

EDWARD EMERSON BARNARD MEMORIAL NUMBER

In honoring Edward Emerson Barnard with this Memorial Number the Tennessee Academy of Science is really doing honor to itself. He is one of the great scientists of all time and will take his place in the history of astronomy alongside of Herschel as a keen-eyed, unwearied watcher of the starry skies. The reminiscences of friends and fellow workers and the articles presented in this number make up our tribute to Barnard's life and work. It seems fitting to give here the minutes of the Executive Committee which decided on this memorial and also the letter which was sent out to the members of the Tennessee Academy of Science.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, NOVEMBER 10, 1927

The Executive Committee met at 7:30 P.M. in the office of the Secretary, Furman Hall. Present—Leathers, Mayfield, Ganier, Webb, McGill.

The Committee voted to issue a special Edward E. Barnard number of the JOURNAL in the name of the Sustaining Members, to whom a communication is to be addressed to afford them an opportunity to contribute to the enterprise. The Academy will underwrite the issue.

The Secretary was directed to write to Dr. Livingston and request (1) a joint meeting of the Academy with Section D (astronomy) at which the Academy may have an hour on the program for reminiscences of Barnard, (2) space for an exhibit by the Academy of things relating to Barnard.

W. S. LEATHERS, *Chairman*,
JNO. T. MCGILL, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

LETTER TO MEMBERS CONCERNING EDWARD EMERSON BARNARD MEMORIAL NUMBER

"The Carnegie Institution has just issued an edition of 700 copies of Edward Emerson Barnard's *Atlas of Selected Regions of the Milky Way*, the most of which are to be distributed to the principal universities and libraries of the world.

"The American Association for the Advancement of Science, to hold a meeting in Nashville again after fifty years, has for its program of Wednesday evening, December 28, a public lecture in the War Memorial Building on the Life and Work of Edward Emerson Barnard by Professor Robert Grant Aitken, Astronomer in the Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, California.

"The Tennessee Academy of Science will make Dr. Barnard, who was born and reared in Nashville and made his first important discoveries here, the chief feature of its meeting with the American

Association for the Advancement of Science at Nashville. The Academy will have its headquarters at the Hermitage Hotel and in connection therewith an interesting exhibit of books, medals, photographs and other objects relating to his life and work. As a part of its tribute to Barnard the Academy will issue a special illustrated number of the JOURNAL to be financed largely by the Sustaining Members. Regular members and friends of Barnard will also be given an opportunity to supplement the funds given by the Sustaining Members.

"The names of all contributing members will appear in this special number arranged alphabetically but the amount of each individual contribution will not be published. It is estimated that the cost of an edition of five hundred copies of this issue will not exceed five hundred dollars. The Academy will supplement the amount subscribed, if necessary, but credit for the publication is to be given to the subscribing members as a body regardless of the sum of the contributions.

"Would you like to share in this tribute to a man who, though generally recognized as one of the world's most noted astronomers, has thus far apparently not been duly appreciated by his native state and city?

"Checks should be made payable to the Tennessee Academy of Science and sent to JNO. T. MCGILL, *Secretary*, Vanderbilt Campus, Nashville, Tenn."