

The program will be mailed to members about October 1. Others desiring programs in advance may obtain them by applying to the secretary.

IRWIN G. PRIEST,  
*Secretary*

#### ADDITIONS TO THE SCIENTIFIC STAFF OF THE FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

THE following additions have been made to the staff of the Department of Field Museum of Natural History:

Mr. Ralph Linton has been attached to the staff of the Department of Anthropology with the rank of assistant curator of North American Ethnology. Mr. Linton received his M.A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and continued his anthropological studies at Columbia and Harvard Universities. He has carried on extensive investigations, principally archeological, in the eastern, central and south-eastern United States, several reports of which have been published, as well as in Central America and Polynesia. Only recently he returned from an expedition to the Marquesas Islands for ethnological and archeological researches, undertaken under the auspices of the Bishop Museum of Honolulu, Hawaii, the results of which will be published shortly by that museum.

A new division of taxonomy has been created in the Department of Botany and Mr. J. Francis Macbride, now in Peru at the head of a botanical expedition for Field Museum, has been designated as assistant curator of taxonomy. Mr. Macbride is a graduate of the University of Wyoming of the class of 1914. Since graduation he has been connected with the Grey Herbarium of Harvard University.

In the Department of Zoology Dr. C. E. Hellmayr, known for his extensive work on neotropical birds, has been appointed associate curator of birds. Dr. Hellmayr was formerly connected with the Rothschild Museum at Tring, England, and more recently has been with the Museum of the University of Munich. He will arrive in this country early in September. Mr. Edmund Heller, former associate of Theodore Roosevelt, and Mr. John T. Zimmer have re-

cently been appointed assistant curator of mammals and assistant curator of birds, respectively, and are now engaged in field work in central Peru, where they will remain until 1923. Mr. Karl P. Schmidt, formerly with the American Museum of Natural History, New York, has been appointed to the zoological staff as assistant curator of reptiles and batrachians.

#### HONORARY DEGREES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

AMONG five honorary degrees awarded by the University of Pennsylvania at its recent commencement two were doctorates of science. In conferring the degree on Professor William Duane Dr. Penniman, the acting provost, said:

Graduate of Pennsylvania with the degree of bachelor of arts in 1892; afterward a student at Harvard and at Berlin; research worker in the Radium Institute of the University of Paris; professor of physics at Colorado, and since 1913 at Harvard; member of the National Academy of Sciences; John Scott medallist for scientific research; author of numerous important scientific papers, particularly on radium and related topics.

In conferring the degree of Professor George A. Piersol Dr. Penniman said:

Beloved by your colleagues and by your students. You have recently laid aside the active duties of the professorship of anatomy in our School of Medicine, from which in 1877 you were graduated, and in which for many years you have been one of the outstanding members of a distinguished medical faculty. Learned in your own field of research, lucid and eloquent as a teacher; the author of many papers and volumes on anatomy, histology and kindred subjects containing contributions to knowledge.

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#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At the annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held in conjunction with the summer session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, from June 22 to 24, the University of Utah conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Dr. Barton Warren Evermann, president of the Pacific Division, and director of the Museum of the California Academy of Sciences and the new Steinhart Aquarium, now being construct-