

asked for or while exemption claims are pending. It leads to endless confusion.

Don't try to deprive another chemist actually in the Army of his opportunity to render chemical service by yourself seeking such service, *until called*. The industries which supply the Army and Navy with the sinews of war need trained chemists and are being seriously handicapped by the depletion of their chemical personnel.

Don't write to anyone in Washington to aid you in a claim for exemption. Even if they wished to do so, they are quite properly powerless for the law delegates exemption to the Local and District Boards.

Do send me your name, address, military and camp assignment when actually sworn in (not before). If you have not already filed details of your age, training and experience, send this also at the same time.

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THE MAYO FOUNDATION

At the meeting of the board of regents of the University of Minnesota held on September 13, the regents adopted the following resolution thanking the Drs. Mayo for their gift establishing the Mayo Foundation for medical investigation and research:

Whereas, Dr. William J. Mayo and Dr. Chas. H. Mayo, of Rochester, Minnesota, have given the sum of \$1,650,344.79 to the University of Minnesota for the establishment of a fund to be known as the "Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research," and,

Whereas, This gift has been duly accepted by unanimous action of the board of regents,

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the board of regents records its profound sense of gratitude to the donors. The gift is unique in the annals of American education. It represents the lofty purposes of two of the most distinguished citizens of our commonwealth. They believe that this money has come from the people and that it should be returned to the people. It has been the sole aim of the donors to provide a fund which would be of permanent benefit to the state of Minnesota and to mankind as a whole. They have wisely and appropri-

ately provided that the income of the fund shall be used for medical education and research. American universities should be encouraged in the prosecution of an educational policy which aims to develop investigators and scientists of the first rank. One clear function of a true university is to make actual contributions to various fields of knowledge. This new foundation, therefore, relates itself very intimately to the realization of our highest educational aims. Both for the gift itself and for the genuine impetus which it will impart to scholarly investigation in this university, we desire to convey to the donors our sincere appreciation.

THE CONNAUGHT LABORATORIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

THE Connaught Laboratories of the University of Toronto, and a farm of fifty acres, were formally presented by Colonel Albert Gooderham, to the University of Toronto and at the same time officially opened by the Governor General, the Duke of Devonshire, on October 25. The value of the gift is about seventy-five thousand dollars. The laboratories are to be used for the purpose of research in preventive medicine and for the production of serums and vaccines. Sir William Hearst, the premier of Ontario, at the opening, announced that a grant of seventy-five thousand dollars would be authorized at the next session of the legislature, to establish a research foundation in preventive medicine. The income from this and also from an additional twenty-five thousand dollars, will be used for research only, the laboratories being self-supporting. This is the first endowment of research in preventive medicine in Canada. In connection with the official opening of these laboratories, a lecture was delivered in Convocation Hall, on the same evening by Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, on the "War activities of the Rockefeller Institute." A distinguished audience, including the Governor General and the Lieutenant Governor, attended this most interesting and able lecture.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF AMERICAN SOCIETIES FOR EXPERIMENTAL BIOLOGY

THE annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

occurs this year at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The scientific program covers the three days of December 27, 28 and 29. The Local Committee is planning attractive features of general interest, including a trip to Rochester, that center of medical and surgical activities which the war conditions have raised to a plane of paramount importance. The four societies of the federation are the American Physiological Society, the American Society of Biological Chemists, the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, and the American Society for Experimental Pathology. Many members of these societies are engaged in scientific work in support of our government in the great war struggle. The general secretary hopes that the scientific program will strongly reflect this present activity and that the meeting will be one of unusual interest and enthusiasm. The members of the societies are urged to make vigorous efforts to attend and to contribute to the program. The fact that the meetings of the American Association of Anatomists and the American Zoological Society occur at the same time and place lends the strong appeal of mutual and cooperative interest which every member of the federation will find it difficult to resist.

CHARLES W. GREENE,

General Secretary of the Federation.

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI,

October 25, 1917

THE PITTSBURGH MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS

THE American Society of Naturalists, in affiliation with Section F of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Botanical Society of America, will hold its thirty-fifth annual meeting at Pittsburgh, under the auspices of the University of Pittsburgh, beginning Tuesday, January 1, 1918.

There will be a smoker for Biologists on Saturday evening, December 29.

The Botanical Society of America will place the genetical papers of its program on Monday morning, December 31, and in the afternoon of the same day will present an invitation program including the presidential address of R. A. Harper.

Section F of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will have on Monday morning the address of the retiring vice-president, G. H. Parker, and in the afternoon a symposium on "The contributions of zoology to human welfare."

By this arrangement there will be sessions of interest to the members of the American Society of Naturalists on the day preceding the meetings of the society.

The American Society of Naturalists will offer for Tuesday morning, January 1, a program of invitation papers.

The program for Tuesday afternoon will be a symposium on "Factors of organic evolution."

The Naturalists' dinner, in which members of the affiliated societies are invited to participate, will be held on the evening of Tuesday. At the close of the dinner George H. Shull will give his presidential address, "The genotype and its environment."

As the result of an apparently growing desire on the part of members of the American Society of Naturalists to contribute papers, the Program Committee will this year receive titles for a program to begin on Wednesday morning, January 2. It is desired that the papers be short and it should be remembered that the interests of the Naturalists are primarily on problems of organic evolution. The papers on this program will in general be arranged in order of the receipt of the titles, except that papers on similar subjects may be grouped. Titles with estimated length of delivery and statement of lantern or chart requirements must be in the hands of the secretary by December 1.

Nominations for membership must be sent to the Secretary not later than December 1 in order that the Executive Committee may give them due consideration before the meeting. Blank forms for nominations may be obtained from the secretary.

Headquarters of the Naturalists will be at the Monongahela House, Smithfield and Water Streets. Members are advised to make early reservations.

Single rooms \$1.50; with bath, \$2.00
Double rooms \$2.00; with bath, \$3.00