

I. TESTIMONIAL TO DR. HOLLAND ON HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY.

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(PLATE I.)

The Eightieth Birthday of our Director Emeritus, Dr. William J. Holland, found him in the best of health and amidst the most congenial surroundings. He was at the time in the company of the largest assemblage of entomologists which has ever convened on this old globe. His birthday, the Sixteenth of August, fell in the middle of the week, during which the Fourth International Congress of Entomologists was in session at Ithaca, New York. Upon the motion of Dr. Karl Jordan, of England, the Congress by acclamation elected Dr. Holland an Honorary Life Member of the Congresses, the first of which he helped to organize. Dr. Holland shares this exceptional honor, which is very rarely conferred, with but two other Americans.

Dr. Holland took an active part in the proceedings of the Congress, presiding on Tuesday, the 14th, over the general session, participating in the deliberations of the Committee on Nomenclature; on the 16th reading a paper on "The Mutual Relations of Museums and Specialists;" and on the 18th upon "Types."

On the evening of the 16th a testimonial dinner was arranged by some of the closest friends and admirers of Dr. Holland. Dr. L. O. Howard, the former Chief of the Bureau of Entomology in Washington, President of the Congress, and Dr. Karl Jordan, Permanent Secretary, with their daughters, were present, together with several representatives from the leading foreign museums. The entomologists from Pittsburgh participated in the dinner. The Director of the Carnegie Museum, after the birthday candles had been blown out, and the birthday cake cut, on behalf of the Staff of the Carnegie Museum and the Trustees of the Institute forming the Committee on the Museum, read the address, which is engrossed on the testimonial, as follows:

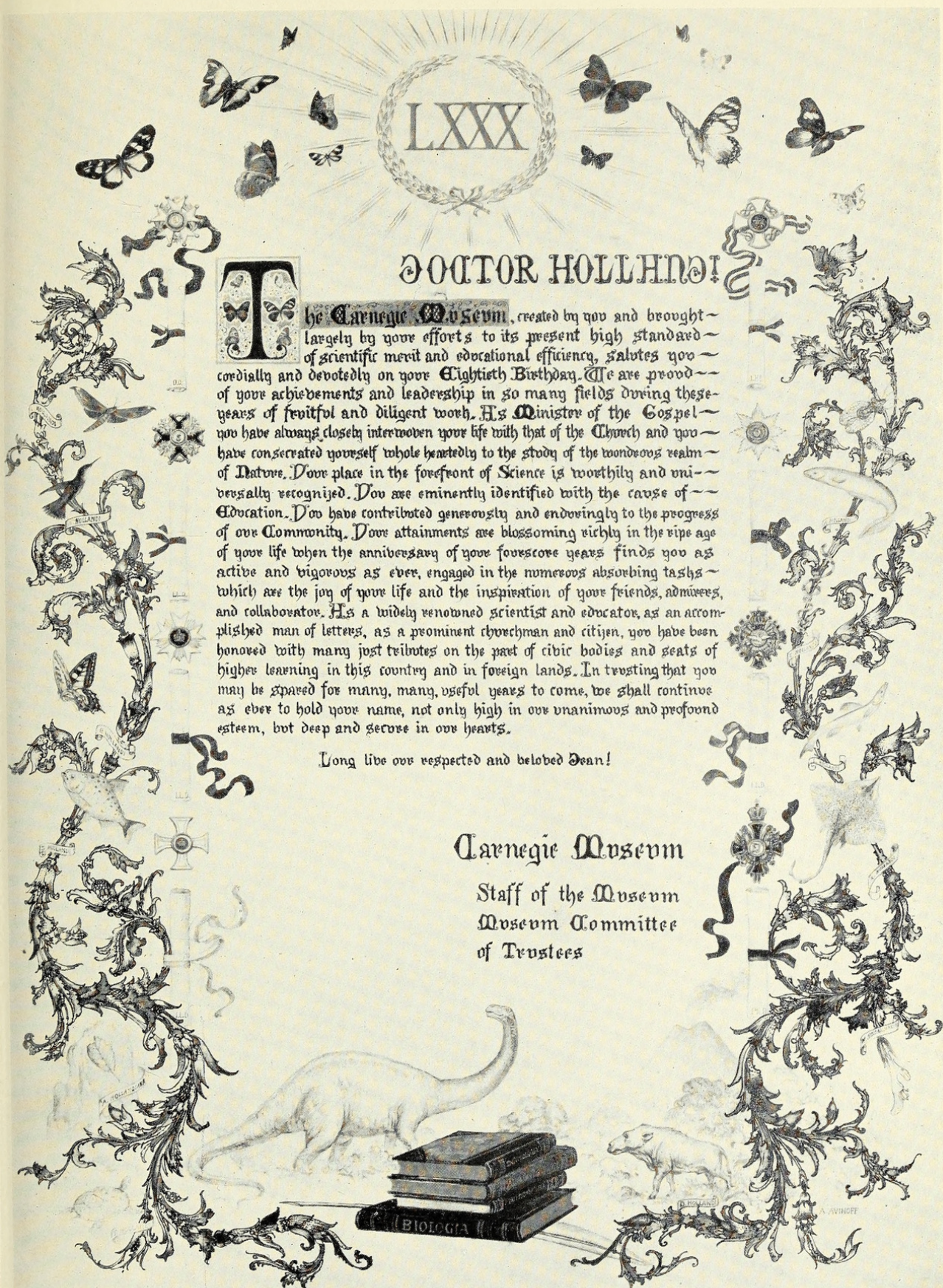
"The Carnegie Museum, created by you and brought largely by your efforts to its present high standard of scientific merit and educational efficiency, salutes you cordially and devotedly on your Eightieth Birthday. We are proud of your achievements and leadership in so many fields during these years of fruitful and diligent work. As Minister of the Gospel you have always closely interwoven your life with that of the Church, and you have consecrated yourself whole-heartedly to the study of the wondrous realm of Nature. Your place in the forefront of Science is worthily and universally recognized. You are eminently identified with the cause of Education. You have contributed generously and enduringly to the progress of our Community. Your attainments are blossoming richly in the ripe age of your life, when the anniversary of your fourscore years finds you as active and vigorous as ever, engaged in the numerous absorbing tasks, which are the joy of your life and the inspiration of your friends, admirers, and collaborators. As a widely renowned scientist and educator, as an accomplished man of letters, as a prominent churchman and citizen, you have been honored with many just tributes on the part of civic bodies and seats of higher learning in this country and in foreign lands. In trusting that you may be spared for many, many, useful years to come, we shall continue as ever to hold your name, not only high in our unanimous and profound esteem, but deep and secure in our hearts.

Long live our respected and beloved Dean!"

The parchment was entirely prepared by the members of the Staff of the Museum. The beautiful Gothic lettering was executed by Mr. Rudyerd Boulton, and the writer made the illuminations on the borders. These attempt to illustrate some of the numerous achievements of Dr. Holland in the great variety of fields in which he has worked. On the margins are depicted representative forms of the various animals, living and extinct, which have been described by Dr. Holland, as well as many plants and animals of various orders which bear his name, having been described and named by other authors in his honor. The decorations also allude to the many public honors which have been awarded to Dr. Holland, including his honorary degrees from foreign and American universities and the orders of chivalry given him by foreign governments in recognition of his signal services to science.

During the Congress, besides the Dean of our institution, Dr. Holland, and the Director, the Carnegie Museum was represented by the Curator of Entomology, Dr. Hugo Kahl.

On the Twentieth of August about forty members of the Congress



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representing sixteen foreign lands, came to Pittsburgh and spent an enjoyable day studying our collections and making a sight-seeing tour of our city. In the evening they were entertained at dinner in the University Club by Dr. Holland. Many representatives of the Museum and the University were present and many who had been invited could not come being absent from the city. Speeches in many languages were made, including an address of welcome by Dr. Holland in Latin, the *lingua universalis* of science. This function ended a memorable day for our guests of honor.



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