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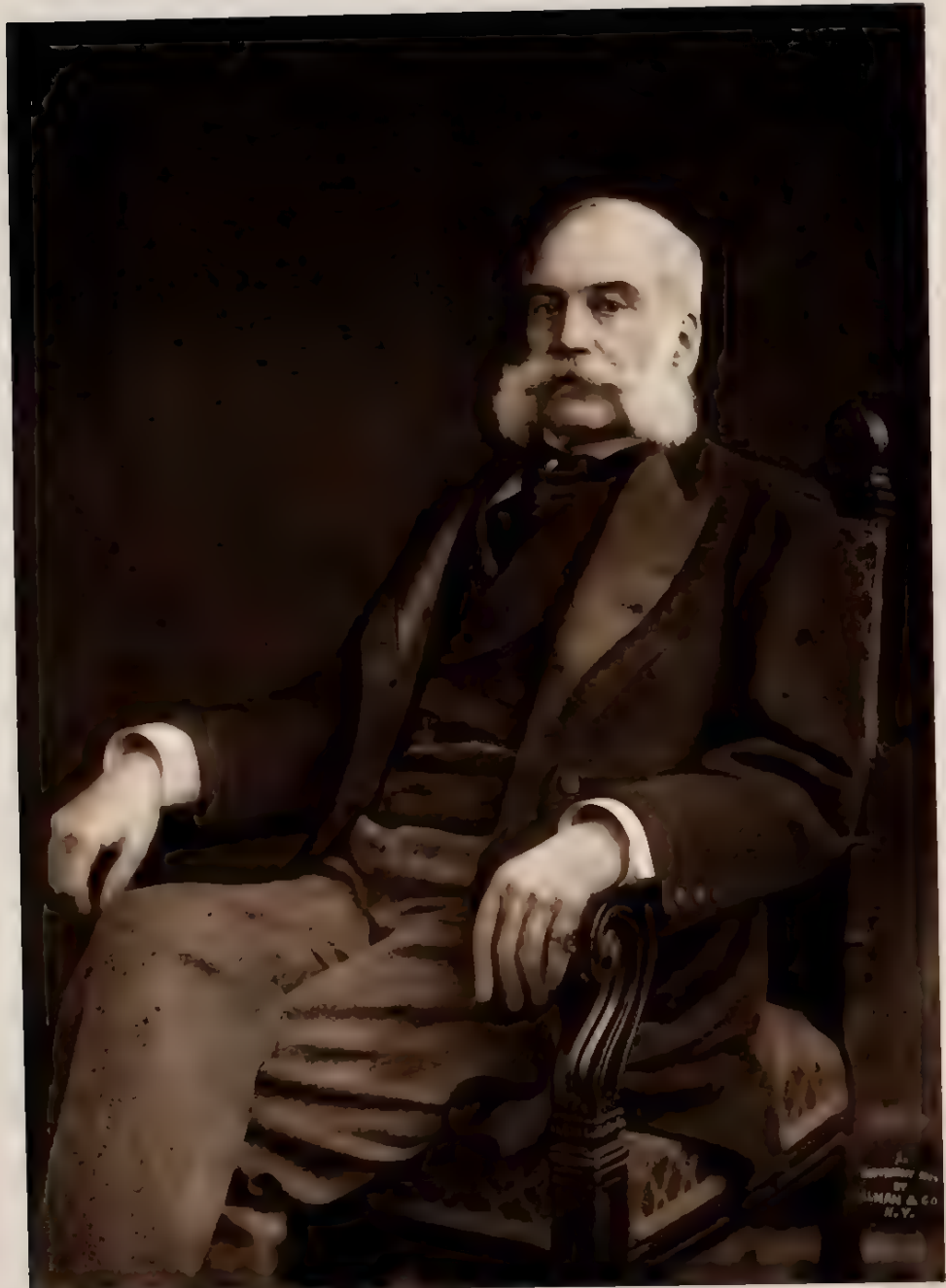
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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING MINUTE
AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING, HELD FEBRUARY THE TENTH
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHT

As Trustees of The American Museum of Natural History, we record with profound sorrow the loss we have sustained in the death of

MORRIS KETCHUM JESUP

As President for the last twenty-seven years, Mr. Jesup has guided the development of the Museum with rare ability and devotion and has become united to us by many warm ties of personal friendship. He carried into the office all of his finest qualities of character; he was sanguine, constructive, determined, trustful, appreciative and most kindly disposed toward those closely associated with him in the administration of the Museum. We realize now, even more clearly perhaps than when he was actually with us, his keen patriotism and controlling sense of the duties of citizenship, his idealism and his faith in the future development of our city and country.

A review of our minutes shows that Mr. Jesup was one of the original incorporators of the Museum, December 30, 1868; that he was elected a Trustee, February 1, 1869; that he became a Fellow in perpetuity, February 13, 1871; that he was elected First Vice-President, May 10, 1880; that he was elected President, February 14, 1881. He was an active member of all committees from the inception of the Museum, especially the committee appointed to select the present site

which has proved to be most advantageous. He was always actively engaged in furthering the interests of the Museum at the State Capital, with the various City authorities and particularly in conferences with the Mayor and with the President of the Park Board. For many years he visited the Museum several days each week, and to within the last few years attended to all the details of administration.

This brief review of his official connection with us gives little idea of the real character and magnitude of his services; to attempt to record the history of his administration would be to write the history of the institution since 1881, when his name first appears as President.

Of all the many centers of his activities for public good the Museum was most constantly in his mind, closest to his heart and the recipient of his most generous gifts. Succeeding Mr. John David Wolfe and Mr. Robert L. Stuart, he assumed the presidency of the Museum at a time when the first impulse and enthusiasm of its establishment had slackened somewhat and it was evident that some one must assume the chief care and responsibility of leadership, financial, administrative and constructive.

His first annual report announced his determination to establish a collection showing both the natural history and the economic features of the woods and trees of North America. In 1897 he established the Jesup North Pacific Expedition, to maintain explorations in British Columbia, Alaska and Siberia and to publish the results of these explorations, the purpose of which was to determine, if possible, the migrations of the human races between the new and old worlds. He also maintained expeditions extending over a period of several years for the purpose of collecting important data regarding the vanishing tribes of North American Indians. He supported the Lumholtz expedition

to northern Mexico (1890). In 1895 he subscribed to the Cope Collection of North American fossil mammals, and in 1902 he presented to the Museum the Cope Collection of fossil amphibians, reptiles and fishes. From time to time he contributed large sums for the development of the mineral collections. His lesser gifts are too numerous to mention, but we may single out among the more recent the New Zealand and Rio Negro ethnological and zoölogical collections. One of his most beautiful and characteristic gifts was a series of marble portraits of distinguished American men of science (1906). In 1904 he especially urged upon the Trustees the importance of raising the Permanent Endowment Fund and contributed \$200,000 therefor.

There were two grandly distinctive features of Mr. Jesup's plans and of his administration.

First, his desire to popularize science through the arrangement and exhibition of collections in such a simple and attractive manner as to render them intelligible to all visitors. To the same end of popular education he favored Sunday opening and the opening of the Museum evenings in order that working men and others closely occupied during the day might attend. The establishment of the public lectures under Professor Albert S. Bickmore, bringing the Museum into closer connection with the work of the State Department of Public Instruction, was one of the first features of his administration, and led to the general institution of public courses of lectures. He finally favored and put into practice the free opening of the Museum on every day of the week.

The second great feature of his administration was his recognition that at the foundation of popular science is pure science, and his determination, which increased with advancing years, that the Museum should be as famous for its scientific researches and explorations as for its

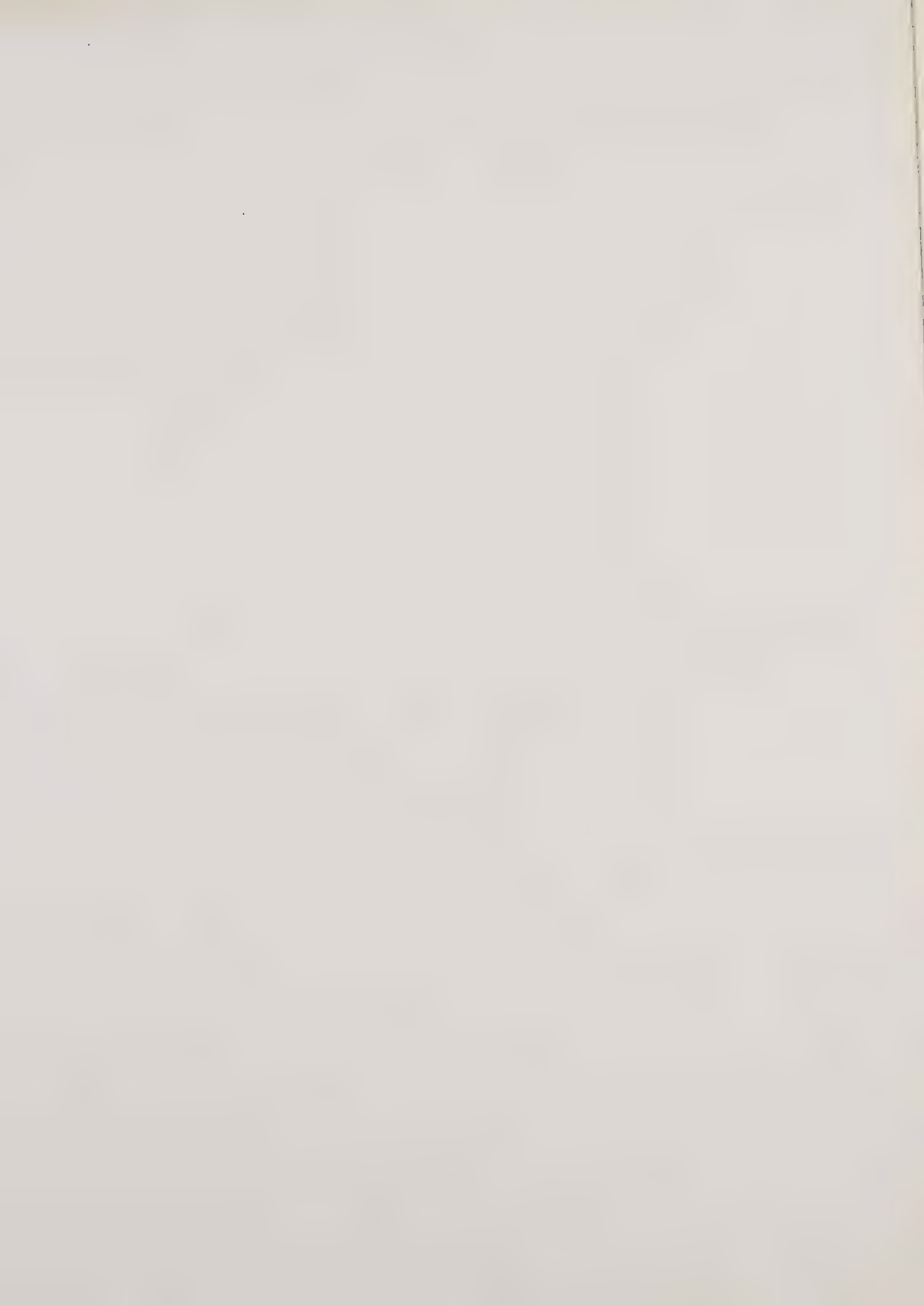
popular exhibitions and educational work. His faith in the beneficent influence of science and in the work of scientific men was most remarkable in a man trained and educated solely for business. During the year 1907, the last year of his administration, with his sanction the Museum devoted nearly \$80,000 to the development of natural science through exploration, research and publication.

More than a quarter of a century ago, with prophetic vision, he saw that this Museum under proper direction would develop and finally become a center for scientific work, an effective agency for education, an instrument for the improvement of the people and an index of the culture of the community. To these ends he strove; and his simple statement announced at the conclusion of his labors, "I believe it to be one of the most effective agencies which exist in the City of New York for furnishing education, innocent amusement and instruction to the people," was an expression of personal conviction in which we most heartily concur.

While we are mindful that his leadership has resulted in the establishment of this splendid institution, and that his noble bequest provides for the continuation of work already begun, we do not forget the responsibilities that his administration has imposed upon us. It is with regard for him, and with respect and cordial sympathy for the measures leading to public betterment which were clearly and wisely expressed in the terms of his bequest, that we are encouraged to assume the important obligations thus imposed.

J. HAMPDEN ROBB

Secretary



RESOLUTION
adopted by the
SCIENTIFIC STAFF OF
THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL
HISTORY

Resolved, That the members of the Scientific Staff of The American Museum of Natural History place on record their sense of the irreparable loss which they, as well as the Museum, have suffered in the death of their President,

MORRIS KETCHUM JESUP

For more than a quarter of a century Mr. Jesup's relations to the Museum have been as intimate as those of a father to a child. With unfailing care and sympathy he studied its needs and its opportunities for development, imparting to those with whom he was associated his own ambition to make the Museum an important factor in the educational development of the country; and, while primarily having at heart the needs of the public and at all times urging the presentation of information in a manner which would attract the average museum visitor, he was also keenly interested in problems involving technical knowledge and original research. Many collections of great scientific value have been added to every department of the Museum either wholly or in part through his unfailing liberality, which liberality has likewise rendered possible the explorations in many parts of the world



that have not only enriched the collections of the Museum but have also contributed to the increase of scientific knowledge. It was through his influence that the scientific publications of the Museum were established in the "Bulletin" in 1881 and in the "Memoirs" in 1893—and in which he always manifested great interest. It is not, however, owing only to the large sums of money which Mr. Jesup has given to the Museum that his ideals for its advancement have been realized, but it is due to his constant thought of its welfare, his stimulating coöperation, his wise counsel and his great foresight, that the Museum owes its high place among allied institutions.

GEORGE H. SHERWOOD

Secretary

RESOLUTION

adopted by the

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

In recognition of the great services rendered to Natural Science in this city by the late Morris K. Jesup, the New York Academy of Sciences adopts the following minute:

Mr. Jesup has been a member of the Academy since 1893. He has been much interested in its welfare, and was foremost in welcoming it to The American Museum of Natural History, where its meetings have been held since October, 1902, where its library is deposited and where its present efficiency as a scientific association of broad scope and influence has been developed.

As President of the Board of Trustees of The American Museum of Natural History, he has been indefatigable in building up the resources and collections of the Museum and in establishing it as one of the great institutions of its kind in the world.

His influence on the development of science in New York has been most beneficent: the Academy deeply deplores his loss.

EDMUND OTIS HOVEY

Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

adopted by the

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Audubon Society of the State of New York, held at The American Museum of Natural History on January 30, 1908, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in the death of Morris K. Jesup, the President of this Society from its organization in 1897, the Society has lost one of its most interested members and the cause of bird protection an influential friend. While his many official engagements, largely connected with philanthropic enterprises, prevented his active participation in the work of the Society, his interest in it was often effectively manifested. By his special desire, the Society was organized "In coöperation with The American Museum of Natural History" and was made a guest of that institution. The interest shown by Mr. Jesup in the work of bird protection is but another evidence of his well-known interest in all humanitarian and philanthropic work.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted to Mr. Jesup's family and to the Board of Trustees of The American Museum of Natural History.

EMMA H. LOCKWOOD

Secretary



RESOLUTIONS
adopted by the
AMERICAN ETHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Whereas, The American Ethnological Society has suffered a severe loss by the death of Morris K. Jesup, its Honorary President, its former President, and one of the honored members; and

Whereas, Through his wide sympathies and active coöperation, he has advanced the well-being of his fellow-citizens and the interest of science and art, and has placed the science of anthropology under lasting obligations by his generous support of the anthropological work of The American Museum of Natural History, by his maintenance of researches bearing upon anthropological problems and by enlisting the interest of others in similar work; and

Whereas, He organized and maintained, partly alone, partly in coöperation with his friends, researches in Mexico, Central and South America; among the Indians of our Western States; on the Pacific coasts of America and Asia, and in Siberia and southeastern Asia, and gave liberally to these enterprises, not only of his wealth but also of his wide experience and wise counsel: therefore be it

Resolved, That the American Ethnological Society wishes to express the sense of the great loss it has sustained by the death of one whose services to the science of anthropology will long live in the records of the researches that were undertaken at his instance;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

MARSHALL H. SAVILLE

Secretary

JAS. GRANT WILSON

President

RESOLUTIONS

adopted by the

LINNÆAN SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

At a meeting of the Linnæan Society of New York, held at The American Museum of Natural History on February 11, 1908, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That, because of the favors which have been extended to it by The American Museum of Natural History during the presidency of the late Morris K. Jesup, and because of the service rendered to science by Mr. Jesup, this Society desires to place on record its appreciation of the importance of Mr. Jesup's sympathetic and wisely directed efforts in the popularization of science as well as in fields of original investigation.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to Mr. Jesup's family and to the Trustees of The American Museum of Natural History.

CLINTON G. ABBOTT

Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

adopted by the

PEARY ARCTIC CLUB

The Peary Arctic Club records the death of Morris K. Jesup, its first and only President, at New York, January 22, 1908, with sense of profound sorrow and irreparable loss. The world knew and honored Mr. Jesup's career and character; the Club loved and followed the man and the friend. To its councils he brought that exceptional wisdom and foresight for which he was renowned, and to its objects he gave generous and unstinting support, infused with personal interest and appreciation, that made the goal toward which the Club advanced ideal, rather than physical. Lasting as will be our recollection of what Mr. Jesup did for the Club, our thoughts will dwell most constantly upon the nobility of his character, the simplicity and directness of his nature, his patience in discharge of duty and his unfaltering faith in ultimate and complete success.

Resolved, That, in respect to the memory of Mr. Jesup, the vacancy in the office of President continue until the further order of the Club.

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of this minute and resolution be sent by the Secretary to Mrs. Jesup.

H. L. BRIDGMAN

Secretary

COMMUNICATION
from the
SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution has received the announcement of the death on the twenty-second of January, one thousand nine hundred and eight, of

MORRIS KETCHUM JESUP

one of the Founders of The American Museum of Natural History, and for the past twenty-seven years its President.

The loss of one who has so acceptably, and for so many years, filled such varied positions of trust and honor will be deeply felt, and the Secretary begs leave to express to The American Museum of Natural History his own sincere regret and that of the institution.

The Board of Trustees of Field Museum of Natural History at a meeting held February 10, 1908, by a unanimous vote adopted the following resolution and ordered a copy sent to the American Museum of Natural History:

"Having learned with regret of the death of Mr. Morris K. Jesup, President of the American Museum of Natural History, and being profoundly grateful for the service he has rendered to science, and fully appreciating its great value to humanity, this Board joins with the Trustees and Staff of the American Museum of Natural History in deploring his death, and in making this record on the books of our Institution of the love and esteem in which he was universally held."

R. H. Silliman
President.

Attest: *A. Silliman*
Secretary.

COMMUNICATION
from the
CARNEGIE MUSEUM
DEPARTMENT OF THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTE
PITTSBURGH, PENN.

January 23, 1908

DEAR SIR:

The Director and Scientific Staff of the Carnegie Museum desire to express to you, and, through you, to The American Museum of Natural History, their sympathy in view of the great loss which your institution and the cause of science in America have sustained in the death of Mr. Morris K. Jesup, whose self-denying and intelligent labors on behalf of all good causes, and especially on behalf of the great Museum which dignifies and adorns the City of New York, have made his name immortal as one of the patrons of sound learning in America.

Very truly yours

W. J. HOLLAND

Director

Dr. HERMON C. BUMPUS
Director of The American Museum of
Natural History
New York City, New York

COMMUNICATION
from the
SENCKENBERGISCHE NATURFORSCHENDE
GESELLSCHAFT

FRANKFURT A/M., 25 Januar, 1908

HOCHVEREHRTER HERR PROFESSOR :

Schmerzlich bewegt danke ich Ihnen verbindlichst für gestriges Telegramm! Mit Morris K. Jesup ist ein wahrhaft edler Charakter dahin gegangen, dem die Senckenbergische Naturforschende Gesellschaft über das Grab hinaus ein dankbares Andenken bewahren wird! Ich habe der Familie des Entschlafenen telegraphisch unser herzliches Beileid ausgesprochen und gleichzeitig veranlasst, dass im Namen der Senckenbergischen Naturforschenden Gesellschaft ein Kranz an seinem Sarge niedergelegt werde. In unserer heutigen wissenschaftlichen Sitzung wird es meine traurige Pflicht sein, eine kurze Gedächtnisrede für den Entschlafenen zu halten.

Ihr ganz ergebenster

PROF. DR. AUGUST KNOBLAUCH

I. Direktor

COMMUNICATION
from the
UNIVERSIDAD DE LA HABANA, CUBA

HABANA, 12 de Febrero de 1908

AL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AMERICAN
MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

La Universidad de la Habana ha recibido con gran sentimiento la noticia del fallecimiento del Sr. Morris Ketchum Jesup, uno de los fundadores del Museo y Presidente del mismo durante veintisiete años; y cumple el triste deber de transmitir al Board of Trustees el testimonio de su condolencia.

LEOPOLDO BERRIEL

Rector

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