THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
PRESENTATION OF MEDALS AND HONORARIA

At the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, held from April 23 to 25 in Washington, five medals and four honoraria were awarded. A brief announcement of these awards was included in the address of the president of the academy, published in SCIENCE of May 4. The medals and honoraria are given in recognition of important contributions to knowledge and for encouragement of research activity in the future. As stated by the president in his address, the academy's ability to confer honor upon its members and others of high achievement proceeds from the honors conferred upon the academy by its members through their accomplishments in the advancement of knowledge. The academy is designated in its charter from Congress an adviser to the Government in scientific matters. Election to membership in the academy carries with it the obligation to aid in the solution of any problem of a scientific nature on which the Government seeks advice. In view of this relationship the following extracts from the speeches made at the time of the presentation of the medals and honoraria are of interest.

PRESENTATION OF THE MARCELLUS HARTLEY MEDAL TO DR. DAVID FAIRCHILD

In making the presentation, Dr. Henry H. Donaldson, of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, said:

It is my privilege to announce the award of the Marcellus Hartley Gold Medal for the year 1934 to Dr. David G. Fairchild (from 1889 until his retirement two or three years ago, on account of ill health, an invaluable member and officer of the Department of Agriculture), for eminence in the application of science to the public welfare. Specifically, the award is made for Dr. Fair-