

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Ignatius Albert Wagner: "The Condensation of Acetone by Means of Calcium Carbide."

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Frances Kohnky: "The Subjective Element in Mysticism."

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Harry Nelson Eaton: "Geology of South Mountain and the Reading Hills, Pennsylvania."

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Ernest Victor Jones: "A Spectrographic Study of Tellurium."

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Charles Haskell Danforth: "The Anatomy of *Polyodon*."

THE CELEBRATION OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY

THE celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Royal Society of London began on Monday, July 15, when the president and the fellows received their guests informally in the rooms of the society at Burlington House. The first formal recognition of the anniversary, apart from the visit of the president and the treasurer to the king to present to him the memorial volumes on Saturday, was at noon on Tuesday at Westminster Abbey, when a special service was held. The dean of Westminster preached the sermon, taking his text from Esdras, "Truth abounds and is strong for ever." The formal reception of the delegates took place in the afternoon at Burlington House. After formally giving the delegates welcome, Sir Archibald Geikie, the president, made an address in which he traced the origin and early days of the society.

The ceremony of presenting addresses of congratulation followed. Besides the formal addresses, there were speeches by a representative of each country or dominion. The selected speakers were:

Austria-Hungary—Professor Izidor Fröhlich, rector of the Royal Hungarian University, Budapest.

Belgium—Professor Louis Dallo, Académie Royale des Sciences, Brussels.

Denmark—Professor Hector F. E. Jurgensen, University of Copenhagen.

France—M. Gabriel Lippmann, president of the Académie des Sciences de l'Institut, Paris.

Germany—Professor Dr. Woldemar Voigt, rector of the University of Göttingen.

Greece—Professor Andrew Andreades, University of Athens.

Italy—Professor Vito Volterra, University of Rome.

Monaco—Mr. J. Y. Buchanan, F.R.S., Oceanographical Institute.

Netherlands—Professor P. Zeeman, secretary of the Academy of Sciences, Amsterdam.

Norway—Professor H. Mohn, president of the Academy of Sciences of Christiania.

Russia—Dr. O. Backlund, Acad. Impériale des Sciences, St. Petersburg.

Spain—Professor Rodriguez Carracido, Real Acad. de Ciencias, Madrid.

Sweden—Count K. A. H. Mörner, vice-president, Kongliga Svenska Vetenskaps Akademien, Stockholm.

Switzerland—Professor E. Naville, University of Geneva.

Egypt—Dr. James Currie, principal of the Gordon College, Khartum.

Japan—Professor R. Fujisawa, Imperial University, Tokyo.

United States—Professor W. B. Scott, vice-president American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia.

Australia—Professor H. Laurie, University of Melbourne.

Canada—Dr. W. Peterson, principal, McGill University, Toronto.

India—Dr. F. G. Selby, late vice-chancellor, University of Bombay.

South Africa—Sir David Gill, F.R.S., Royal Society of South Africa.

England and Wales—Dr. C. B. Heberden, vice-chancellor of Oxford (universities), and Sir C. H. Read, president, London Society of Antiquaries (learned societies).

Scotland—The Very Rev. Dr. G. Adam Smith, principal of the University of Aberdeen.

Ireland—Professor J. Joly, F.R.S., University of Dublin (Trinity College).

On Tuesday evening a banquet took place at the Guild-hall. Sir Archibald Geikie was in the chair and the principal addresses were

made by Mr. Asquith, the prime minister, and Lord Morley. On Wednesday the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland gave a garden party to the delegates at Syon House, and in the evening a conversazione was held at Burlington House. On Thursday the king, the patron of the society, and the queen, received the president and council and the delegates at Windsor, and on the same afternoon the fellows attending the celebrations were at a garden party at Windsor, the royal reception concluding the celebration.

Among some 200 delegates the following were from the United States and Canada:

University of California, Professor H. C. Plummer; University of Chicago, Professor E. B. Frost; Clark University, Worcester, Professor A. G. Webster; Columbia University, New York, Dr. N. M. Butler (president); Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., Professor J. H. Comstock; Harvard University, Professor B. O. Peirce; Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Professor W. B. Clark; Leland Stanford Junior University, California, Professor V. L. Kellogg; University of Michigan, Professor W. H. Hobbs; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Dr. A. Hamilton; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Dr. E. F. Smith (provost); Princeton University, New Jersey, Professor J. G. Hibben (president); University of Wisconsin, Professor C. K. Leith; Yale University, Dr. A. T. Hadley (president); American Academy of Sciences, Boston, Professor E. H. Hall; Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, Professor E. W. Brown, F.R.S.; American Mathematical Society, New York, Professor H. B. Fine (president); American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia, Professor W. B. Scott (vice-president); Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, Major G. O. Squier; California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Mr. J. D. Grant; Carnegie Institution, Washington, Dr. R. S. Woodward (president); National Academy of Sciences, Washington, Dr. A. Hague (secretary); Smithsonian Institution, Washington, Dr. A. Hague; Washington Academy of Sciences, Dr. L. O. Howard; McGill University, Montreal, Dr. W. Peterson (principal); University of Toronto, Mr. R. A. Falconer (president); Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Professor J. Watson; University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, N. B., Dr. C. C. Jones (chancellor); University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Professor S. Vincent; University of Ottawa, Rev. Dr. Roy (rector); Royal Society of

Canada, Ottawa, Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P.; Nova Scotian Institute of Science, Halifax, N. S., Professor J. G. MacGregor, F.R.S.

PAUL CASPAR FREER

THE members of the Bureau of Science of the Government of the Philippine Islands have passed the following resolutions:

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God in His wise and inscrutable providence to remove from our midst Paul Caspar Freer, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Bureau of Science of the government of the Philippine Islands, since the time of its organization as the Bureau of Government Laboratories in the year 1901, dean of the College of Medicine and Surgery, and professor of chemistry, University of the Philippines, and founder and editor-in-chief of the *Philippine Journal of Science*, who, for many years, has been our leader, counselor and friend, and

WHEREAS at best we can do little to indicate at this time our real appreciation of him as a man and as a worker for the general good, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the members of the staff of the Bureau of Science in Manila, Philippine Islands, do hereby express our deepest sorrow and keen feeling of personal loss in the death of Dr. Freer, and be it further

Resolved, that he holds a place of highest respect, admiration and appreciation both officially and personally in the hearts of all of us, and especially of those who were most intimately associated with him in scientific work, and be it further

Resolved, that it is the sense of the members of this institution that the Bureau of Science has suffered a very great loss and that the cause of science in these islands has been deprived of one of its most zealous and conscientious advocates, and be it further

Resolved, that we extend our sincere sympathy and condolence to his widow in her overwhelming grief, to his brother and other relatives, and be it further

Resolved, that copies of these resolutions be engrossed and sent to the bereaved widow and brother of Dr. Freer, and that they be filed in the archives of the Bureau of Science, transmitted to the Bureau of Civil Service, published in the forthcoming number of each section of the *Philippine Journal of Science*, in the newspapers of Manila, in a paper in the city of Chicago, Dr. Freer's