

### ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHANT MEDAL.

Nominations for this medal may be signed either by the nominee himself or by friends of the nominee who feel that his work is worthy of such an honour. All nominations and supporting papers should be in the hands of the National Secretary, 15 Ross St., Toronto, by November 30th. Nomination blanks have been mailed to the secretaries of all centres. It is hoped that an award can be made at the annual At-Home of the Society in January, 1954.

It should be pointed out that the fundamental purpose of this medal is to stimulate and promote worthwhile work by Canadian amateurs in the field of astronomy, but work in allied fields of science (physics, chemistry, or meteorology for example) will not be excluded in a consideration of a candidate's qualifications for the medal. However it is the value of his work in astronomy (considered in its broadest sense) which will chiefly determine his eligibility. It should also be understood that the medal is not awarded on the basis of work done for, or to advance the interests of, the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, valuable as this work is. The Chant Medal is designed to encourage contributions to science itself rather than to any scientific society.

THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

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At a council meeting held in Hart House, Toronto, on March 29, 1940, the general wishes of the council were formulated in the following motion which was proposed by A. Thomson and seconded by P. M. Millman. The motion was passed unanimously.

Proposed that:-

in recognition of the long and outstanding services of Professor C. A. Chant to the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada there be established by the Society a silver medal to be known as the Chant Medal.

That

this medal be awarded, not oftener than once a year, to an amateur astronomer resident in Canada; the award to be made on the basis of the value of the work which he has carried out in astronomy and closely allied fields of original investigation.

That

A Chant Medal committee of at least three members be appointed by the Council of the Society. This committee to consider nominations of candidates believed eligible for the award and to make a final selection.

That

funds for the initial cost of the die and the endowment for the cost of the medals awarded (the total not to exceed \$500.00) be set apart in the Southam Press Fund, and used as needed.



