

However, Miss Cannon wished to perpetuate prizes for distinguished work by women. Therefore, she decided to use the Richards prize money to establish a new award for women in astronomy. Administered by the American Astronomical Society, the award was named the "Annie J. Cannon Prize in Astronomy." We exhibited the 1932 letter to her about the Richards prize and a 1934 Science Service press release about the new AAS prize for women.

Having received national and international acclaim since the turn of the century, Miss Cannon was finally recognized by Harvard in 1938. She received a corporation appointment as William Cranch Bond Astronomer. So rare was such an appointment that the certificate we displayed was addressed to "Dear Sir."

In the last decade of her life Miss Cannon continued to classify spectra and began to compile her memoirs. When she died in 1941 she left much work completed but unpublished. Therefore, in 1949 Margaret Mayall published The Annie J. Cannon Memorial Volume of the Henry Draper Extension. And she is writing a biography of Miss Cannon based on the memoirs and on her own personal recollections. The nucleus of the exhibit thus came from the private collection of Margaret Mayall, to whom we all are grateful for sharing with us many rare documents, photographs and, of course, the candelabrum. Supplementary historical material came from the Harvard University Archives, Harvard College Observatory, Wellesley College, Sky and Telescope magazine, Professor Owen Gingerich, and my own collection. The exhibit opened at Pusey Library in Harvard Yard especially for the October, 1978, AAVSO meeting in Cambridge and closed in April, 1979.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to remind potential contributors to read the instructions on the inside front cover and, in particular, to send two copies, double-spaced, of their manuscripts and take care that illustrations are suitable for reproduction.

At the risk of sounding cranky, I should add that we may find it necessary to return manuscripts if these procedures are not followed.

As always, we encourage contributions, and we would be willing to read preliminary manuscripts and provide editorial and scientific comments.

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Editor