

widely, as can be seen by the accompanying tables, and this is true whether the numbers are referred to the anhydrous sod oil or to the "oil, etc., soluble in petroleum ether." Calculations were also made in terms of "oil, etc., soluble in petroleum-ether less dégras former," but as no concordant results were obtained we did not think it necessary to add another column of figures.

The reason for this variation in figures seems to be the great variety of oils which are used for the making of sod oil as well as the different modifications of treating the same initial oil by different makers. Still, sod oil, by a complete analysis as described above, can be easily distinguished from other oils.

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### CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE BERZELIUS MEMORIAL SERVICES.

Held in Stockholm, Sweden, October 7, 1898, on the occasion of the  
fiftieth anniversary of the death of Berzelius.

*"The American Chemical Society :*

Messieurs, chers et honorés collègues : À l'occasion du cinquantième anniversaire de la mort de Berzelius, l'Académie des Sciences de Stockholm, la Faculté de Médecine de Stockholm (Karolinska Institutet), l'Académie d'Agriculture et la Société des Médecins de Suède se proposent de célébrer la mémoire du grand savant par une fête commémorative.

Au nom de ces institutions nous avons l'honneur de vous prier de bien vouloir déléguer un de vos membres pour prendre part à cette solennité, qui aura lieu à Stockholm le 7 octobre 1898.

Veuillez, messieurs et chers collègues, agréer l'assurance de nos sentiments les plus distingués.

A. E. NORDENSKIOLD,  
L. F. NILSON,  
F. LENNMALM,  
CHRISTIAN ZOVEN,  
SEVERIN JOLIN.

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"551 PUTNAM AVE., BROOKLYN, N. Y.,  
September 30, 1898.

DR. A. E. NORDENSKIOLD, Academy of Sciences, Stockholm,  
Sweden.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the communication sent by yourself and colleagues announcing the solemnities in commemoration of Berzelius, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his death, to be held in Stockholm,

October 7, 1898, under the auspices of the Academy of Sciences of Stockholm, the Faculty of Medicine of Stockholm (Karolinska Institutet), the Academy of Agriculture, and the Medical Society of Sweden.

Permit me also to acknowledge with thanks the request that the American Chemical Society send one of its members as a delegate to take part in this memorial occasion, and to express regret that at the present time none of our members are available as active delegates from the United States. I take pleasure in informing you, however, that honorary delegates have been chosen to represent the American Chemical Society, and to prepare a suitable memorial.

The chemists of America would vie with those of the old world in paying their tribute of reverence to the name and fame of Berzelius, and in recognizing his distinguished services to chemistry and kindred sciences. While no one from this country may be able to participate actively in the solemnities, we would nevertheless not allow the occasion to pass without expressing our great interest in it, and the profound feelings which it awakens among the chemists on this side the Atlantic.

The following named are the members appointed as honorary delegates to represent the American Chemical Society :

WOLCOTT GIBBS, *Chairman*,<sup>1</sup>  
 GEORGE F. BARKER,  
 WILLIAM MCMURTRIE,  
 HARVEY W. WILEY,  
 ALBERT B. PRESCOTT,  
 F. W. CLARKE,  
 J. W. MALLETT.

Very respectfully yours,

ALBERT C. HALE,  
*Secretary of the American Chemical Society.*"

The following cablegram was sent in time to be received at the meeting :

October 6, 1898.

"To A. E. NORDENSKIÖLD, Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.

The American Chemical Society reveres the memory of Berzelius who conferred luster on our science.

CHARLES E. MUNROE, *President*.  
 ALBERT C. HALE, *Secretary.*"

<sup>1</sup> The Committee is given here as finally constituted.