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THE COMMITTEE ON GRANTS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

THE Committee on Grants of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has elected as chairman of the committee Dr. David White, of the U. S. Geological Survey. The membership of the Committee on Grants for the current year is as follows:

- David White (1924) (for Geology), *chairman*; U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.
 B. M. Davis (1927) (for Botany); University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.
 W. D. Harkins (1926) (for Chemistry); University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
 C. J. Herrick (1924) (for Neurology); University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.
 Aleš Hrdlička (1927) (for Psychology, Anthropology, Education, Economics); U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.
 E. L. Nichols (1925) (for Physics); Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.
 Frank Schlesinger (1926) (for Mathematics and Astronomy); Yale Observatory, New Haven, Conn.
 H. V. Wilson (1925) (for Zoology); University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Applications for grants from the association should be addressed to the permanent secretary's office, by which they will be promptly transmitted to the members of the Committee on Grants. The appropriation of grants for the current year has been allotted and new applications will be considered as applying for the calendar year 1925. A list of the grants for 1924 has been published in *SCIENCE* for March 28.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS CHAPTER OF SIGMA XI

THE installation of the Johns Hopkins Chapter of

the Society of the Sigma Xi was held at the Rennert Hotel, Baltimore, Md., on February 29. The meeting was called to order by President Richtmyer, of the national society.

Dean Ellery, national secretary, read the petition for a chapter at the Johns Hopkins University, and reported that the petition had been unanimously granted at the convention in Cincinnati. President Richtmyer spoke briefly concerning the purposes of the society and then declared the Johns Hopkins Chapter established with the following as charter members:

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| J. J. Abel | W. T. Longcope |
| J. S. Ames | Mrs. R. S. Lynch |
| E. A. Andrews | S. O. Mast |
| W. S. Bear | E. B. Mathews |
| F. H. Baetjer | E. V. McCollum |
| E. W. Berry | P. D. Meader |
| J. C. Bloodgood | Adolf Meyer |
| C. G. Bull | S. R. Miller |
| G. H. Cartledge | J. R. Miner |
| A. G. Christie | Frank Morley |
| W. W. Cort | F. D. Murnaghan |
| R. P. Cowles | W. A. Patrick |
| T. S. Cullen | Raymond Pearl |
| S. R. Damon | A. H. Pfund |
| Knight Dunlap | M. W. Pullen |
| E. C. Faust | E. E. Reid |
| W. W. Ford | G. H. Robinson |
| J. C. W. Frazer | C. E. Simon |
| J. E. Gilpin | J. T. Singewald, Jr. |
| J. H. Gregory | J. C. Smallwood |
| R. W. Hegner | C. D. Snyder |
| W. N. Hess | R. A. Spaeth |
| W. H. Howell | G. L. Streeter |
| L. S. Hurlburt | F. H. Swett |
| R. S. Hyde | W. M. Thornton, Jr. |
| Miss B. J. Johnson | H. W. Waterfall |
| D. S. Johnson | L. H. Weed |
| Walter Jones | W. H. Welch |
| W. B. Kouwenhoven | J. B. Whitehead |
| P. D. Lamson | J. W. Williams |
| F. W. Lee | G. B. Wislocki |
| B. E. Livingston | |

Professor A. G. Christie accepted the charter and responded on behalf of the chapter.

The following charter members were initiated as active members at this time:

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| E. A. Andrews | F. W. Lee |
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