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THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY DARWIN LECTURES

A SERIES of lectures on "Charles Darwin and His Influence on Science," will be given at Columbia University on Friday afternoons, from February 12 to April 16, 1909, in 309 Havemeyer Hall, at 4:10 P.M., with the exception of the introductory lecture, which will be given at 11:10 A.M., on February 12, the one hundredth anniversary of Darwin's birth. The lectures, which are open to the public, are as follows:

February 12—"Darwin's Life and Work," by Henry Fairfield Osborn, Sc.D., LL.D.

February 19—"Terrestrial Evolution and Paleontology," by William Berryman Scott, Ph.D.

February 26—"Darwin's Influence on Zoology," by Thomas Hunt Morgan, Ph.D.

March 5—"Darwin in Relation to Anthropology," by Franz Boas, Ph.D.

March 12—"Darwin's Contribution to Psychology," by Edward Lee Thorndike, Ph.D.

March 19—"Darwin's Influence on Botany," by Daniel Trembly MacDougal, Ph.D.

March 26—"Darwinism and Modern Philosophy," by John Dewey, Ph.D., LL.D.

April 2 (date subject to change)—"Cosmic Evolution," by George Ellery Hale, Sc.D.

April 16—"Darwinism in Relation to the Evolution of Human Institutions," by Franklin Henry Giddings, Ph.D., LL.D.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. HENRY F. OSBORN has been elected president of the New York Zoological Society.

DEAN FRANK OLIN MARVIN, of the School of Engineering of the University of Kansas, was elected president of the Sigma Xi scientific society at the recent Baltimore meeting.

DR. S. A. FORBES has tendered his resignation as professor of zoology in the University of Illinois, which position he has held since 1884. The resignation is to take effect on September 1, 1909. He will remain as director of the State Laboratory of Natural History and state entomologist.

DR. CHARLES ROCKWELL LANMAN, professor of Sanscrit in Harvard University, has been elected a corresponding member of the Institute of France in the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres.

DR. WILHELM WALDEYER, professor of anatomy at Berlin, has been elected a foreign member of the Stockholm Academy of Sciences.

THE University of Berne has conferred the honorary degree of Ph.D. upon the Rev. W. A. B. Coolidge, M.A., fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, in recognition of his works on Swiss history and geography.

M. FREUNDLER has been elected general secretary of the Paris Chemical Society in succession to M. Béhal.

MR. STANLEY FIELD, nephew of Marshall Field, who founded the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, and in his will left a bequest of \$8,000,000 to the institution, has been elected president in succession to Mr. H. H. Higginbotham.

THE board of regents of the University of Kansas has appointed Professor H. P. Cady, of the department of chemistry, to be official weather observer to carry on the work begun by the late Dr. Snow forty years ago.

THE Carnegie Institution of Washington has made a grant of \$3,200 to Professor E. C. Case, of the University of Michigan, for the preparation of two monographs upon the Permian reptiles of North America. Four years ago a grant from the same source of \$1,300