

## A MEMORIAL TO DARWIN. Where "Ape Theory" Was Born.

San Francisco.

**A**N expedition is to sail from San Francisco on Jan. 15, in the schooner "Golden Gate" to erect a memorial on Chatham Island, in the Galipagos Archipelago, to Charles Darwin, the great British scientist.

It will perpetuate the hundredth anniversary of Darwin's visit to the islands, and will bear the following inscription:

"Charles Darwin landed on the Galipagos Islands in 1835, and his studies of the distribution of animals and plants thereon led him for the first time to consider the problem of organic evolution. Thus was started that revolution in thought on this subject which has since taken place."

The inscription has been worded in accordance with the wishes of Major Leonard Darwin, the scientist's only surviving son, who lives in Sussex.

Baron Victor Wolfgang Von Hagen, the leader of the expedition, said that it was proposed to spend about four weeks in the Galipagos Islands during

1935, when the memorial would be erected.

"It was in this region," he added, "that Darwin first conceived his revolutionary views. A study of the fauna of these islands ultimately led him to his theory of the origin of the species."

### A COASTAL SURVEY.

The expedition will also make a survey of the coastal areas of Central and South America and neighbouring islands, including incursions into the interior at strategic points.

Its work will be divided into two main departments—zoological and archaeological.

The "Golden Gate" is a ship of 353 tons gross, having a petrol engine capable of driving her at seven knots. She was built in Oakland, California, in 1913.

A thousand bronze medallions are being struck in connection with the expedition.

They are about two and a half inches in diameter, bearing on one side a portrait of Charles Darwin as a young man reproduced through the courtesy of Major Darwin, and on the other a quotation from Darwin's works and an impression of the British warship "Beagle," in which Darwin visited the Galipagos Islands.

The quotation reads: "The voyage of the 'Beagle' has been by far the most important event in my life and has determined my whole career."