

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

November 15. The pictures will be chosen by a jury of selection composed of Dr. Fay-Cooper Cole, chairman of the department of anthropology of the University of Chicago; Valentino Sarra, professional photographer of New York and Chicago; C. R. Brockhausen, past president of the Chicago Camera Club; J. P. Wahlman, president of the Fort Dearborn Camera Club; Samuel Insull, Jr., museum trustee; and Dr. B. E. Dahlgren, chief curator of botany. Ribbons will be awarded to photographs considered as possessing special merit.

Beginning on September 16, and continuing as long as a limited supply lasts, the first few thousand adult visitors coming to the museum for the fiftieth anniversary will receive copies of "Fifty Years of Progress," a special illustrated 40-page issue of *Field Museum News*, the monthly periodical published for

members of the museum. This issue is devoted entirely to a summary of the history of the museum to date and to a forecast of its future. Contributors include Stanley Field, president of the museum since 1909; Orr Goodson, acting director; Dr. Paul S. Martin, chief curator of anthropology; Dr. B. E. Dahlgren, chief curator of botany; Henry W. Nichols, chief curator of geology; Karl P. Schmidt, chief curator of zoology; John R. Millar, curator of the N. W. Harris Public School Extension; Miriam Wood, chief of the James Nelson and Anna Louise Raymond Foundation lecture staff; Mrs. Emily M. Wilcoxson, librarian; Henry F. Ditzel, registrar; Dr. Wilfred H. Osgood, curator emeritus of zoology, and Dr. Wilfrid D. Hambly, curator of African ethnology. The book was produced under the managing editorship of H. B. Harte, public relations counsel.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. WALTER B. CANNON, professor emeritus of physiology at the Harvard Medical School, president of the recently formed American-Soviet Medical Society, organized to stimulate the exchange of medical information between the United States and the Soviet Union, was formally inducted at a reception given in his honor by the Soviet Embassy on August 12 as a member of the Academy of Sciences of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

THE Chicago Section of the American Institute of Chemists on October 1 will give a testimonial dinner at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, in honor of Dr. F. C. Koch, formerly chairman of the department of biochemistry of the University of Chicago, at present head of the Biochemical Division of the Research Laboratories of Armour and Company. Addresses will be made by Dr. Edward A. Doisy, of the School of Medicine of St. Louis University; Victor Conquest, director of research of Armour and Company; Dr. George K. K. Link, of the University of Chicago, and Dr. Koch.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary of the appointment of Dr. Gebhard Stegeman as professor of physical chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh was celebrated at a dinner in the Hotel Schenley on September 7, in connection with the convention in Pittsburgh of the American Chemical Society.

DR. ROBERT P. FISCHELIS, of Trenton, N. J., head of the chemicals, drugs and health supplies branch of the War Production Board, and a former dean of the New Jersey College of Pharmacy, has been awarded the Remington Honor Medal, conferred annually by the New York Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association on "the man or woman who has done

most for American pharmacy during the preceding year or during a longer period of outstanding activity and fruitful achievement."

THE Baly Medal of the Royal College of Physicians, London, has been awarded to Dr. F. C. Bartlett, professor of experimental psychology at the University of Cambridge, for his work in the science of physiology and in particular for his contributions to experimental psychology; the Gilbert Blane Medal to Surgeon-Commander D. P. Gurd, and the Murchison scholarship to Dr. Bruce Cruickshank.

DR. FLORENCE RENA SABIN, formerly of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, has been made an honorary national commander of the Women's Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer.

PROFESSOR TREVOR KINCAID is retiring as chairman of the department of zoology and physiology of the University of Washington, Seattle, having held the position since 1901. Dr. Arthur Svihla has been selected as his successor.

DR. DAVID L. SOLTAU, formerly coordinator of the engineering, science and management war-training program at the University of Southern California, has been appointed professor of physics and head of the department at the University of Redlands. He took up his work on June 15.

DR. JOHN N. COOPER, of the department of physics of the University of Southern California, has been appointed assistant professor of physics at the University of Oklahoma.

DR. P. L. KNUDTZEN has been appointed acting dean of the College of Dentistry of Baylor University