

In the third place, let me refer to my original work. Naturally, if a student has been hammering away ever since 1879, pretty steadily, he must have accumulated a lot of litter, much of which, perhaps, should long since have been swept away. But the Fates are not to be bribed either by pother or importunity. Out of 1,000 men who are called, one (probably the ratio is much smaller) is chosen to do glorious scientific work. The others? Their lot is to be failure. They may be equally or even more industrious, they may have equal or even greater brain power—the other 999 exist simply to make the illustrious one in whom they culminate, possible. After that, the world will say to each in words of poetic brevity: “The man has done his duty, the man may go.” And go they do, pretty quickly, to a gentler lethe, flowing between banks of amaranth and asphodel.

Gentlemen, I am one of the 999 about to be forgotten.

But after all, what difference does it make! Time will come, the time is probably close at hand when even the Newtons crowd too numberless for memory. All that we can do is to be true to the little orbit to which we have been assigned. We do not understand it, we shall never see the end; but we believe—and this is a matter of pure faith, mind you—that it is somehow a part of a stupendous whole, that it fits into a preordained and inscrutable scheme of growth; or that we also, like the stars, are enlisted in a kind of cosmic team work, needing neither excuse nor applause, because it is sufficient in itself.

APPOINTMENTS AT THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

THE Board of Scientific Directors of The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research announces the election of Dr. Charles R. Stockard as a member of the Board of Scientific Directors.

The following appointments and promotions are announced:

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Dr. Albert B. Hastings, hitherto an associate in the Department of the Hospital, has accepted an appointment as professor of physiological chemistry at the University of Chicago.

Dr. David I. Hitchcock, hitherto an associate in the Division of General Physiology, has accepted an appointment as associate professor of physiology and biochemistry at Bryn Mawr College.

THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

AN extraordinary session of the General Assembly of the International Research Council was held in the Palais des Academies in Brussels on June 29, 1926, having been called by special action of the executive committee of the council at a meeting in Paris on October 13, 1925, for the consideration, among other matters, of proposed amendments to the statutes of the council.

This session was attended by official representatives of the principal scientific bodies of twenty of the countries affiliated with the council and unanimous action was taken inviting Germany, Hungary, Austria and Bulgaria to join the council.

The International Research Council was organized during the war by representatives of allied and neutral nations and until the action of this recent meeting in Brussels no provision had been made for the membership of the Central Powers in the council. The action inviting these powers to join the council was taken on the initiative of the representatives of the Royal Society of Great Britain, the American National Research Council and representatives of similar important scientific organizations of Sweden, Norway and Holland.