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## THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE SOCIETY OF SIGMA XI<sup>1</sup>

### THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND THE SOCIETY OF SIGMA XI

THE president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has been asked to extend the greetings and congratulations of the association to the

<sup>1</sup> Held at Cornell University on June 19 and 20. After the introductory addresses here given, there was an address by Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, on "The Service of Sigma Xi in the Universities of the Future." This was followed by a reception and a buffet dinner in Willard Straight Hall. In the evening Dr. Max Mason, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, gave an address on "Science and the Rational Animal." On Saturday morning Dr. William F. Durand, president of Sigma Xi, presented the semi-centennial prizes, and addresses were given by Dr. Willis R. Whitney, vice-president of the General Electric Company, on "The Accomplishments and Future of the Physical Sciences" and by Dr. Frank R. Lillie, of the University of Chicago, president of the National Academy of Sciences, on "The Accomplishments and Future of the

Society of Sigma Xi on the fiftieth anniversary of its birth and to point out the parallelism between these two organizations. Both have one function in common, the promotion of science, both seek to accomplish this by scientific meetings and publications and by the award of honors and grants-in-aid of research. But the association seeks to correlate all branches of science and to secure the cooperation of all persons who are seriously interested in its promotion, while Sigma Xi is an honor society for those who have shown ability as investigators and who constitute a selected group of "Companions in Zealous Research."

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