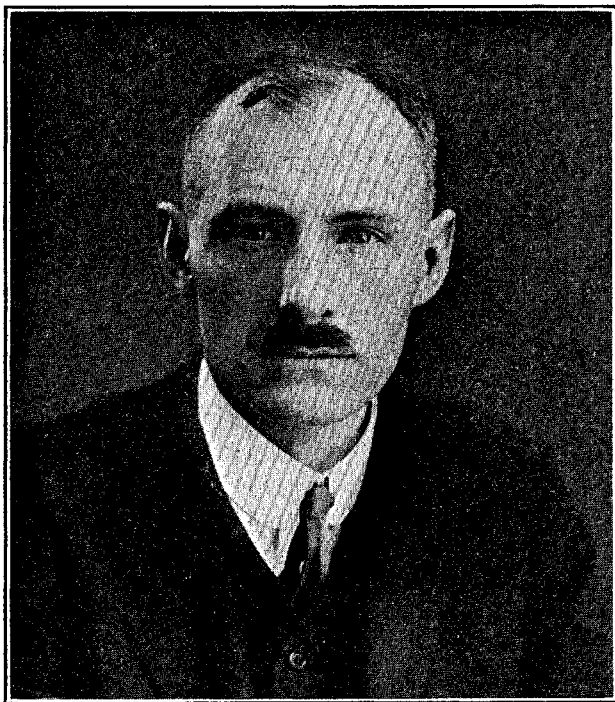


the Foundation were accepted and the Chairman was authorized to appoint a Subcommittee. At the request of the full Committee, the Chairman has acted as Chairman of the Subcommittee and appointed on this Subcommittee Professors Julius Stieglitz, Reid Hunt, Treat B. Johnson, and Dr. F. R. Eldred. The Subcommittee has held three meetings in New York City and has just completed a final draft of the tentative report which has now been submitted to the full Committee for its criticism. The final meeting of the Committee will be held during the meeting in Rochester, at which time it is hoped to complete the report which will then be turned over to the Chemical Foundation, Inc.

CHAS. H. HERTY, *Chairman*

Convention Side Lights

Those who landed at the Lehigh Valley depot upon arriving at Rochester found the following words staring them in the face from a huge sign on the side of a large building: "National Casket Co." Since spending a week in the Flower City we have caught the real significance of this. Only the live ones seem to remain above ground in Rochester.



HANS T. CLARKE, VICE CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was a most comforting lack of haste in all of the proceedings of the meeting and yet things were accomplished with dispatch. It takes a set of past masters at the art of entertaining conventions to run things off on schedule time and yet make you feel at home and not in the least hurried. The Rochester Convention Committee belongs to this class.

One of the real treats of the meeting was the address of E. G. Miner at the first general session. He referred to pure research as insurance for the chemical industry. Coming from one who includes himself in the business group rather than the purely scientific class, this statement is highly encouraging and should be shouted from the housetops, particularly to those concerns which are cutting down their research activities because of temporary business depression.

It was pleasing to note the presence of quite a number of officers of the Chemical Warfare Service. General Fries, the head of this organization, attended some of the meetings himself, and with his co-workers took an active interest in the proceedings. Meetings of the SOCIETY are incomplete now without the presence of these active workers in the Government's newest branch of war activities.

To anyone who suffered from chemical blues, either colloidal or temperamental, the Rochester Convention was a sure antidote. Congressman Longworth made the industrialists happy and Dr. Bancroft dispersed the blues for the other fellows.

The Advisory Council of the SOCIETY has placed an order for a complete file of all available almanacs and weather reports dating back over a period of ten years. Not a scientific investigation, but just following out the instructions of the Council Meeting that the 1922 Spring Meeting of the SOCIETY be held at Birmingham, Ala., during a week of clear weather in April.

Bernard Haggarty, who represented the Mayor of Rochester at the opening meeting, remarked that the Mayor was somewhat of a chemist himself. He had succeeded in mixing men of many different nationalities and temperaments in one great melting pot in the city of Rochester and had developed a concoction known as Rochester Spirit. We are ready to testify to the existence of a real live Rochester Spirit.

It was an unusual experience for many of the members of the SOCIETY to be starred in the movies. Through the courtesy of the Eastman Kodak Co., a film was shown at the entertainment on Thursday evening which embodied convention pictures that had been in the making by the movie camera men on the previous three days. Some people who had never been "shot" before were greatly surprised to watch themselves "act" and with this surprise came the shock of realization that they were in the film records of the A. C. S. for good. It is planned to send these films around to the various sections of the SOCIETY.

It was a sorry lot of chemists that wended their way to the New York Central depot on Thursday evening to make the 11:03 P. M. train for New York. They had to leave the grand entertainment at the Bausch and Lomb auditorium at 10:30 P. M., thus missing some of the best numbers. We are not certain, but according to the schedule of events, 10:30 came just in the middle of that oriental dance number. If they had only not had their reservations, but—alas! chemists must heed when duty calls.

Through the courtesy of Mr. George Eastman, the members of the SOCIETY saw the initial exhibition of "Filmland," which will soon be shown in the moving picture theaters of the country. This film tells the story of the production of moving picture films from the technical standpoint. Yet it is as little technical as a subject of this kind can remain. The various processes entering into the manufacture of film from the raw cotton to the completed picture are wonderfully illustrated. Throughout the picture there are little corner cartoons which artists might describe as thumbnail sketches illustrating the point that is being made by the film itself, making it understood by the youngest movie enthusiast. Spontaneous applause and cheers greeted various portions of the film, showing such especially intricate camera performances as the depicting of the actual formation of crystals of silver nitrate.

A total registration of 1234 was reported by the convention committee on the final day of the meeting. Of this number 806 were members of the SOCIETY. By Monday night 592 had signed registration cards. On Tuesday this number was swelled to 842. Wednesday added 250 more and by Thursday the total was raised to 1229, with five more coming in on the last day. The registration of members of the SOCIETY by states follows:

California.....	3	New Jersey.....	33
Colorado.....	1	New York.....	419
Connecticut.....	8	North Carolina.....	1
Delaware.....	7	Ohio.....	58
Illinois.....	22	Oklahoma.....	1
Indiana.....	12	Pennsylvania.....	57
Iowa.....	4	Rhode Island.....	4
Kansas.....	1	Tennessee.....	3
Louisiana.....	1	Vermont.....	3
Maine.....	1	Virginia.....	2
Maryland.....	20	Washington.....	1
Massachusetts.....	50	Washington, D. C.....	37
Michigan.....	16	Wisconsin.....	8
Minnesota.....	4	Canada.....	14
Missouri.....	8	China.....	1
Nebraska.....	2	Sweden.....	1
New Hampshire.....	3		

Total A. C. S. Members..... 806
Guests..... 428

Total registration..... 1234

The concentration of divisional meetings in one building as arranged by the convention committee gave an excellent opportunity to hear papers read before several sections. It was easy to circulate from one meeting room to another, and the system of recording papers that were being read before the various divisions on the blackboard at the entrance to the Mechanics Institute worked out very well.

Photographers seemed to be everywhere, and undoubtedly the story of a meeting of the SOCIETY has never been so well and profusely illustrated in the daily papers with photographs of leading members, group pictures, etc., as was this Rochester meeting.

Speaking of publicity, there is one young man in Rochester who is the best deliverer of newspaper stories we have yet run across. For weeks before the convention and especially during the convention he had the Rochester newspaper men eating out of his hand. He not only did a fine piece of work for his city but a splendid piece of work for the SOCIETY. Always on the job and always doing the job well—that's Benjamin V. Bush, chairman of the Publicity Committee, Rochester Section.

The reduced fare offered by the railroads was taken advantage of by nearly 500 of those attending the convention, and to the credit of the railroad officials in charge of adjusting the details connected with issuing this reduced transportation be it said that they were most patient and accommodating.

"Good fellowship" meeting was the right name for that jolly good time provided by the hosts of the SOCIETY on Thursday evening at the Bausch and Lomb plant. The arrangements for handling the 1500 or more people who attended must have been well thought out in advance, for everything went off with clock-like precision. Nobody had to worry about anything and good fellowship reigned supreme.



BENJAMIN V. BUSH, CHAIRMAN OF PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

EDITORIAL NOTES

This issue appears late, owing to strike conditions in the printer's plant. We have assurances that the day of delays is about ended. Resolutions in connection with this subject, adopted by the Council at the Rochester Meeting, will be found on page 379.

In this issue, the first time we believe in the history of chemical literature, we present a signed technical contribution from a United States Senator, a book review by Senator E. F. Ladd of North Dakota. In the midst of the many duties incident to assuming his new duties, the Senator has found time to continue his work with his fellow-chemists. The sterling activities of Dr. Ladd in the earlier days in making chemistry so helpful to the people of his state is an earnest of the broader influence he will be able to wield in behalf of the nation through his incumbency of the high position he now occupies. The very best wishes of his former colleagues attend him.

In every line of modern effort more and more thought is being given to social industrial relations. Perhaps THIS JOURNAL may be of some help in this direction. In this hope part of our space for an indefinite period will be devoted to this subject under the leadership of Dr. H. W. Jordan, who has given much thought to these questions. Dr. Jordan alone is responsible for the views he puts forward. Discussion, criticism and suggestions are freely invited. Frankly this is an experiment. As in all experiments, the result can't be foretold. We reserve the right to ring the bell for the curtain drop whenever conditions demand it.

The third annual dinner of the Chemical Warfare Service held in Washington April 16, 1921, was an inspiration to all who attended. The presence of high officers of the Army and the Navy, of prominent senators and congressmen, of distinguished representatives of the press, in addition to the large number of members, past and present, of the Chemical Warfare Service, was indicative of the steadily growing appreciation of the importance of this unit of the War Department. The speeches were all enthusiastically received, and the toastmaster informed us that he had a fine old time.

Another link in the chain of economic independence is forged. No longer do we have to look abroad for supplies of highest grade filter paper. Dr. Little has made good his promises and is "in the game" to stay. Who next?

The Reports of the Committee on the Metric System and the Committee on Guaranteed Reagents and Standard Apparatus, pp. 401 and 402, show clearly that the psychological moment has arrived to establish a uniform practice of purchasing supplies in metric units. For many years there has been a vicious circle, the purchasers blaming the manufacturers, while the manufacturers insisted that lack of uniform practice among purchasers made necessary the maintenance of an undesirable basis of dealing in chemical supplies and laboratory apparatus. At last the ball is well started and your aid is needed to put it squarely across the line. Then only can it be said that we practice what we preach.