

Vries, are reprints of recent papers originally published in the *Botanical Gazette*. In the last named paper the author calls attention to the fact that in making certain crosses of evening primroses two types of hybrids result from the same parents.

In the *Columbia University Quarterly* for December, 1907, N. L. Britton contributes an appreciative sketch of the life and work of the lamented Professor Doctor Lucien M. Underwood. A fine photograph accompanies the paper.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

THE UNIVERSITY OF OVIEDO

THE rector of the University of Oviedo in Spain has notified universities, colleges and schools, and the learned world generally, of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the opening of that university which will take place in September next under the auspices of King Alfonso and the Prince of the Asturias, and he invites the professors of universities and others interested to attend the ceremonies of the occasion which will occupy ten days, from the twentieth to the thirtieth of the month. The documents accompanying the invitation consist of a list of subjects of the orations to be delivered and a program of the exercises arranged for the occasion. These include the ceremony of the unveiling of the statue of the founder, Fernando Valdés y Salas, Archbishop of Seville, which will be performed with religious solemnities; excursions to celebrated places in the neighborhood; a pedagogical exhibition with school festivals; lectures and sessions of various societies; distribution of prizes; theatrical performances, etc. It is interesting to note that the university authorities express a special desire that Spanish Americans should visit Oviedo on this occasion, not only because of their community of blood and language, but also because the sons of the Asturias have left such deep impressions of their lives and deeds in the Spanish countries of the new world.

The invitation to the other university authorities (which is in Latin) concludes as follows: "It is difficult for us to say how pleasant a duty it is to invite you to our

celebration. The founders of your university, as of ours, may be likened to Saviours sent from Heaven to redeem the uncivilized nations of the earth, whose education, inaugurated by them, is entrusted to us to-day, to-morrow it will be carried on by others, and so on, continuously, until that last and highest stage of development shall have been reached when man shall be enabled by this means to become more God-like in his nature. Since this result concerns you no less than us at this university, I feel that I can approach you with full confidence, urging that your university may be represented in some way at our festival, and if a person should come in your name let him be assured that he will receive the warm welcome of a friend and comrade."

SUMMER MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

AT the convocation of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Chicago, the council decided to have the summer meeting held at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N. H., during the week beginning June 29. Subsequently to this action, the Dartmouth Scientific Association in Hanover appointed the following committee of arrangements, the several members of which are expected to act in the interest of the respective sections of the association as indicated below.

Section A, Mathematics and Astronomy, J. M. Poor.

Section B, Physics, Professor G. F. Hull.

Section C, Chemistry, Professor C. E. Bolser.

Section D, Mechanical Science and Engineering, Professor R. Fletcher (chairman).

Section E, Geology and Geography, Professor C. H. Hitchcock.

Section F, Zoology, Professor W. Patten.

Section G, Botany, Professor R. G. Lyman.

Section H, Anthropology, Professor D. E. Wells; Psychology, Professor H. H. Horne.

Section I, Social and Economic Science, Professor D. E. Wells.

Section K, Physiology and Experimental Medicine, Professor C. C. Stuart.

Section L, Education, Professor H. H. Horne.

This committee desires the cooperation of