### SPECIAL ARTICLES NON-DISJUNCTION OF THE FOURTH CHROMOSOME OF DROSOPHILA

IN Drosophila melanogaster the gene for "eyeless" (e) and its normal allelomorph (E) are situated in the small fourth chromosome. Normal eye is dominant.

When heterozygous Ee normal flies are crossed with eyeless ee, a ratio of 1:1 is expected. Actually this ratio is approached, although the greater viability of the normal type modifies the ratio to approximately 1.3:1.

In a single mating of this sort a count of 171 normal to 206 eyeless was obtained. Breeding tests of the descendants of this mating indicate that in all probability nondisjunction of the fourth chromosome has taken place.

If an Ee fly formed non-disjunctional gametes Ee and—, the cross with an ee individual would give rise to Eee flies. Here two doses of "eyeless" meet one of "normal" eye. The opportunity is given for an upset in the balance of dominance between E and e. The excess of eyeless flies, mentioned above, suggests that such an upset has taken place. Further matings make it appear that the Eee form may be *either* normal or eyeless in appearance, certain individuals being extremely difficult to classify.

In the course of the breeding work several interesting results were obtained. Among these was the isolation of *eyeless* flies, theoretically of the formula Eee, which when crossed *inter se* or with other eyeless ee, gave *normal eyed* progeny in considerable numbers. Ratios of 8, 9, 10 or even 12 normals to 1 eyeless were also produced from matings presumably EEe  $\times$  Ee. Both these conditions were expected on the hypothesis of non-disjunction.

Using the appearance of eyeless flies as a test, it seems that the mitosis of the Eee flies

is in the vast majority of cases, if not always, Ee and e; while similarly that of the EEe flies is Ee and E.

The variation in somatic appearance of the Eee form and the selective type of mitosis, referred to above, make it difficult to demonstrate genetically the presence of EeEe individuals. If flies of this type have occurred their mitosis is commonly Ee and Ee. One mating only indicates a possible exception to this type of mitosis. This mating shows a peculiar ratio possibly due to the presence of eee eyeless forms.

A further detailed report of the work will shortly be published. I am greatly indebted to Dr. E. G. Anderson for helpful suggestions and discussion and to the Misses E. E. Jones and D. M. Newman for assistance in the laboratory.

C. C. LITTLE

Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., January 6, 1921

## THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1920

In conformity with Article 2, Section 6, of the By-Laws and by direction of the Council, the Treasurer has the honor to submit the following report for the period December 20, 1919, to December 23, 1920.

The total cash receipts during the period in question is \$13,096.05. These include \$4,381.21 from the W. Hudson Stephens estate; \$1,850 from 32 Life Membership commutations, and \$5,707.75 from interest on securities of the association.

The total disbursements made during the period in question amount to \$10,272.56. These include an aggregate of \$4,500 for 19 grants authorized by the council, and \$4,431.31 paid for \$4,500 face value Victory Loan  $4\frac{2}{4}$ % bonds.

The total amount of funds of the association consisting of cost value of securities purchased, appraised value of securities received from the Colburn Estate, and cash in banks, is \$125,723.59.

A balance sheet, showing assets and liabilities, and tables showing details of receipts and disbursements, are appended hereto.

> (Signed) ROBERT S. WOODWARD, Treasurer

Dated December 23, 1920

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BALANCE	SHEET-DECEMBER	23,	<b>192</b> 0	
Assets				

Investments:	
Securities (Exhibit "A")\$119	,242.41
Cash in Banks 6	,481.18
\$125	723.59

### Liabilities

Funds:	
Life Memberships:	
345 at \$50\$17,250	
5 at \$100 500.	\$ 17,750.00
Jane M. Smith Fund	5,000.00
W. Hudson Stephens Fund	4,381.21
Colburn Fund	77,755.74
Accumulated Investments	14,355.46
Unappropriated Interest	6,481.18
	\$125,723.59

## CASH STATEMENT

Keceipts
Dec. 23, 1920.
Balance from last report \$3,657.69
Interest from securities\$5,707.75
Interest from bank balance. 51.72
Interest from R. M. Yerkes. 5.37
Revertment of grant made
R. M. Yerkes 100.00
10 Life Commutations, 1919 500.00
22 Life Commutations, 1920:
17 at \$50\$850
5 at \$100 500 1,350.00
Sustaining member 1,000.00
Estate of W. H. Stephens. 4,381.21 13,096.05
\$16,753.74

#### **Disbursements**

Investments		
\$ 100 U. S. First Liberty		
Loan 4%	\$91.25	
\$4,500 U. S. Victory Loan		
Bonds 43%:		
Purchase price. \$4,381.60		
Interest pur-		
chased 46.90		
Commission 2.81	4,431.31	\$ 4,522.56
Grants:		
Samuel D. Robins	100.00	
S. Lefschetz	300.00	
Olive C. Hazlett	100.00	
A. A. Knowlton	200.00	
John C. Shedd	100.00	
Philip Fox	600.00	
Anne S. Young	100.00	
Frank B. Taylor	250.00	

S. I. Kornhauser	250.00	
P. W. Whiting	200.00	
Donald Reddick, Chr	500.00	
Irving W. Bailey	500.00	
Daniel W. La Rue	200.00	
Margaret F. Washburn	200.00	
Jos. Peterson	200.00	
Asa A. Schaeffer	200.00	\$°
Theo Hough	100.00	
Carl J. Wiggers	150.00	
Ferdinand Canu	250.00	4,500.00
Interest on Life Membership		
350 members at \$3	1,050.00	
2 members (Jane M.	1,000.00	*
Smith Fund)	200.00	1,250.00
,		1,200.00
Cash in Banks		
Fifth Avenue Bank	5,271.26	
U. S. Trust Company	1,209.92	6,481.18
		\$16,753.74

I certify that I have audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the period December 20, 1919, to December 23, 1920; that the securities representing the investments of the association have been exhibited and verified; and that the income therefrom has been duly accounted for.

The financial statements accompanying the Treasurer's report are in accord with the books of the association and correctly summarize the accounts thereof

> (Signed) HERBERT A. GILL, Auditor

Dated December 23, 1920

AT the autumn meeting of the executive committee of the council, held in New York on October 17, 1920, the following report was received and ordered to be printed in SCIENCE. It covers only a portion of the fiscal year on account of the fact that the records of the Permanent Secretary's office were turned over to the new Permanent Secretary on April 1, 1920. The former Permanent Secretary, Dr. L. O. Howard, presented his resignation at the St. Louis meeting, at which he was elected president for 1920 and 1921, but the new Permanent Secretary, Dr. Burton E. Livingston, did not assume his duties until February 1, 1920, and did not actually take charge of the accounts until April 1, 1920. During the interim Dr. Howard continued to care for the affairs of the association, and he has given much valuable advice and assistance to the new Permanent Secretary. Dr.

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#### SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES Securities Purchased

	Securiti	es Purchased	
Par Value	Obice and & Neutherstein Deilerer Co		rchase Value
\$10,000	Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. ge bonds, due 1987		<b>\$9,425.00</b>
10,000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway cent. bonds, due 1995	9,287.50	
10,000	cent. bonds. due 1961		10,050.00
10,000	Pennsylvania Railroad Co. consolidated n due 1960		10,487.50
10,000	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad cent. bonds, due 1958 Union Pacific Railroad Co. first lien and	Co. general mortgage 4 per	9,350.00
10,000	cent. bonds, due 2008		9,012.50
10,000	Northern Pacific Railway Co. prior lien r cent. bonds, due 1997		9,187.50
10,000 New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Co. 3.5 per cent. bonds, due 1997 8.237.50			
	U. S. First Liberty Loan Bonds	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	91.25
8,000 2,000	U. S. Second Liberty Loan Bonds U. S. Third Liberty Loan Bonds	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	8,000.00
2,000	U. S. Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2,000.00 2,000.00
6,500	U. S. Victory Liberty Loan Bonds	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	6,373.66 \$93,502.41
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	Bonds from	Colburn Estate	
20,000	Acker, Merrall and Condit Co. debenture	6 per cent bonds	<b>\$13,6</b> 00.00
7,000	Buffalo City Gas Co. First mortgage 5 pe	er cent. bonds	1,540.00
8,000	Park and Tilford Co. sinking fund deben	ture 6 per cent. bonds	6,400.00
42,000	Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern Rail10a	d first mortgage 4 per cent.	,
-	bonds, due February 1, 1952	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4,200.00 25,740.00
\$171,000			\$119,242.41
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		going accounts and find th	e same correct, and that
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