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The Committee on the Albert F. Blakeslee Memorial Fund

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Dear Friend:

Dr. Albert F. Blakeslee died at Northampton, Massachusetts, on November 16, 1954. On the initiative of the Smith College Chapter of the Society of Sigma Xi, this committee has undertaken to establish a science lecture fund as a memorial in his honor.

Throughout an active life, Dr. Blakeslee not only made important contributions to scientific knowledge, but he succeeded with a rare skill in sharing with his associates and students his experience and his enthusiasm. He was tireless in his efforts to promote research, to bring scientists into closer association and to make scientific information available to all. Following his retirement as Director of the Department of Genetics of the Carnegie Institution of Washington at Cold Spring Harbor, Dr. Blakeslee founded in 1942 the Smith College Genetics Experiment Station, which he directed until his death. He established the Four College Genetics Conference and brought to the Connecticut Valley region many outstanding scientists. A science lecture fund, therefore, would serve to continue the kind of work which Dr. Blakeslee himself carried out in this area.

We invite you to contribute to the Albert F. Blakeslee Memorial Fund. This invitation is being sent to many organizations, scientists, associates and other friends of Dr. Blakeslee in the hope that sufficient money will be obtained to endow a lectureship. This is the only request which will be made, and we earnestly hope that you will contribute to the fund.

Donations may be mailed in the enclosed envelope. Your check should be made payable to Smith College, A. F. Blakeslee Fund. Contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.

Sincerely yours,

The Committee

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