

In describing the grant made to the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Mr. Keppel said:

The duty of the corporation is clearly to give careful consideration to any proposal which may be received from a sister institution, but to take favorable action only as it is convinced that the grant proposed, as compared with other possibilities of usefulness open to the corporation, offers an outstanding opportunity to carry out the broad terms of its charter. To the trustees of the corporation it appeared that the situation facing the Carnegie Institution of Washington did offer such an outstanding opportunity and it appeared further that a delay in coming to the aid of the institution until a day more convenient from the point of view of its own finances would involve serious injustice to a body of workers whose contributions to science and scholarship are of the greatest importance to the community.

In view of its action in making this grant, the corporation has made a re-study of its whole financial situation and has now before it a seven-year program, which, if carried out, will: (1) meet the stated obligations falling within the period; (2) liquidate in full the grants upon which interest is now being paid pending capitalization; (3) restore its reserve fund to its normal figure of \$2,500,000; (4) continue the amortization of its \$8,000,000 grant to the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh, due in 1946, and (5) provide a limited sum, estimated at \$2,225,000 annually, for the continuation and development of its own program.

The program of the corporation, for the present, is concentrated upon adult education, library service and the arts and upon selected educational studies and cooperative research problems.

#### TESTIMONIAL TO DR. JAMES F. NORRIS

PRESIDENT JAMES F. NORRIS, of the American Chemical Society, was honored by the Northeastern section of the society in Boston on the evening of November 13, when as guest of the section he was tendered a banquet and reception and then, after he had delivered an address to the members of the section and their guests, was presented with an engrossed testimonial of appreciation for his services as president of the society.

Mr. Norris, a member of the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where the testimonial meeting was held, is a member of the Northeastern section as well as president of the national society. Last year as chairman of the division of chemistry of the National Research Council he traveled all over the United States enlisting the cooperation of manufacturing chemists in the council plan to foster chemical research. Last summer he spent traveling in Europe and received numerous honors.

Although it is not customary for a president of the American Chemical Society to succeed himself, in recognition of Professor Norris's able administration the Northeastern Section of the society has voted to nominate him for reelection.

The illuminated testimonial was presented Professor Norris by Professor Lyman C. Newell, chairman of the section and head of the chemistry department at the Boston University College of Liberal Arts, on behalf of the section. The ceremonies were held in connection with the regular meeting of the section held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A reception to Professor Norris was given in Walker Memorial building at 6 P. M., followed by an informal dinner in North Hall, Walker Memorial, at 6.30 P. M. Following the dinner Professor Norris spoke briefly on his experiences last summer in traveling in Europe on behalf of the organization.

The meeting itself was convened at 8 P. M. in the naval architecture building, where Professor Norris was the speaker of the evening. His subject was "Chemical Reactivity."

As his address drew to a close, Professor Newell arose and paid tribute to Professor Norris's services to the society, to the cause of education and to the cause of chemical research, as well as to his eminence as a scientist. Then he presented the engrossed tribute. The gift, a booklet bound in a crushed Levant leather case, blue in color, with a hand-tooled special design, gold ornamented on the margin, contained the tribute of the section, and was signed by the officers of the Northeastern Section, headed by Professor Newell as chairman, and by about 250 members of the section, resident in and near Boston. The pages are illuminated by hand, and are in two colors. The text of the tribute is as follows:

We, your associates and friends in the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society, desire at this time to express our genuine appreciation of your achievements as an executive, organizer, investigator, teacher and author in the field of chemistry.

We recognize that your work in the varied phases of chemistry has been characterized continuously by marked originality, keen insight, unerring judgment and prodigious industry.

We are gratified that your contributions to chemistry and your cordial cooperation with chemists have brought honor to you at home and abroad.

We rejoice in your pervasive geniality and in your ability to establish and maintain friendship.

We wish sincerely that the springtime of youth may always stay in your heart during the coming years of still greater achievements.