

THE IDENTIFICATION OF VITAMIN C

PRIORITY questions are not of primary importance to science and should be left to posteriority. If, however, such problems are discussed it is desirable that statements made should be correct and complete.

The chronological list of events given by G. C. Cox¹

¹ SCIENCE, December 10, 1937, p. 540.

should be completed with reference to my lecture delivered before the Hungarian Medical Association on March 18, 1932. In this lecture the identity of Vitamin C and the "hexuronic acid," described by myself in 1928, was definitely stated and experimental evidence given. This lecture was reported by all journals publishing the proceedings of that society.² The text

of this lecture was published unchanged in the *Deutsche Med. Wochenschrift* (No. 22, 1932). This paper was followed by the note of King and Waugh in *SCIENCE* of April 1, and the two notes of Svirbely and Szent-Györgyi in *Nature* of April 16 and May 7.

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