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NOTES AND NEWS

THE KANT CENTENARY.

THE centenary of the death of Kant was celebrated on February 12 by the University and the town of Königsberg, in the presence of the Prussian Minister of Education, Doctor Studt, and various representatives of German academic corporations. The proceedings began with the unveiling of a memorial tablet by Doctor Studt, who delivered a message from the Emperor William, and referred in the course of an address to the services which Kant had rendered to learning and to the world. The Minister further announced that he had assigned the sum of 10,000 marks from the public resources at his disposal in support of the teachers' aid fund. The town of Königsberg has devoted a similar sum to the foundation of an annual prize for essays on philosophical subjects. On the memorial tablet which was unveiled on the wall of the Royal Castle in the Kantstrasse, is inscribed the well-known saying of Kant: 'The starry sky above me and the moral law within.' An exhibition which has been opened in connection with the celebration contains a collection of busts, portraits, prints and sketches of Kant, together with several personal relics, including his hat, gloves, walking-stick and snuff-box.—The *Königsberger Hartungsche Zeitung* publishes a special commemorative issue, containing a contribution from Count von Bülow among others. The Imperial Chancellor expresses his desire to join in the cry of 'Back to Kant,' as the exponent of the 'philosophy of the Prussian sense of duty,' which had created Prussian greatness and German unity.—A special meeting of the Fellows of the British Academy was held in commemoration of the centenary. Doctor Shadworth Hodgson read a paper. The chair was taken by the president, Lord Reay. The Swedish Minister and Count Bernstorff were present. The German Ambassador wrote to express his regret that absence from London pre-

vented his attendance. The secretary read letters of regret from Professor Campbell Fraser, the masters of Balliol and Peterhouse, Doctor Henry Jackson and Sir R. C. Jebb, M. P.—The Philosophical Union of the University of California ‘desiring to join in the general recognition of the important services rendered to the cause of philosophy by the greatest philosopher of the modern world,’ held a special meeting on Friday evening, February 12. Professor Gayley presided, and Professor Howison delivered the commemoration address on the subject ‘Kant’s Legacy to Philosophy in Settlements and in Problems.’—The centenary was commemorated at the University of Chicago, by a meeting held under the auspices of the department of philosophy, Professor Mead presiding. The feature of the meeting was reports from different departments upon Kant’s influence in particular spheres. Doctor Foster, of the Divinity School, spoke of Kant’s influence upon theology; Doctor Moore, of the physics department, upon his scientific influence; Doctor Schultze, of the Germanic department, upon his work in esthetic criticism; Doctor Merriam, of the political science department, of his influence in that department; Doctor Dewey, of the philosophy department, upon his influence there. The variety of modes of intellectual activity represented made the meeting unusually interesting—all the more because of the unexpected and undesigned convergence of the estimates presented.—Commemorative exercises were held at the University of Alabama, at which short addresses were made by Doctor Edward F. Buchner, on the life of Kant and his influence on philosophy; by Doctor H. F. Sayre, on Kant in his relations to astronomy and physical science; by Doctor John Y. Graham, on Kant’s contribution to the theory of evolution; by Professor T. W. Palmer, on his contributions to the development of mathematics, and by Mrs. J. Y. Graham, on Kant as a factor in the literature of Germany.—At Columbia University Professor Felix Adler delivered a commemorative address on the life and philosophy of Kant.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of the death of Sir Leslie Stephen, which occurred at his house in London on February 22. In speaking of him the New York *Evening Post* says: “To clarify thought, both in religion and letters, and to adorn all with a blameless life—these were his controlling aims, and the measure of their attainment was so great as to leave us all the poorer for his death.”

PROFESSOR WILLIAM JAMES, of Harvard, met the graduate students and instructors in philosophy of the University of Chicago, Monday evening, February 22. He spoke informally upon some points in the use of the pragmatic method, especially upon the relation of the physical and psychical, and the problem of the external world.

PROFESSOR TITCHENER’S ‘Outline of Psychology’ has been translated into Russian and Italian, and his ‘Primer of Psychology’ into Spanish. An Italian translation of the ‘Experimental Psychology’ is now in progress.

THE death is announced of Doctor Luigi Barbera, professor of philosophy at the University of Bologna.