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FREE ILLUSTRATED LECTURES OF THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

THE California Academy of Sciences announces a special course of free illustrated lectures on the general subject of "The Beauties of Nature," to be given in San Francisco, at 8:00 o'clock, on the evenings of October 19 and 26 and November 2 and 9, 1932.

October 19—*Up the Amazon and Over the Andes*. An account of a trip for the collection of botanical specimens secured for the California Academy of Sciences, the University of California and other institutions. It was planned to describe topography and geography of the Amazon Basin, illustrated with numerous lantern slides. The lecture was delivered by Ynes Mexia, who after a stay of two years and a half in Brazil and on the East Coast of South America crossed the continent at its widest point from east to west.

October 26—*The Music of the Out-of-Doors*. This lecture, which will be illustrated with hand-colored slides, will have special reference to the mammal and bird life of the Yosemite region. It will be delivered by Bert Harwell, park naturalist of the Yosemite National Park, who will give his own interpretation of the songs and calls of birds, some accompanied with music on the piano.

November 2—*The Templeton Crocker Expedition of the California Academy of Sciences*. A symposium; illustrated. The authors and subjects will be: Templeton Crocker, Account of the Expedition; Captain Garland Rotch, The *Zaca* and Her Crew; Harry S. Swarth, curator of the Department of Ornithology, Birds; H. Walton Clark, assistant curator of the Department of Fishes, Tidepools and Their Inhabitants; John Thomas Howell, assistant curator of the Department of Botany, Plants; Robert J. Lanier, assistant superintendent of the Steinhart Aquarium, Live Fishes and Deep-sea Dredging; E. P. Van Duzee, curator of the Department of Entomology, Insects; Dr. Albert E. Larsen, medical officer of the expedition, Plankton and Termites.

November 9—*Glaciation of the Sierra Nevada*. During the Ice Age there was an extensive ice cover on the Sierra Nevada which at some points extended far down the western slope of the range. Information relating to these California ice fields and the resulting glaciation will be presented with illustrations by Dr. Eliot Blackwelder, professor of geology at Stanford University. Dr. Blackwelder was, for a number of years, a geologist in the U. S. Geological Survey. He was a member of the Carnegie Expedition to China in 1903-1904 and had been professor of geology at several middle west universities before going to Stanford in 1922.

These lectures are in continuation of three earlier courses of four each on the same general subject, given under the auspices of the academy in April, and in September and October, 1931, and in May and June, 1932.

NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

THE Ninth International Congress of the History of Medicine was held at Bucharest from September 10 to 18, under the presidency of Dr. Victor Gomoiu, with King Carol, who opened the congress, as president of honor.

The British Medical Journal reports that the principal themes for discussion were the evolution of medicine in the Balkan countries, a subject to which papers were contributed, among others, by the President, Dr. Galip Ata, of Stamboul; Professor A. Kousis, of Athens; Dr. Ali Milhali, of Valona; Professor P. Stoyanoff, of Sofia; Professor L. Thaller, of Zagreb, and Professor V. Bologa, of Cluj; the protection of Europe against the plague, which was illustrated by papers from Professor Ricardo Jorge, of Lisbon; Professor J. Guiart, of Lyons; Professor P. Capparoni, of Rome; Professor D. Giordano, of Venice; Professor Simonini, of Modena; Professor G. Sticker, of Würzburg; Dr. Tricot-Royer, of Antwerp, and Dr. L. Zembrzski, of Warsaw; as well as a variety of miscellaneous topics, including an address on the history of medicine and scientific criticism by Professor A. Castiglioni, of Padua; the development of operative gynecology, by Dr. I. Fischer, of Vienna; Cruveilhier and modern medicine, by Dr. E. Goldschmid, of Frankfurt; the history of spectacles, by Professor W. Reis, of Lemberg; Polydore Vergil, by Dr. J. F. Fulton, of Yale University, and Chaucer and medieval medicine, by Dr. J. D. Rolleston, the delegate of the British Government and the Royal Society of Medicine, who, with other national delegates, was elected an honorary member of the Rumanian Society of the History of Medicine and presented with the Rumanian Order of Cultural Merit (Class II).

Visits were paid to the Faculty of Medicine, Professor Cantacuzène's institute of serums and vaccines, Professor Minovici's medico-legal institute, various hospitals and museums, the State Archives, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, where a wreath was deposited. The visitors were entertained throughout their stay with lavish hospitality by the public authorities and private individuals. The last three days were reserved for a motor excursion through some of the most beautiful parts of Rumania in the neighborhood of Bucharest, with visits to Sinaia and the oil wells of Campine.