

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

GRANTS FROM THE ELIZABETH THOMPSON SCIENCE FUND

PREVIOUS awards from the Elizabeth Thompson Science Fund were reported in *SCIENCE* on November 15, 1929, and earlier. Since the last report the following awards have been made:

At the meeting of December 3, 1929

Margaret Harwood, Maria Mitchell Observatory, Nantucket, \$300 for assistance in the measurement of the light of variable stars and the computation of the periods of variation.

At the meeting of February 11, 1930

R. A. Brink, University of Wisconsin, \$300 for assistance in the classification of pedigreed maize cultures segregating for a condition known as semi-sterility.

J. E. Hull, Belford Vicarage, Northumberland, \$150 for the purchase of a microscope to aid in his studies of the acarina.

Arthur Jacot, Shantung Christian University, \$120 toward aid in carrying on researches on moss mite fauna and on mullets.

R. L. Taylor, Bar Harbor, Maine, \$100 toward the compilation of an alphabetical list and bibliography of the parasitic hymenoptera.

W. S. Cooper, University of Minnesota, \$350 for aid in physiographic and vegetational investigation of the early post-glacial sand dunes of the Mississippi Valley in Minnesota.

L. O. Overholts, Pennsylvania State College, \$150 for assistance in completing a monograph on the polyporaceae of the United States and Canada.

H. C. Heath, Woman's College of Alabama, \$300 for aid in experiments in the use of potash shale as a soil builder.

At the meeting of November 24, 1930

H. J. Deuel, Jr., University of Southern California, \$300 for investigations on the antiketogenic value of various carbohydrates.

Arthur Jacot, Shantung Christian University, \$200 for aid in duplicating two early collections (now lost) of moss mites.

F. W. Emerson, New Mexico Normal University, \$50 for equipment to study the distribution and means of propagation of the scrub oak and conifer association.

At the meeting of February 28, 1931

William Rowan, University of Alberta, \$400 toward the expenses of his experiments on migratory habits of birds.

At the meeting of May 26, 1931

Gerhard Kirsch and Friedrich Hecht, of Vienna, \$250 to procure a microbalance for special analysis of radioactive minerals with reference to the better determination of the age of the earth.

P. B. Babkin, McGill University, \$300 for assistance

in experimental investigations on the relation of the gastric secretion to pernicious anemia.

At the meeting of November 24, 1931

W. H. Horr, University of Kansas, \$100 for the purchase of certain sugars for the further study of the nutrition of fungi.

The trustees of the Elizabeth Thompson Science Fund meet ordinarily during the last ten days of the months of February, May and November. Applications for grants should be sent well in advance of the meeting to the secretary of the fund, Dr. Edwin B. Wilson, 55 Van Dyke St., Boston, Mass.

THE UNITED STATES PHARMACOPOEIA

E. FULLERTON COOK, PH.M., Philadelphia, Pa., is chairman of the Committee of Revision of the Pharmacopoeia of the United States of America, 1930-1940.

The chairmen of the sub-committees working on the eleventh revision of the Pharmacopoeia are as follows:

Reid Hunt, M.D., of Boston, Mass., Sub-Committee on Scope.

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SIGMA PI SIGMA CONVENTION

THE national convention of Sigma Pi Sigma, honorary physics fraternity, was held at the University