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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. WILLARD L. VALENTINE AS EDITOR OF SCIENCE

By Dr. F. R. MOULTON
PERMANENT SECRETARY

At the close of this calendar year Dr. Willard L. Valentine, professor of psychology and chairman of the department of psychology in Northwestern University, will assume full editorial charge of SCIENCE. A psychologist at the noon of life becomes the successor, after an interval of nearly two years, of Dr. J. McKeen Cattell, also a psychologist, who was editor of SCIENCE from the time he purchased it in 1895 until his death on January 20, 1944. Since Dr. Cattell's death Mrs. Josephine Owen Cattell and Mr. Jaques Cattell have edited SCIENCE.

There are few positions which offer such favorable opportunities for contributing broadly to the advancement of American science as the editorship which Dr. Valentine is assuming. SCIENCE for nearly 46 years

has been the official organ of the Association, appearing weekly, with its columns open not only to everything pertaining to the work of the Association but also to science in every field. Its influence on American science has been very great and it promises to be greater in the future.

In preparation for the future of SCIENCE, the Executive Committee of the Council last winter appointed a SCIENCE Policy Committee consisting of Drs. Malcolm H. Soule, chairman, Roger Adams and Walter R. Miles. This committee made a survey of the kinds of material published in SCIENCE and the amount of each kind. The war, of course, has affected greatly the offerings to SCIENCE, partly because few meetings of scientific societies have been held since

1941, and partly because publication of much of the work in the physical sciences and in medicine has been forbidden. However, a detailed survey was made of six issues of *SCIENCE* appearing in March and April in the years 1942-1945, inclusive. On the basis of the results of this survey the committee made a number of recommendations which have been put into effect so far as has been possible under existing conditions. It is expected that this committee and their successors will continue indefinitely.

Last spring the Executive Committee appointed a committee on nominations for editorship of *SCIENCE*, the members of which were Drs. George A. Baitzell, chairman, Philip Bard, Howard P. Barss and W. F. G. Swann. The committee drew up a memorandum addressed to the Council, asking the members of the Council to make nominations for the position. The memorandum was sent to the Council on May 31. About 70 replies were received in which nominations were made, and 35 were received without nominations. These nominations were made without the knowledge of the nominees. On June 23 the committee on nominations met and considered all nominations and arranged them in order of their preference regardless of the availability of the nominees for the position. With this report the committee finished its work. The appointment of Dr. Valentine was made by the Executive Committee after exploring the availability of the nominees for the position and considering other relevant matters.

Dr. Valentine was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, on December 2, 1904. He graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University in 1925 and received the A.M. degree from the same institution in 1926. He served as assistant in psychology and mathematics in his alma mater in 1925-26. He then went to the Ohio State University, from which he received the Ph.D. degree in 1929. He was on the faculty of the Ohio State University from 1928 to 1940, in the department of psychology, from which he went to Northwestern University as chairman of the department of psychology, a position which he has held until the present time.

Since 1937 Dr. Valentine has been treasurer of the American Psychological Association, Inc., and since 1938 business manager of its publications, which include the *Psychological Review*, the *Psychological Bulletin*, the *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, *Psychological Abstracts*, *Abnormal and Social Psychology*, *Psychological Monographs* and the Yearbook of the society.

On recommendation of the *SCIENCE* Policy Committee it was decided to elect sixteen Editorial Advisers for *SCIENCE*, one from each of the active sections of the Association and one at large. The

SCIENCE Policy Committee presented the names of two or more nominees for each adviser. These names were sent to the Council, which proceeded with a mail ballot that was completed on last July 25. The regular term of office for the Editorial Advisers is four years. In order that only four shall be elected each year, after the first, the Policy Committee designated in advance which sections should have initial editorial advisers holding office for one to four years. The results of the ballot of the Council are as follows, the expiration of the term of office being on December 31 of the year indicated in parentheses following the names of the sections:

- Section on Mathematics (1949): W. L. Hart, University of Minnesota.
- Section on Physics (1948): K. K. Darrow, Bell Telephone Laboratories.
- Section on Chemistry (1947): Farrington Daniels, University of Wisconsin.
- Section on Astronomy (1946): Otto Struve, Yerkes Observatory.
- Section on Geology and Geography (1949): H. R. Aldrich, Secretary, Geological Society of America.
- Section on Zoological Sciences (1948): George A. Baitzell, Yale University.
- Section on Botanical Sciences (1947): William Crocker, Boyce Thompson Institute.
- Section on Anthropology (1946): F. H. H. Roberts, Smithsonian Institution.
- Section on Psychology (1949): R. H. Seashore, Northwestern University.
- Section on Social and Economic Sciences (1948): E. P. Hutchinson, Wayne, Pa.
- Section on History and Philosophy of Science (1947): C. D. Leake, University of Texas Medical School.
- Section on Engineering (1946): J. C. Hunsaker, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Section on Medical Sciences (1949): W. J. Nungester, University of Michigan.
- Section on Agriculture (1948): W. A. Albrecht, University of Missouri.
- Section on Education (1947): W. C. Olson, University of Michigan.
- Member at large (1946): W. F. G. Swann, Bartol Institute.

The duties of the Editorial Advisers have not been defined, but it is understood that they will be available to advise the editor of *SCIENCE* regarding manuscripts in their respective fields that have been offered to him for publication, and on other matters concerning which he may desire their advice or assistance. In short, the Policy Committee will represent the Council on matters of general policy and the Editorial Advisers will be available to assist the editor on particular questions of a technical nature. By that policy the Association may expect *SCIENCE* to become perhaps the leading scientific journal of its kind in the world.