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DEDICATE NATIONAL SHRINE TO SCIENCE

"The Temple of Science in America is not a place of mystery, but one to lead the public in thinking deeply and seeing how research can explain fundamental problems," said President Coolidge in dedicating the new home of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council at Washington.

"The scientific man," he explained, "is reading the earth to reveal its secrets. Truth must prevail for the betterment of mankind. The magnificent building now being dedicated to science predicts a new day in scientific research. A new sun is rising. It is destined to illuminate the scientific world by illuminating this hall. By science I mean the careful assembling of facts, their comparison and interpretation. It is for this purpose that the government sets its stamp of approval upon this effort and joins in dedicating this building to the betterment of the human race by achieving a clearer knowledge of the truth."

Dr. J. C. Merriam, president of the Carnegie Institution at Washington and vice-president of the National Academy of Sciences, said, "The academy will always be conservative in holding fast such knowledge as may seem securely founded, but it will never look with favour on the defence of any view merely because it has been held. And we will help to keep false assumptions from serving in the place of truth."

The new shrine to science stands near the Lincoln memorial and overlooks a

wide expanse of green. It cost \$1,500,000 and was made possible by a \$5,000,000 fund set aside by the Carnegie foundation. Of marble construction and strikingly ornamented, it is a notable addition to the public buildings at the nation's capital. Within its walls are assembled numerous exhibits mutely testifying to the truth of certain scientific discoveries. For example, there is suspended from the high dome a gilded sphere—the Foucault pendulum—which swings to and fro with unvarying consistency, proving that the earth is rotating.

Mirrors arranged about the dome catch the light of the sun at all hours and project the rays through a telescopic lens so as to form an image of the sun six inches in diameter on a table in the centre of the hall. Thus visitors are able to study the reflection of the sun as a youngster would study a map in school. Near by are delicate instruments with which science can measure the distance and diameter of stars millions of miles away variations in the earth's magnetism and do other marvelous things. In a certain room the visitor may see the effects of collisions of atoms and the tracks of particles, flying 20,000 miles a second, by means of the Wilson Shimizu apparatus. Even the stones of the walls of the building are creations of science, artificially made to improve acoustic properties. The architect, Bertram G. Goodhue, died on the eve of the dedication of his masterpiece.—*The Pathfinder.*

NOTICE

FROM THURSDAY 12TH INST., a portion of the Center Line,—The "bend" around La Reine—will be temporarily closed to Public-traffic, during the construction of a culvert across the roadway. The traffic will, in the meantime, make a slight detour through a "range" in the adjoining canfield—near the two White Pillars—coming out on the line between Barren Spot and Clifton Hill, near road leading north, between Slob and La Reine. Fences will be placed at both ends, with notices painted on them; red lights being hung at nights.

EDGAR W. MEYER,
Chairman Road Commission.

St. Croix, V. I.,
June 9th, 1924.

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**Chocolate Bonbons and
Conserves.**

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Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized the Reverend GEORGE L. J. SCHNEIDER, C. SS. R., to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of Saint Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands
of the United States, St. Thomas,
2 June, 1924.

WM. S. ZANE,
Government Secretary.

Fresh Arrivals At The Underground Store.

Evap. Pears & Apricots at 25cts.
per lb.
Prunes, Raisins & Currants, Citron,
Large and small Sugared Almonds.
Sperry & Barnes Hams,
SLICED DRIED BEEF,
CORN BEEF HASH,
SWEET CORN,
TOMATOES and
PEARS in small cans

Quebec Steamship Co.

THE S. S. GUIANA

is expected to leave New York on 19th inst., and is due at Frederiksted on or about 26th inst. proceeding to Windward Islands, accept freight and passengers.

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