

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE E. R. SQUIBB AND SONS AWARD

IN order to promote interest in researches dealing with endocrinology, E. R. Squibb and Sons have established an annual award of \$1,000 to be given through the medium of the Association for the Study of Internal Secretions. The association, through an appropriate committee of judges selected from its membership, will name the recipient of this award; the formal presentation of it will be made as part of the annual meeting program.

The award will be given to the research worker in the United States or Canada who, in the opinion of the judges, has published during the previous calendar year the most meritorious scientific report dealing with the field of the hormones. While it will be given primarily for publication of specific papers, the judges will be given considerable latitude in the exercise of their function. If in their judgment circumstances and justice so dictate, it may be recommended that the prize be divided between two or more persons. It may also be recommended that it be made to a worker for valuable contributions over an extended period but not necessarily representative of a given year. Membership in the association is not a requisite of eligibility for the award.

A committee of judges consisting of five members of the association will be appointed annually by the president to recommend to the council a recipient for the award. To assist this committee in its deliberations nominations will be solicited by the secretary of the association by means of public announcements and by a note in the annual letter to members. Such nominations may be sent to the secretary at any time for transmissal to the Committee of Judges. For a nomination to be considered for the award to be bestowed at any given spring meeting of the association, however, it must be received by the secretary not later than January 15. The nomination should be accompanied by such data relative to the nominee and his research as will facilitate the task of the committee in its consideration of the nomination. In addition to the investigation of the merit of nominations thus made, it will be the duty of the committee to search the literature on its own account in arriving at its selection of a recipient for the award. The personnel of the committee will be kept confidential until its deliberations are finished.

The name of the nominee selected by the committee should be sent to the secretary of the association as soon as possible after January 15. This nomination will then be submitted to the council for ratification and thereafter the nominee will be notified in order that he may make plans for being present at the annual meeting. The name of the nominee will be kept confidential by all concerned until the announcement

is made at the annual dinner, at which time the award will be bestowed by the president of the association. The recipient will be expected to make a brief response.

It is a very definite desire of both the donor and the council that the award be made annually. In accepting the award, the council specified that the field covered should be broad enough so that there should be no question about finding a meritorious contribution and recipient annually. It is understood, however, that the association will not be expected to make the award for definitely mediocre work. Thus, the council is prepared to consider the withholding of the award in any given year if it is the carefully considered judgment of the committee that this should be done.

In addition to the purse provided by E. R. Squibb and Sons the recipient will be presented with a simple scroll as a memento of the occasion, the cost to be defrayed by the association.

THE PERMANENT SCIENCE FUND OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

INCOME from the Permanent Science Fund, according to agreement and declaration of trust, shall be applied by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences to such scientific research as shall be selected "... in such sciences as mathematics, physics, chemistry, astronomy, geology and geography, zoology, botany, anthropology, psychology, sociology and economics, history and philology, engineering, medicine and surgery, agriculture, manufacturing and commerce, education and any other science of any nature or description, whether or not now known or now recognized as scientific, and may be applied to or through public or private associations, societies, or institutions, whether incorporated or not, or through one or more individuals."

Applications for grants are considered by a committee of this academy on stated dates only. The next meeting to consider applications will be held on February 15, 1941. Applications should be made on special forms furnished by the committee. Correspondence, including requests for application blanks, should be addressed to the chairman of the Committee on the Permanent Science Fund, Professor John W. M. Bunker, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. Grants-in-aid from this fund were voted by the academy on October 9, as follows:

To Lloyd R. Watson, professor of chemistry, Alfred University, New York, for expendable materials and for assistance in a continuation of his study of eye colors of mutant bees, \$450.

To Edward H. Kemp, assistant professor of psychology, Duke University, for rebuilding an amplifier system to be used in recording impulses from single fibers of the eighth nerve, \$250.