

HONORS TO DOCTOR RUEDEMANN

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On the evening of May 8, 1928, the staff of the New York State Museum gave a dinner in the Venetian Room of the De Witt Clinton Hotel to honor Dr Rudolf Ruedemann, State Paleontologist, for his election to the National Academy of Sciences on April 24th.

There were 30 persons present including, besides the majority of the Museum staff and their wives, Dr Frank P. Graves, Commissioner of Education, and Mrs Graves, Regent William Leland Thompson, chairman of the Museum committee of the Regents; and the Honorable Benjamin Walworth Arnold, honorary curator of birds. Mrs Ruedemann was present as guest of honor with Doctor Ruedemann.

Regent William Leland Thompson was toastmaster. He dwelt upon the high attainments of Doctor Ruedemann and the signal honor which he had brought not only to the State Museum, but also to the Education Department, and even to the city of Albany. He touched upon Doctor Ruedemann's long years of service to the State and pointed out that there was at the dinner one guest for each year of that service. He also told how the Regents were working for a State Museum building with adequate room, adequate equipment and an adequate staff, adequately recompensed.

Doctor Graves declared that we were paying tribute to Doctor Ruedemann not only for this honor that had come to him, but also for the fineness and sincerity of character of the man himself, pointing out that he had carried into his private life the unswerving honesty and high ideals manifested in his work. Doctor Graves emphasized the extreme exclusiveness of the group to which Doctor Ruedemann had been elected. His talk was concluded with a short discussion of the low salaries paid to the Museum staff and the difficulties encountered in attempts to obtain increases. Then at his proposal all the guests drank to the health and long life of Doctor and Mrs Ruedemann.

Doctor Adams, Director of the State Museum, gave the concluding address. He spoke of Doctor Ruedemann's attainments as a scientist, the high regard in which he was held by scientists both as a scientist and a man, and his long period of loyalty and devotion

to his work and thereby to the State. He mentioned that Doctor Ruedemann is of German birth and that the other leading invertebrate paleontologists in the country—Foerste, Schuchert, Ulrich—while not foreign born, bear German names. Doctor Adams emphasized the fact that only through having connection with such a research institution as the State Museum could the Education Department ever have such an honor come to it. Then he named those in Albany besides Doctor Ruedemann who have been honored with membership in the National Academy of Sciences: Dr Joseph Henry, Dr James Hall, Dr John M. Clarke and Dr Lewis Boss. Three of the five members from Albany were connected with the State Museum—Doctor Hall, Doctor Clarke and Doctor Ruedemann. Doctor Ruedemann is the only living member in Albany.

After the remarks Regent Thompson, in behalf of the staff of the State Museum, including the honorary curators, presented Doctor Ruedemann with a watch and chain as a souvenir of the occasion and the high esteem in which he is held by the staff. The watch was engraved on the inside of the back of the case: "Presented to Doctor Ruedemann by the staff of the New York State Museum in commemoration of his election to the National Academy of Sciences. May 8, 1928."

The presentation of the gift was followed by an informal reception to Doctor and Mrs Ruedemann.

The Regents at their meeting, April 26, 1928, voted:

That the Board of Regents hereby expresses its appreciation of the signal honor that has been conferred upon Doctor Ruedemann, State Paleontologist, in his election to membership in the National Academy of Sciences.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL SUMMARY

The following financial and statistical summary has been prepared to meet our own needs and to make it available for others. The need of this is evidenced by frequent requests for this information, not only from other states but also from abroad.

The period of this report covers the fiscal year from July 1, 1927, to June 30, 1928.

THE MUSEUM BUDGET

The following budget does not include the cost of heat, light, janitor service, orderlies (watchmen), carpenters, painters and elevator men. Certain supplies also, are furnished by the Education Department, such as postage, stationery, express, freight, drayage in part, telegraph and telephone, and are therefore not included in