TEN YEARS OF AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY: 1892–1902.*

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Some future historian of our science will have a very interesting opportunity to trace and to describe the characterizing features of the so-called ‘modern’ psychology, and the alleged discoveries made by its devotees. The name of this science and its titular employment in the writing of books are a little bit younger than the discovery of America. It is, perhaps, both too early and too venturesome to suggest that there might be some mystic connection between that name and that historic event. The habilitation of the lore incorporated under that name as a ‘science’ began just half a century ago. Lotze’s ‘Medizinische Psychologie’ appeared in 1852, and that year must be regarded as the beginning of the new psychological calendar. Some twenty years later Wundt’s ‘Grundzüge der Physiologische Psychologie’ appeared (1874), and about a quarter of a century passed before the first distinct experimental institute for the psychologist had its beginning at Leipzig (1878). After thirty years America had its first laboratory

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