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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FRANK P. BROWN MEDAL OF THE FRANK- LIN INSTITUTE

THE Franklin Institute announces the establishment of a silver medal, to be known as the Frank P. Brown Medal, to be awarded to "inventors for inventions and discoveries involving meritorious improvements in the building and allied industries." In a statement made by Dr. Henry Butler Allen, secretary of the institute, speaking on behalf of the Board of Managers, he said that the expression "building and allied industries" is intended to include design and construction of buildings as well as appurtenant equipment within this industry.

Mr. Brown, who left the fund for this medal, was engaged in the plumbing business and metal manufacturing. He became a member of the Franklin In-

stitute in 1875. He served on the Committee on Science and the Arts from 1879 to 1910, was reelected in 1933 and continued a member until his death. He was chairman of the Jury on Lighting at the National Export Exposition conducted by the institute and the Commercial Museum in 1899.

Medals which have been recommended and duly approved are awarded on "Medal Day," an annual event taking place in the month of May. A subject may be investigated if the project is presented in writing to the secretary of the Committee on Science and the Arts, made up of leaders in the fields of engineering, physics, chemistry, astronomy, metallurgy and professional business men of established reputation. Full and complete information must be submitted together with copies of such patents as may have been granted. If a careful and thorough preliminary examination of the matter discloses the subject to possess real value and to embody distinctly new principles, it is considered by a group of experts. Should a favorable recommendation be made, the case, upon ratification by the committee, may subsequently be referred to a small group of specialists for thorough and searching study.

In 1824, the year The Franklin Institute was founded, this committee was organized under the name of "Committee on Inventions," and its name was changed ten years later to "Committee on Science and the Arts." It has functioned without interruption for a period of one hundred and fourteen years, in the course of which it has passed upon upwards of 3,000 cases and has determined important awards. Among those who have been recipients of various medals are Alexander Graham Bell, Juan de la Cierva, Thomas A. Edison, Charles F. Kettering, Guglielmo Marconi and Elmer A. Sperry. The medals under the jurisdiction of the group are the Franklin Medal, the Elliott Cresson Medal, the Howard N. Potts Medal, the Louis Edward Levy Medal, the George R. Henderson Medal, the Walton Clark Medal, the John Price Wetherill Medal and the Edward Longstreth Medal. A certificate of merit is also recommended by this committee.

MEAD JOHNSON AND COMPANY "B-COMPLEX" AWARD

IN order to promote interest in researches dealing with the water-soluble "B-complex" vitamins, Mead Johnson and Company have established an annual award of \$1,000 to be given over a period of five years through the medium of the American Institute of Nutrition. The institute, through an appropriate committee of judges selected from its membership, will name the recipient of this award; the formal presentation of it will be made as part of the program of the annual meeting held each spring.