, Whitman, New York Zoological Society, Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences, Metcalf, Biological Society of Washington, Townsend, Hargitt.

Subscriptions and letters of inquiry should be addressed to Professor Bashford Dean, Columbia University, New York.

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*SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS*

WE record with deep regret the death of Lord Kelvin on December 17.

THE Royal Society of Edinburgh has elected as British honorary fellows, Sir A. B. W. Kennedy, F.R.S., Sir E. Ray Lankester, K.C.B., F.R.S., Dr. J. A. H. Murray and Professor C. S. Sherrington, F.R.S.; foreign honorary fellows have been elected as follows: Professor Emil Fischer, Berlin; Dr. G. W. Hill, New York; Professor F. W. G. Kohlrausch, Charlottenburg; Professor H. F. Osborn, New York; Professor I. P. Pavlov,

St. Petersburg; Professor G. Retzius, Stockholm; Professor A. Righi, Bologna and Professor L. J. Troost, Paris.

THE Geological Society of France has elected Dr. C. R. Eastman, paleontologist at Harvard University, in charge of fossil vertebrates, to foreign membership in the society.

M. WALLERANT has been elected a member of the Paris Academy of Sciences in the section of mineralogy.

A BRONZE cut of President Eliot has been placed in the Harvard union. It is the work of the French medalist, Leon Deschamps, and is the original from which were taken the bronze medals made in connection with the John Harvard celebration.

*Nature* states that the executive committee of the National Physical Laboratory has appointed Mr. G. W. Walker, official assistant to the professor of natural philosophy in the University of Glasgow, as superintendent of the Eskdalemuir Observatory. Mr. Guy Barr, of Christ's College, Cambridge, has been appointed to an assistantship in the metallurgical and chemical department of the National Physical Laboratory.

DR. ROBERT BELL, chief geologist of the Canadian Geological Survey, was the guest of honor at the banquet of the Canadian Camp, held recently at Hotel Astor, New York City.

DR. WILLIAM R. BROOKS, director of the Smith Observatory and professor of astronomy at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., recently delivered his illustrated lecture on "Comets and Meteors," at Trinity College, Hartford; and at Wellesley College, Mass.

AN expedition from the Desert Laboratory, including among its members Dr. D. T. MacDougal, Mr. Godfrey Sykes, Dr. W. T. Hornaday, of the New York Zoological Garden, and the Honorable J. M. Phillips, game commissioner of Pennsylvania, has recently traversed the region between Tucson and the Gulf of California. The geographical investigations centered at the Desert Laboratory were extended to include the Pinacate volcanoes, which lie near the Gulf of California in Sonora, and a general survey of plant dis-