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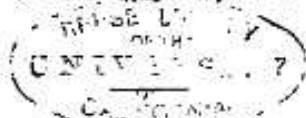
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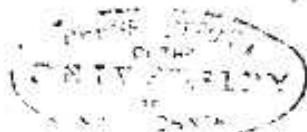
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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,  
March 30, 1854.

DEAR SIR,

I have been directed by the Assembly to extend to you an invitation to deliver at the capital, on such evening as will suit your convenience, a public lecture upon the subject of Agriculture.

If, upon the receipt of this communication, it will suit your convenience to comply with the request of the Assembly, you will please inform them, through me, at what time it will suit you.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

E. M'ALPIN,  
*Clerk of Assembly.*

Dr. C. F. WINSLOW,  
San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO,  
March 31, 1854.

DEAR SIR,

I have had the honor to receive this morning your polite letter, extending to me an invitation, in the name of the Assembly, to deliver a lecture on Agriculture at the capital.

It will give me pleasure to comply with the wishes of the Assembly, as nearly as my time, tastes, and pursuits will allow; and, if it meet their convenience, I will deliver a dis-

course on "The Preparation of the Earth for the Intellectual Races," on the evening of Monday, 10th prox.

Do be so kind as to express to the Assembly my high sense of the honor conferred on me by their instructions to you; and allow me, my dear sir, to subscribe myself most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

C. F. WINSLOW.

B. M'ALPIN, Esq., *Clerk of Assembly,*  
Sacramento.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

April 5, 1854.

DEAR SIR,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st of March, proposing to deliver a public lecture on Monday evening, the 10th inst.

The contents of your communication have been laid before the Assembly, and I have been instructed to inform you that the day selected by you meets the cordial approbation of the members.

I have the honor to be

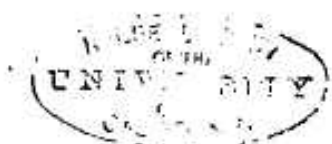
Your obedient servant,

BLANTON M'ALPIN,

*Clerk of Assembly.*

Dr. C. F. Winslow.





## LECTURE.

GENTLEMEN, — In the discourse to which I have the honor to invite your attention, I shall endeavor to trace the connection of the most prominent events in the history of our planet, and to unbind, link by link, the golden chain which unites man with the earth, and the earth with its Creator. The subject is vast in extent; but my design is only to present to your careful observation a picture of *a few* great landmarks in the progress of time, and to give a brief abstract of the present state of human knowledge, expressly adapted to the highest interests of this new Commonwealth. Without entering into the details of agri-

culture itself, I have ventured to believe that it might, at this time, be more instructive and useful to unfold the great fundamental principles on which all agricultural sequences are based. Instead of going into the minutiae growing out of the application of any particular science to the cultivation of the soil, I shall embrace, in one grand generalization, the affinity of all the sciences to agriculture; and its relation, as a consequence, to the highest interests of human life.

Some of the most striking considerations you may observe to be original, and the application of the whole range of thought many persons may imagine bold and novel; but I shall solicit your patient attention and kind indulgence for a short time, trusting that a kindly and confiding stroll, hand in hand with the Infinite Creator, may conduct us to brighter insights into his nature, and impart to us that su-

blimity of knowledge which can only be attained by a calm and profound contemplation of his works.

As salts exist in the ocean dissolved and invisible, so, in the original condition of things, the matter composing this earth existed as a solution in ether, and was diffused throughout space. As the salts of the ocean crystallize by condensation, and assume specific shapes; so primordial atoms, subject to forces instituted by Supreme Wisdom, assumed solidity, and became planetary spheres. Atoms, endowed with similar degrees of the creative forces, possessed similar properties, and became the simple elements of nature, which have been brought to light by the power of the human understanding. The accumulation of elementary masses of condensed matter was attended with galvanic results so potent that complete fusion ensued to the