

he possessed the saving grace of humor and a geniality of spirit which made him a most enjoyable member of many social groups, such as the University Clubs of Evanston and Chicago and the Chaos Club of Chicago.

By his untimely death America has lost a noteworthy scholar and many of us a loyal, generous and warm-hearted friend.

HENRY CREW,
FRANK R. LILLIE

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

REDUCED RAILWAY RATES FOR NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING THE WASHINGTON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE privilege of reduced railway rates that has been secured for the approaching Washington meeting of the American Association and associated organizations is not to be confined to members of the association itself. The reduced rates are to be available to all members of any associated society, whether the society meets with the association or not, and also to all members of every other society that meets with the association at this time.

Those who intend to come to the Washington meeting from outside of the immediate vicinity should state that they are going to attend the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, even though they have not yet become members of that organization, when they purchase their tickets to Washington. Those who are not yet members will be regarded as guests of the association. The names of the numerous other organizations that are planning to meet with the association in the approaching convocation week will not appear on the lists of the railway agents and should not be mentioned when tickets are purchased.

A certificate on the standard certificate form (*not a receipt*) is to be secured from the railway agent from whom the going ticket to Washington is bought. This railway certificate is to be left at the validation desk in the registration room (in the New Willard Hotel, Pennsylvania Ave. and 15th St., N. W.), as soon as possible after arrival in Washington. It will be endorsed by the agent of the American Association and validated by the railway agent, after which it will be returned to the owner. Upon presentation of a properly endorsed and validated certificate, the ticket agent at Washington will sell a one-way returning ticket for half the regular one-way fare. Thus the total railway fare paid for both going and returning will amount to one and one half times the regular one-way fare for the distance traveled. This is the

same arrangement as the one in force at recent annual meetings. It applies for practically all stations in the United States and also in Canada with the exception of those on lines of the Western Canadian Association (in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario west of Port Arthur and Armstrong). Those coming to the meeting from stations outside of the region of reduced rates should purchase round-trip tickets to some point within the region and thence proceed as above, or else they may purchase round-trip tickets to Washington (with generally less reduction in fare).

A list of organizations planning to meet with the association in Washington this year appeared in *SCIENCE* for August 29, 1924, page 193. The following names should now be added to the list there published:

American Fern Society.
American Nature-Study Society.
Wild Flower Preservation Society.
Phi Sigma Biological Research Society.
American Political Science Association.
History of Science Society.
Crop Protection Institute.
Society of American Foresters.
American Federation of Teachers of the Mathematical and Natural Sciences.
Gamma Sigma Delta Society.
Sigma Delta Epsilon Graduate Women's Scientific Fraternity.

Besides the fifteen sections of the association there will be, in all, forty-four societies meeting with it this year. An exceptionally satisfactory meeting is anticipated.

BURTON E. LIVINGSTON,
Permanent Secretary

ENDOWMENT FUND AND GRANTS OF THE CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK

PRESIDENT F. P. KEPPEL submitted his first yearly report to the trustees of the Carnegie Corporation at the annual meeting of the board on November 20. According to his report and the report of the treasurer, on October 1, 1923, the assets of the corporation stood at \$133,659,024.17, of which \$124,936,275.44 constituted the value of the original endowment, and the remainder cash and securities accumulated out of income. During the year, the income of the corporation amounted to \$7,397,714.13.

In effect, the trustees are responsible for two trusts: one "for the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding among the people of the United States" and one for similar purposes in Canada and other British dominions. As regards the former trust, the corporation during the past year paid out \$12,948,619.10. Of this total \$12,349,110.72 was based upon grants voted by the corporation in previous years.

For the latter fund, the corresponding figures are as follows: amount paid out—\$89,399.29, of which \$29,500.00 was based upon grants voted in previous years.

During the same period, grants were voted from income of the principal fund, amounting to \$2,448,540.94, of which \$1,615,599.98 were absolute and \$808,940.96 were conditional. For the fund applicable elsewhere than in the U. S. A., the total of grants was \$757,575.01.

The list of grants is headed by the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburgh which received the largest single grant in the history of the corporation, amounting to \$16,327,376.25. Of this sum, \$8,000,000 was paid over to the Pittsburgh authorities in June, 1924. Other large grants upon which reports of progress are made, together with the amount of each grant, are as follows: The National Research Council and the National Academy of Sciences, \$5,000,000; educational institutions in Eastern Canada, \$3,000,000; Institute of Economics, \$1,650,000; National Bureau of Economic Research, \$150,000; Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities, \$62,500; Food Research Institute, located at Stanford University, California, \$704,000; American Law Institute, engaged in formulating a restatement of the law, \$1,075,000; the Johns Hopkins Medical School for an out-patient building and diagnostic clinic, \$2,000,000; New York Academy of Medicine, \$1,000,000.

Among the more important grants made during the current year are included the following: American Library Association, for general support and for the conduct of certain special activities, \$164,100; Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, to aid in publishing an economic and social history of the world war, \$350,000; Harvard University, for the training of personnel for museum service, \$100,000; Institute of International Education, \$182,500; Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, \$108,000; University of California, for a study of pyorrhea and its possible relation to other human maladies, \$85,000; National Institute of Public Administration, \$40,000; Committee on Legal Aid Work, \$85,000; Union University, for the Albany Medical College, \$52,500; Junior College, St. John's, Newfoundland, \$75,000, and University of King's College, for endowment, \$600,000 (part of \$3,000,000 gift for education in Eastern Canada); and to various agencies for research in insulin, \$43,000.

BARRO COLORADO ISLAND LABORATORY

THE United Fruit Company has renewed its generous offer of last year of a small number of passes on its boats between New York and Colon for properly accredited scientific investigators who wish to work at the Barro Colorado Island Laboratory.

The company offers to provide five round-trip passes in 1925 to workers properly accredited to the National Research Council by the executive committee of the Institute for Research in Tropical America. These passes do not include meals, which are charged for at an inclusive rate of \$5 per day.

Applications for such passes should be addressed to Dr. Thomas Barbour, acting chairman of the executive committee of the Institute for Research in Tropical America, in care of the National Research Council, Washington, or at the Museum of Comparative Zoology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

VERNON KELLOGG,
Permanent Secretary,
National Research Council

THE WILMER FOUNDATION

TRUSTEES of Johns Hopkins institutions have joined the Wilmer Foundation in a campaign to establish a \$3,000,000 foundation for the endowment at Baltimore of an eye hospital and school which, would be the first of its kind in America, and the equal of any in the world.

The plan is for an institution for the study and treatment of diseases of the eye, for research into causes of blindness and kindred ailments and for the education of American specialists, who heretofore have had to attend European universities and clinics to perfect themselves for the practice of ophthalmology.

Forty free beds are to be endowed. Additional facilities are to be installed for the treatment of patients who lack the means to pay for hospital care.

The institution will be conducted as a unit of the Johns Hopkins University's Medical School and Hospital. It will bear the name of Dr. William Holland Wilmer, of Washington, a noted ophthalmologist, and will be directed by him, according to Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, president of Johns Hopkins University, in whose name announcement of the project was made.

Dr. Goodnow said that it would cost about \$1,000,000 to erect and equip the Wilmer Institute. Another \$1,000,000 will be required to endow the free beds and other charitable features and the additional \$1,000,000 to endow the teaching of ophthalmology and to pay members of the staff, who also will be officers of Johns Hopkins Hospital and members of the medical faculty.

The nucleus of the fund will be \$200,000, contributed by friends and patients of Dr. Wilmer. Several years ago they incorporated the Wilmer Foundation for the endowment of an institution which would give his abilities greater scope. When trustees of this fund learned that Johns Hopkins contem-