

proposes that the following should be included in a zone to be named *Vancouveran*: That portion on the southern side of the inner Aleutian Islands, South-eastern Alaska and the Islands of the Coast, Western British Columbia, including the islands, Western Washington, the western portion of Northern Oregon, and a strip along the coast of California, to a little south of San Francisco Bay. That this zone has not been included in our scheme is not evidence of its non-acceptance, for we believe that Mr. Van Dyke's proposal is supported by a number of facts. Pending further investigation, however, we have deemed it advisable to restrict ourselves to the zones already indicated.—[C. GORDON HEWITT.

REPORT ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNARY
OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE ACADEMY OF NA-
TURAL SCIENCES OF PHILADELPHIA.

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This noted gathering was, thanks to the united efforts of the members, an entire success. The entire world of letters, personified by a company of more than one hundred distinguished men and women, representing the institutions of learnings and scientific societies of this country and Europe, participated in the ceremonies. The fine new lecture hall of the academy was given over to the carrying out of the set programme, made up of papers on purely scientific subjects, prepared and read by the distinguished delegates at the meeting.

On the platform were seated Mayor Blackenburg; Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, president of the academy; Sir James Grant, of the Royal Society of Canada; Dr. Edward J. Nolan and Dr. J. Percy Moore, the secretaries.

Among the smaller social events in connection with the centennial celebration was a dinner given by Dr. Henry Skinner, of the academy, at his home in Glenn road, Ardmore. There were present the following delegates, representing the entomologists, in which particular branch of natural science Dr. Skinner is especially interested: Dr. W. J. Holland, of the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh; Professor J. H. Comstock, of Cornell University; Professor C. W. Johnson, of Boston, representing the Boston Society of Natural History; E. T. Cresson, of Philadelphia, representing the American Entomological Society, of which he was founder; Dr. Philip P. Calvert, of the University of Pennsylvania, representing the Sociedad Aragonesa de Ciencias Naturales, and Professor F. M. Webster, Washington, D.C., representing the Entomological Society of Ontario.

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