

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,
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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-