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## FOREWORD

In 1933 the Ohio State Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi committed itself to the policy of sponsoring at biennial intervals series of lectures treating various aspects of some central scientific topic. At the completion of such a series of lectures it was the plan of the executive committee that it should be published and distributed at cost. Two such symposia have already been issued by the Chapter. In 1933 a Symposium on Metabolism was published and in 1935 the Chapter issued a Symposium on the Nucleus of the Atom. The success of these first two publications has been very gratifying and it is with a feeling of confidence as well as of pride that the Chapter presents the published version of this third series of lectures, A Symposium on Hormones.

The authors of the various papers included in this series are authorities in their several fields, and their researches constitute major contributions to our knowledge of the hormones. Naturally the treatment has not been exhaustive. The field is so broad and the physiology involved so complex that of necessity the several authors have selected some more or less limited aspect of the subject for elucidation. Furthermore limited time and facilities have made necessary the omission of certain of the hormones and therefore this volume contains no discussion of the hormones of the parathyroids, the thymus, or the pineal gland.

As was the case in the two preceding symposia, publication is made possible through the co-operation of the Ohio Journal of Science, and the executive committee of the Ohio State Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi wishes to express its appreciation to the editor and business manager of this Journal and to all others concerned for the splendid co-operation which made the

series of lectures so successful and which now makes their publication possible.

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#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The JOURNAL is again pleased to publish a Sigma Xi Symposium on a topic of current interest. The prompt publication of these lectures in symposium form is made possible by the financial assistance and the editorial co-operation of the Society of the Sigma Xi.—L. H. S.