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TESTIMONIAL BANQUET TO DOCTOR GEORGE H. SIMMONS

IN recognition of the long and valuable service to scientific medicine of Dr. George H. Simmons, for twenty-five years editor of *The Journal* of the American Medical Association, the undersigned committee of physicians is arranging for the painting of his portrait and a testimonial presentation banquet to be held in the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Monday evening, June 9, at six-thirty o'clock. Special invitations have been issued to the officers of leading medical organizations, etc. It is desired to invite also all fellows of the American Medical Association, educators and scientists who may wish to join in this recognition of Dr. Simmons's service. In order to provide adequately for those expecting to attend, reservations should be made promptly. The cost will be \$10.00 per plate and checks should be sent to Dr. Ludvig Hektoen not later than June 5, at 37 S. Wood Street, Chicago.

COMMITTEE

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PRIZE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

IT will be remembered by all readers of *SCIENCE* that a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science provided \$1,000 for a prize for a notable contribution to science presented at the meeting in Cincinnati celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the association. The same member, who wishes to withhold his name for the present, has undertaken to provide for a similar prize to be awarded

each year for a term of five years beginning with the Washington meeting next December. It is the preference of the donor that the prize be not given in two successive years in the same major division of science, but there is no restriction on the council of the association in regard to the manner in which it shall be awarded. The prize for last year was awarded at Cincinnati to Professor Roland B. Dixon, of the University of Chicago, for papers presented before the section of mathematics and the American Mathematical Society by a committee of which Professor Nevin E. Fenneman, professor of geology in the University of Cincinnati as chairman. Further announcements concerning the prize to be awarded for a paper presented at the Washington meeting will appear in *SCIENCE* and in the preliminary announcement of the Washington meeting.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At a stated meeting of the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, held on May 21, a Franklin medal and certificate of honorary membership were awarded to Sir Ernest Rutherford, Cavendish professor of physics in the University of Cambridge. A statement concerning the work of Sir Ernest was made by Dr. Joseph S. Ames, of the Johns Hopkins University, and the medal was received by H. G. Chilton, counsellor of the British Embassy. A second Franklin medal and certificate of honorary membership were awarded to Dr. Edward Weston, president of the Weston Electrical Instrument Company, the statement in regard to whose work was made by Dr. Frank J. Sprague, of New York City. Following the presentation of the medals a paper by Sir Ernest Rutherford entitled "Early days in radio-activity" was read by Professor Ames, and Dr. Weston read a paper entitled "Some electrical reminiscences."

THE Pulitzer prize of Columbia University for the best American biography teaching patriotic and unselfish services to the people, illustrated by an eminent example, excluding, as too obvious, the names of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, \$1,000 was awarded to "From immigrant to inventor," by Professor Michael Pupin, of Columbia University, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1923. The prize for the best example of a reporter's work during the year, the test being strict accuracy, terseness, the accomplishment of some public good commanding public attention and respect, \$1,000 has been awarded to Magner White for his story on the eclipse of the sun, published in the *San Diego Sun*, on September 10, 1923.

PROFESSOR GEORGE EDMUND DE SCHWEINITZ, of Philadelphia, was presented with a plaque in recog-