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THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE CENTENARY OF THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES OF PHILADELPHIA

AN adequate celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the academy was urged by the academy secretary early in February, 1911, and was entrusted to a general committee of forty-three. The celebration thus provided for extended over three days: the 19th, 20th and 21st of March. It began on the 19th because that was the stated meeting night of the academy, the 21st being the actual date of the anniversary. The lecture hall on the evening of the 19th was well filled with people, the front seats being occupied by delegates, who, to the number of one hundred and forty-seven, had been appointed by corresponding societies at home and abroad.

The president of the academy, the Honorable Samuel Gibson Dixon, M.D., LL.D., took the chair promptly at 8 P.M., and introduced the Honorable Rudolph Blankenburg, mayor of Philadelphia, who, in a few well-chosen words, cordially welcomed the visiting scientists to the city. The recording secretary, Edward J. Nolan, M.D., then requested the delegates, as the names of the societies they represented were called by the corresponding secretary, J. Percy Moore, Ph.D., to arise, bow, and hand their letters of credential and congratulation to the president without reading. As the exercises of the evening were likely to be lengthy, he asked that any remarks considered desirable should be very brief. Thus warned, as a matter of fact, no one spoke, and as much the greater number of the two hundred and eighty-six letters received from all parts of the world

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