

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

By H. B. BATTLE

1. **Journal of the Society.**—I think the main thing for us to consider at this time is the importance of a separate JOURNAL for the Society. It will be the best forward step we can take, and to my mind is a necessity. With all our work and investigations, and reports of committees, we should have the means for properly preserving them, so we can present them to the scientific world in a form easy of preservation and reference. It is true that these reports in the main have been printed in the columns of the *Cotton Oil Press*, yet this plan is so foreign to the Journals other Societies publish, that we have always suffered in the contrast.

Therefore it seems that there is no more outstanding thing for us to do, than the establishment of such a Journal. In fact we have existed too long without it. Even if we have now to make sacrifices, we should take this step without further delay. The Special Committee formed at the last meeting for investigation and report to the Governing Committee, will shortly present its findings. It is hoped that the Governing Committee will recommend to the Society a practical plan for the consideration of the meeting. I am sure that each one of us thoroughly understands the great importance of this matter, and will do his utmost to assist in its proper solution.

We are very fortunate in having such a valuable and experienced Editor in Mr. H. S. Bailey, who will have charge of the Journal when it is started. To his faithful, loyal and efficient services in the past, the Society owes much, and it is very fitting that I should officially make this expression.

2. **Enlarged Membership.**—Those who have studied most carefully the existing conditions as to future growth of our Society, have recognized for some time that we are not adding to our membership and growing as we should. We have to a great extent secured membership from practically all in the Oil and Fat Industry, and several of the allied industries. But we are rather specialized in our field, in fact too much so, and the time has doubtless come for us to increase the scope of our undertakings so as to embrace others interested in lines of work similar, if not allied to that in which we are engaged. At the present time our special industry, like many others, could present a much more hopeful prospect of present-day success. A number of important changes in large companies during the past year only illustrates the inevitable result of the absence of the rainbow hue in our path ahead. We much fear that we will lose a number of mem-

bers resulting from these untoward conditions. It is then the part of wisdom to provide for such inevitable changes by bringing in other lines of industry which are not now particularly stressed in our existing constitution and by-laws although included in them.

3. Official Chemists.—As is known to several of our members, a peculiar incident has recently occurred, the result of which has clarified a situation which was quite obscure to several high officials. The final result cannot but be of benefit to our Society. It is unnecessary to give the details of this matter other than to say that several very important results have followed from the incident. The Interstate Association and its officers are now fully informed as to what constitutes an "Official Chemist" in the Interstate Association. They now so thoroughly understand the term that they have decided to print in the Annual Rules Book of the Association, the names of its Official Chemists, classifying them according to the lines in which they are certified. This will be a most direct and complete recognition of the American Oil Chemists' Society by the Interstate Association, and brings before all a very definite understanding of just what constitutes Official Chemists. It is just as well to repeat these requirements: They must be—

1. Active members in good standing of The American Oil Chemists' Society.

2. Referee members in good standing in The American Oil Chemists' Society, and holding for the current year a Referee Certificate issued by the Referee Board operating through the authority of the Society.

3. Members in good standing of the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association. If chemists or laboratories possess all three of these requirements then their name will be printed in the Annual Rules Book of the Association, and classed as "Official Chemists" of the Interstate Association, to the extent of their individual certification.

The Society is to be congratulated upon this very important recognition, and the further clarification of a very uncertain status in the past.

4. **Vice-Presidents.**—At the last meeting, the Society very wisely determined to increase its number of officers by the addition of two Vice-Presidents, and to make them ex-officio members of the Governing Board. By this action, the general membership of the Society is more fully recognized, and is brought into more active participation in the affairs of the Society. These Vice-Presidents as are the similar officers of the Interstate Association, are elected annually, and thus bring in new men and ideas, and tend to materially widen out a more general knowledge of the active working of the Society.

I wish to commend the activities and helpfulness of the two elected in 1923, Messrs. Hinderlang and Mays. They have materially assisted in

the deliberations of the Governing Board, and I wish now to thank them most heartily for their presence and active assistance.

5. Associate Membership.—It would seem that it is quite desirable to interest our Associate members more in the operations of the Society. This class of membership includes individuals, firms and corporations who may be interested in oils, fats, waxes or allied industries. A number of the larger companies, by becoming associate members of our Society, not only add numerically to our membership as well as to its receipts, but also provide an active endorsement of our ideals and work. It is only but just that we should duly recognize all of this, not only in showing them our appreciation, but where advisable giving them the opportunity of presenting before us the result of their own investigations, which is shown in their new developments of processes, materials, machinery, appliances, apparatus, etc. It is very fitting that we should be fully informed of any new advances in their line of work in addition to what we ourselves report through our various committees. We have therefore made it a point to especially invite our associate members to our meetings, and have provided a place for them in our programs. The readiness with which they have accepted the opportunity, proves that the step has been a wise one.

In furtherance of the ideas just presented, I suggest the formation of an annual committee to be named by the President, as other committees are, to be known as the Industrial Committee. The duties of this committee will be to keep in touch with all new advances in any lines of endeavor of particular interest to our Society, and to report regularly to the Society the result of their findings, the same to be printed in our JOURNAL. By this means our members will be provided with advanced and timely knowledge of important steps and improvements.

6. Membership Losses.—It is not pleasant to record the loss of any one of our members through any cause, but I think it is eminently proper that we express our regret at the resignation of Mr. G. G. Fox, who as its Sixth President presided over the Society during the year 1915-16. Only once before have we had occasion to record the loss of active participation of a Past President, which was through the death of Dr. Smalley, our Fourth President. Just a few months ago Mr. Fox, in his New Year's words of cheer and encouragement in the January Chemists' Section, sent his greetings to the membership in well chosen and timely words. We now reciprocate these pleasant wishes, and we earnestly hope for Mr. Fox in his new line of activity the abundant success which he eminently deserves. He has always been a valued member of the Society, and was an especially valuable and progressive executive during the period of his administration, and thereafter upon the Governing Board.

7. Conclusion.—For myself, I wish to extend to each member of the Society my cordial thanks for their coöperation during the past year. I

have felt that we were all working along the same line, and desired most of all the best forward movement for the Society, and a decided increase in its prestige and growth. I have appreciated greatly this generous help. I cannot say that we have done any great things during the year, but we have had ideals, and in endeavoring to carry them out, I together with your other officers have not spared ourselves in hard work and close attention to our duties. I do not know as to the outcome, except what relates to myself, and I feel sure that I am better for having been associated in the Society as its past ranking officer, and I feel that my efforts have certainly improved my own self, even if they have not gone further. For the privilege of doing this work for the Society and for each member of it, I wish to extend my grateful thanks. I trust that the future will bring very encouraging growth, and that the Society will become still more prominent in affairs of the scientific world, and bring still greater credit to its members.

I bespeak the same cooperation to my successor that you have shown to me, and I trust you will so support his administration that it will prove the best we have ever had.

THE BATTLE LABORATORY,
MONTGOMERY, ALA.,
May, 1924

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT 1923-24

BY THOS. B. CALDWELL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

April 30, 1924

Receipts:

Cash on hand, April 30, 1923.....	\$ 753.14
Accounts Receivable, April 30, 1923.....	22.39
Dues Collected, 1922-23 1 Active Member.....	6.00
1923-24 214 Active Members.....	1,284.00
1924-25 29 Active Members.....	174.00
1923-24 33 Corp'n Members.....	330.00
1924-25 12 Corp'n Members.....	120.00
Sales, Fuller's Earth, 145 cans.....	116.00
Moisture Dishes, 503.....	30.18
Standard Salts, 47 bottles.....	47.00
Fees, Referee Certificates, Individual 1923-24.....	20.00
Corp'n 1923-24.....	65.00
Individual 1924-25.....	22.00
Corp'n 1924-25.....	70.00
Oil Samples, 1923-24.....	290.00
Check Meal Samples, 1922-23.....	15.00
1923-24.....	1,050.00
Interest on Liberty Bonds.....	17.00

\$4,431.71