

Members of the Grants-in-Aid Committee are Harry D. Kitson, A. T. Poffenberger, Rose G. Anderson, George K. Bennett, Walter R. Miles, *Chairman*, and Albert D. Freiberg, *Secretary*.

THE "B-COMPLEX" AWARD OF MEAD JOHNSON AND COMPANY

NOMINATIONS are solicited for the 1944 award of \$1,000 established by Mead Johnson and Company to promote researches dealing with the B-complex vitamins. The recipient of this award will be chosen by a committee of judges of the American Institute of Nutrition.

The award will be given to the laboratory (non-clinical) or clinical research worker in the United States or Canada who, in the opinion of the judges, has published during the previous calendar year January 1 to December 31 the most meritorious scientific report dealing with the field of the "B-complex" vitamins. While the award will be given primarily for publication of specific papers, the judges are 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 the award be made to a worker for valuable contributions over an extended period, but not necessarily representative of a given year. Membership in the American Institute of Nutrition is not a requisite of eligibility for the award.

To be considered by the committee, nominations for this award for work published in 1943 must be in the hands of the secretary by January 10, 1944. The nominations 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.

ARTHUR H. SMITH,
Secretary

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION

THE NUTRITION FOUNDATION

ACCORDING to a statement made by George A. Sloan, president of the Nutrition Foundation, the sum of \$237,000 is now being contributed annually by 37 food and related manufacturers to the foundation in support of basic research in the science of nutrition.

It was also announced that Abbott's Dairies of Philadelphia and the American Lecithin Company of New York have become sustaining members of the foundation. C. R. Lindback, president of Abbott's Dairies, and Adrian D. Joyce, chairman of the American Lecithin Company, have become members of the board of trustees, which consists of 11 representatives from the public and 33 from industry.

Mr. Sloan stated that the Nutrition Foundation is now supporting 70 basic studies in 38 institutions in

the United States and Canada. On the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the foundation, grants-in-aid amounting to \$302,840 have been paid to these institutions since the organization of the foundation in 1942.

Mr. Sloan states that:

Research studies having an immediate bearing on the war emergency, in which the foundation is working in close cooperation with governmental authorities, include the effects of cooking, dehydrating, freezing and storing on the nutritive quality of vegetables and meats; the influence of dietary factors in healing of bone fractures; the relation of vitamins to susceptibility to infection; the effects of military environment on nutrition; the value of nutrition in reducing the incidence of shock following injury and exposure and treating individuals suffering from shock; nutrition and resistance to fatigue; and the utilization of the proteins and minerals of the soybean.

Other research studies of the foundation relating to public health include clinical nutritional deficiencies; types and degrees of malnutrition; dental caries; liver function; rheumatic fever; comparative studies of the nutrients in human and cow's milk under specific dietary conditions; increasing the nutritive value of vegetable foods; and studies of protein, amino acids, minerals (calcium and iron) and vitamins.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, born with the issuance of its charter by the Secretary of State of Illinois on September 16, 1893, will soon celebrate its fiftieth anniversary.

A special exhibit illustrating some of the main developments in the museum's first fifty years will be opened to the public at 9 A.M. on Thursday, September 16. A preview and reception for the 4,300 members of the museum, the press and invited guests, representing civic, educational, scientific and other circles, will be held at 8:30 on the evening of September 15. President Robert Maynard Hutchins, of the University of Chicago, will be the principal guest speaker. He will be followed by Dr. Albert Eide Barr, director of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, and Dr. Franklin Bliss Snyder, president of Northwestern University. Dr. Osgood, "dean of the staff," will introduce the speakers. Brief addresses will be made also by President Field, Marshall Field, Orr Goodson, acting director, and possibly by the director, Colonel Clifford C. Gregg, if his army post with the Tank Destroyer Center at Camp Hood, Texas, is able to grant him leave to attend.

Concurrent with the golden anniversary exhibit will be the opening of the museum's first International Photographic Exhibit under the title "Lenses on Nature." This salon of pictures, selected from entries submitted by contributors in all parts of this country and many foreign countries, will continue through