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THE Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research purposes to award for the year 1908-1909 a limited number of scholarships and fellowships for work to be carried on in the laboratories of the institute in New York City, under the following conditions:

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Applications accompanied by proper credentials should be in the hands of the secretary of the Rockefeller Institute not later than April 1, 1908. The announcement of the appointments is made about May 15. The term of service begins preferably on October 1, but, by special arrangement, may be begun at another time.

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OPENING OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

THE formal opening of the Graduate School of the University of Illinois, which was held on February 4 and 5, marked a significant step in advance, not only for that institution,

but also for all the great universities of the middle west that owe their existence to the support of the state. Illinois has maintained a graduate school for some years, but last June the legislature of the state appropriated \$50,000 annually for the next two years for the development of the school. This is the first time in the history of American education that the people in their corporate capacity have put themselves on record as definitely in favor of that kind of work the graduate school is doing. This action means much in the development of higher scholarship and research in all those institutions that depend on public money for their income.

The opening address was made by Dr. G. Stanley Hall, president of Clark University, his subject being "The Educational Value and the Danger of University Research." Dr. Hall called attention to the immense sums that the national government has spent for investigations and to the results of greatest practical importance that have come from these investigations. Thus, he said, it is seen that original research pays and that the assertion that state universities should not and can not undertake graduate work is untenable.

The exercises were brought to a conclusion by Professor David Kinley, dean of the Graduate School, who spoke on the subject, "Democracy in Education." In his address Dean Kinley maintained that scholarship of the highest type was not only compatible with the best interests of a democracy, but necessary for its continued existence and advance.

Other speakers were Dean Andrew F. West, of Princeton University, whose subject was "The Personal Qualities of the Graduate Student and their Effect upon his Graduate Studies"; President Rammelkamp, of Illinois College; President McClelland, of Knox College; Robert W. Hunt, consulting engineer, of Chicago, and the Hon. William A. Smith, of the *Engineering Review*. Addresses were also made by Professors Noyes and Greenough, of the university faculty.

In connection with the exercises Dr. W. F. M. Goss was installed as dean of the College of Engineering. Professor Clifford Moore, of Harvard University, also delivered a series