

NELSON K. RICHTMYER

A large number of chemists have united to dedicate this issue of *Carbohydrate Research* to their friend and colleague, Dr. Nelson K. Richtmyer, upon the occasion of his seventieth birthday, which falls on November 18, 1971. It was early recognized that the confines of a single issue would be inadequate to accommodate the very many papers that would be submitted, and the Editors have regretfully compromised by accepting the maximum number in the order in which the corresponding manuscripts emerged from the editorial process. Thus, in addition to the authors whose contributions appear in this issue, there are many more who have expressed a desire to be associated with this effort and to join in conveying their best wishes to Dr. Richtmyer upon this occasion; their names are listed at the end of this Issue.

Nelson Kellogg Richtmyer was born in Coxsackie, New York, and received his early education there. After a year at Phillips Exeter Academy, he matriculated at Harvard and, in 1923, received the A.B. degree, *cum laude*. Graduate work followed, with an A. M. awarded in 1925 and the Ph D. in 1927, his research for the doctoral thesis on "The Action of Organic Magnesium Compounds on Triphenylisoxazoline Oxide" being carried out under Professor E. P. Kohler. After serving as a Research Assistant to Prof. Kohler, Dr. Richtmyer spent a year with Prof. Karl Freudenberg at Heidelberg; he then returned to Harvard as a Research Associate. In 1930, he accepted the post of Associate in Chemistry (equivalent to Assistant Professor) at Bryn Mawr, where he succeeded L. F. Fieser. At the American Chemical Society meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida, in March 1934, he met Prof. C. S. Hudson, with the result that he transferred to the National Institute of Health later that year. First in association with Hudson, and then independently, Dr. Richtmyer has continued his researches at the N. I. H. into many aspects of the chemistry of the carbohydrates, particularly the anhydro sugars, the carbohydrases, and the higher-carbon sugars (especially, sugars having the *altro* configuration). With the late Dr. R. M. Hann, he edited "The Collected Papers of C. S. Hudson", which appeared, in two volumes, in 1946 and 1948. He has held many offices in the American Chemical Society and, in 1954, served as Chairman of its Division of Carbohydrate Chemistry. In 1963, he was honored by being presented with the Claude S. Hudson Award of the Division.

We wish him a Happy Birthday and many years of continued good health!

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