

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

Room 1, University Building, N. Y.

The last regular meeting was held Friday, Nov. 3d.

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 p. m., Prof. A. R. Leeds in the chair.

A quorum not being present, the first paper of the evening, "On the action of Phthalic anhydride, upon Gallic acid," by Mr. James H. Stebbins, Jr., was then read, at the conclusion of which Dr. Prochazka remarked that he had produced galleine by the above method, over a year ago.

After which the second paper, "On the preparation of Asbestos, for filtering purposes," by Mr. Casamajor followed.

A quorum being now present, the minutes of previous meeting were read, and approved.

The minutes of the Board of Directors were then read, and after a correction, approved.

Dr. Doremus then stated on behalf of the Committee on Papers and Publications, that the October number of our journal is now in print, and will probably be issued next week.

He further laid before the society the necessity for members to send in more original MS., as thereon depends the success of our journal.

The committee on Endowment Fund had no report.

The following gentlemen were then elected :

Cuthbert P. Conrad, Active Member.	{ J. W. Mallett, E. Waller, James H. Stebbins, Jr.
Edwin V. Wilmowski, Regular Member.	{ James H. Stebbins, Jr., Wm. Rupp, Dr. Grothe.
Alfred L. Beebe, Regular Member.	{ J. B. Macintosh, A. L. Colby, A. H. Elliott.
John Cawley, Regular Member.	{ James H. Stebbins, Jr., A. H. Elliott, P. Casamajor.
N. Hathaway, Regular Member.	{ E. Waller, Wm. Rupp, C. E. Munsell.

Geo. E. Leguin, Associate Member. { Nelson H. Darton,
James H. Stebbins, Jr.,
Wm. Rupp.

John Grey Macfarlan. { P. Casamajor,
James H. Stebbins, Jr.,
A. H. Elliott.

The following gentleman was nominated as a Regular Member :

Percy Neymann. { E. Waller,
A. H. Elliott, } Proposed by.
A. P. Hallock,

The election of candidates for the Committee on Nominations was now in order.

The following gentlemen received the largest number of ballots :

1. Arthur H. Elliott.
2. E. Waller.
3. James H. Stebbins, Jr.
4. A. R. Ledoux.
5. Wm. Habirshaw.
6. P. Casamajor.
7. J. P. Battershall.
8. A. P. Hallock.
9. O. Grothe.

Three names out of the nine were then drawn from Chairman.

The members of the Nominating Committee are therefore, Wm. Habirshaw, J. P. Battershall, P. Casamajor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

JAMES H. STEBBINS, Jr.,
Recording Secretary.

ON THE ACTION OF PHTHALIC ANHYDRIDE, UPON GALLIC ACID.

BY JAMES H. STEBBINS JR., A.B., F.C. S.

In 1871 Baeyer observed, while heating a mixture of phthalic acid, and pyrogallic acid, the formation of a coloring matter,* which he termed "galleine."

At first Baeyer, believed that the formation of this dyestuff, was due to an oxydation of pyrogallic acid, and that the phthalic acid was not essential for its formation, as it seemed that the same dyestuff

*Ber. d. d. chem. Gesell. IV., p. 455, 555, 663.