

1872 until 1923, on August 26, aged eighty-seven years, and of Dr. C. Powell White, for some years director of the Helen Swindells Cancer Research Laboratory at the University of Manchester, pa-

thologist at the Christie Hospital, Manchester, and a member of the executive committee of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, on September 26, aged sixty-three years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION'S GRANTS FOR RESEARCH

THE American Association for the Advancement of Science grants each year a number of awards to aid in research. The next allotment of these grants will occur during December, 1930. Applications should be addressed to Burton E. Livingston, permanent secretary, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D. C., and should be in his hands not later than December 1.

There will be available for the next year a total of about \$3,000. The amount of the individual grants is usually for sums of from \$50 to \$500. The grants are designed to assist research projects in which some financial assistance will make possible the carrying on of investigations that would otherwise be handicapped. They may be used, for example, for purchasing special apparatus or special facilities that are otherwise unavailable. Application blanks for these grants may be secured from the office of the permanent secretary, although it is not necessary that such special application blanks be used. It is, however, important that any application be supported by letters from qualified scientific men who are acquainted with the proposed research.

These applications are considered by a committee on grants for research, which consists of the following members:

Walter S. Adams, astronomy.
Charles P. Berkey, geology.
Arthur H. Compton, physics.
Karl F. Kellerman, botany.
W. Lash Miller, chemistry.
George H. Parker, zoology.
Oswald Veblen, mathematics.
William C. White, medicine.

Announcement regarding the awards of the grants will be made in January, and the funds can then be secured on demand. When a grant is awarded, it is expected that its recipient make a report within a year as to the progress of the research for which the grant is intended. A report of some kind should be submitted also when the studies are brought to a conclusion. Such a report should give detailed references to any publication that has been made on the grant project, and if reprints or copies of these pub-

lications are available they should be included. It is expected, also, that suitable acknowledgment be made for the financial aid given from such a grant when the results of the studies are published. This acknowledgment might take such a form as "Financial aid for the work here reproduced was received from the American Association for the Advancement of Science in the form of a grant for the year 1931."

ARTHUR H. COMPTON, *Chairman,*
Committee on Grants for Research

HEALTH SURVEYS BY THE YALE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

CONSTANTLY increasing interest in public health is being evidenced by Connecticut communities, according to a statement made by Dr. Ira V. Hiseock, professor of public health in the Yale School of Medicine. At the present time the department is conducting surveys in four cities and towns, Winsted, Stratford, West Hartford and Haddam. In each instance the study is being made at the request of the community and with the approval of the local health officer and of the state department of health.

Similar surveys, or "public health inventories" have already been made in Greenwich, North Haven, Westport, Middletown, Hartford, Ansonia, New Haven, Hamden, Manchester and Danbury. The printed report of the Danbury survey has just come off the press.

By the terms of the endowment the department of public health at the Yale School of Medicine is charged with the obligation to promote the general cause of public health in the state of Connecticut. Its expert services are therefore placed at the disposal of any community desiring to take stock of conditions pertaining to the health of its members and to inaugurate such measures as may be needed to improve them. Although these services are given without charge, the department makes certain requirements in order to be sure that its efforts will bear fruit. The community must guarantee the full cooperation of all its agencies; a permanent committee must be formed to assist in an advisory capacity in making the survey and to see that the recommendations resulting from the study are carried into effect in so far as possible. The community must also pay the