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

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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