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It is provided in the constitution of the Society of the Sigma Xi that the president shall explain the aims and objects of the society to the members-elect. In the form of initiation prescribed in the constitution for all the chapters of this honorary scientific society this part of the program precedes the reading of the formal pledge, which is as follows:

Do you hereby pledge yourself to uphold the principles of the Society of the Sigma Xi, and assume the responsibilities incumbent upon active membership therein?

The Constitution states that:

The object of this society shall be to encourage original investigation in science, pure and applied, by meeting for the discussion of scientific subjects; by the publication of such scientific matter as may be deemed desirable; by establishing fraternal relations among investigators in the scientific centers; and by granting the privilege of membership to such students as have, during their college course, given special promise of future achievement.

Its motto is

Companions in zealous research.

This pledge has been read, to which later you will be asked if you assent, and also the section from the constitution defining the object of this society, which later you will be asked to sign, in order that you may have both of them in mind during the following remarks.

The constitution does not prescribe the form in which the "aims and objects of the Society" shall be explained to the members-elect, but leaves to the president great latitude as regards these matters. What I

¹ President's address to the Omega Chapter (Ohio State University), May 21, 1914.