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## THE FRANKLIN BI-CENTENARY.

THE celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin was held in Philadelphia in conjunction with the annual general meeting of the American Philosophical Society, on April 17 to 20, inclusive.

## TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 17.

The opening session was held in Wither- spoon Hall at eight o'clock and consisted of an address by Vice-provost Smith, of the University of Pennsylvania, in his capacity as president of the society. In welcoming the delegates and visitors President Smith outlined the history of the society, dwelling on those who, like its founder, attained distinction in electricity.

The various delegates from learned societies and institutions of learning, to the number of about 180, were next received and many of them presented more or less formal addresses.

In the name of the University of St. Andrews, its lord rector, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Miss Agnes Irwin, dean of Radcliff College.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18.

Meeting for the reading of papers on subjects of science, in the hall of the society, on Independence Square.

## Morning Session—10 o'clock.

*The Statistical Method in Chemical Geology:* FRANK WIGGLESWORTH CLARKE, Sc.D., of Washington. (Illustrated by lantern slides.)

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