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## THE NOBEL PRIZES FOR SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES.\*

### LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

THE three corporations awarding the Nobel prizes are:

1. The Royal Academy of Sciences, at

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Stockholm, founded in 1739. The King is the protector of the Academy, which numbers 100 Swedish and Norwegian members and 75 foreign members.

2. The Swedish Academy, at Stockholm, instituted in 1786. The King is the protector. The members, exclusively Swedish, are limited to 18.

3. The Carolin Institute of Medicine and Surgery, at Stockholm, established in 1815. The number of professors is 22.

### OBJECT OF THE ENDOWMENT.

The Nobel endowment is based on the will of Dr. Alfred Bernhard Nobel, engineer, drawn up November 27, 1895. The stipulations are as follows:

“The remainder of the fortune which I shall leave shall be disposed of in the following manner: The capital, converted into safe investments by the executors of my will, shall constitute a fund the interest of which shall be distributed annually as a reward to those who, in the course of the preceding year, shall have rendered the greatest services to humanity. The sum total shall be divided into five equal portions, assigned as follows:

“1. To the person having made the most important discovery or invention in the department of physical science.

“2. To the person having made the most important discovery or having produced the greatest improvement in chemistry.