

# Oil Chemists Meet in New York

## First Autumn Meeting, Held at Chemists' Club, Declared Successful by Members Attending

**O**N Friday, October 28, the first Mid-year Meeting of The American Oil Chemists' Society convened in Rumford Hall, the auditorium of the Chemists' Club, at 52 East 41st Street, New York City.

The Autumn meeting is an innovation planned by Mr. H. P. Trevithick, President, to be an annual feature of the activities of the Society, primarily to promote interest in the Society's work among the many members who are unable, for one reason or another, to attend the Annual meeting, which is generally held in some Southern city in the Spring.

The expectations of the President and the Governing Committee were fully realized, and a large and enthusiastic attendance, rivalling in numbers the average attendance at the Annual meetings, voted the first Mid-year Meeting a complete success.

The program for the meeting was published in the October issue of OIL AND FAT INDUSTRIES, and

the Minutes are published herewith.

On the evening of the same day a most enjoyable social feature was the Banquet, presided over by Dr. Wesson as Toastmaster, at which Dr. Charles H. Herty made an interesting address on the relations of American Chemical industry to the rapidly developing cartel or "trust" systems of European nations, with their interlocking trade agreements for division of world markets. Dr. Herty, who, through his position as head of the Chemical Foundation, is in close touch with all American manufacturers of dyestuffs and heavy chemicals, expressed confidence that our industries will not be caught napping, and will be prepared to obtain their share of the World's chemical business in the face of whatever developments the new European agreements may bring forth.

Dr. Herty's address was received with the most enthusiastic interest by the Members present, who extended him a rising vote of thanks for his able presentation of an absorbing topic.

## Minutes of the Mid-Year Meeting

The following are the Minutes of the Meeting held Friday, October 28th, at The Chemists Club, New York City.

Alan Porter Lee was appointed as Acting Secretary.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:15 with 42 members and 10 visitors present.

After an explanation by the President of the history of the gavel which was presented to the

Society by Dr. Battle several years ago, the first address was given. This was a history of the Society from its inception in 1909, which was given by Dr. David Wesson, one of the charter members.

The next number on the program was the President's report of the activities of the Society since the annual meeting in May. The President's Report is published in

full in this issue of OIL & FAT INDUSTRIES.

In lieu of the Secretary's report, Mr. Putland, Chairman of the Membership Committee, reported 37 new members; that 19 had resigned or were suspended for non-payment of dues, leaving a net gain of 18. This is a very good showing for this time of the year.

The next address was given by Mr. I. G. Priest of the Bureau of Standards on the cooperative work of the Bureau of Standards and the American Oil Chemists Society. He also discussed the tests made on the color vision of the members present in Memphis last May and also discussed the possibility of testing Olive Oil by the use of the ultra violet ray. Mr. Priest's address will be published in full in an early issue of OIL & FAT INDUSTRIES.

After Mr. Priest's very interesting talk, there was quite a general discussion. Dr. Ittner desired to know whether the Olive Oils which apparently were extracted, had been refined and then tested.

Dr. Richardson discussed particularly the report on the Lovibond glasses and the cooperative work, and noted the fact that the magnitude of the variations in the color readings is about the same as the variations in the glasses themselves, and also suggested that the Society transmit these reports to the Tintometer Company in England, and suggest cooperation with them.

Mr. Priest replied, by stating, that he had already sent some reports to the Company, and also in answer to a question, replied that no other company was making the glasses. Mr. Priest had already written the Tintometer Co. in length, and suggested that the Society follow the matter up and

this was agreed to, unanimously.

Dr. M. H. Ittner of Colgate then addressed the Society on the use of oils and fats in the soap industry.

The following Committee reports were then given:

H. C. Moore on the Smalley Foundation.

David Wesson on the Dubosq Colorimeter in which he outlined his plans, and on which instrument Mr. Priest has already done some preliminary work.

Dr. W. D. Richardson then discussed the Fat Analysis Committee, and its work, and called a meeting for two o'clock.

Mr. Priest then discussed the Dubosq Colorimeter, explaining how it was to be used. He said that the general tendency is to match brightness rather than hue, and suggested that the Society act on this question. He suggested that a sample of oil could be prepared which would equal 35 Yellow—7.6 in color and that this sample could be used as the standard in the Dubosq Colorimeter. He also believed that standard glasses could be obtained in America.

Mr. Irwin then discussed the Moisture Committee, and reported progress.

Dr. Wesson reported that Dr. Charles Herty and Dr. Browne of the Bureau of Chemistry have accepted positions as judges of the Chevreul Prize Contest.

The report of the Cake Color Committee was then given and followed by a discussion of the Basic Research Committee by Mr. Barrow the Chairman, in which he reported on the meeting in Washington during that week.

Reports were also given on the following Committees:

Dr. Louis M. Roeg, outlined the plan for the work on differentiat-

ing between pressed and extracted olive oil.

Mr. B. H. Thurman reported progress in the formation of his Committee and outlined the work to be done on Linseed and its products.

Mr. Guernsey of the Detergent Committee gave a preliminary report.

Mr. Cluff also reported for the General Refining Committee and for the three sub-Committees, Neutral Oil, Color and the Corn Oil Committee.

Mr. R. M. Chapman outlined his program for the Ammonia Committee.

Following these reports, Dr. F. H. Meisnest, Oil Expert of the Tariff Commission, gave an able address on the Production and Utilization of Fish Oils. His talk was very much enjoyed and the paper will appear in the Journal.

Among others, these were present:

I. G. Priest  
Wm. E. Anderson  
R. W. Bailey  
E. R. Barrow  
James Bassett  
W. S. Baylis  
A. K. Church  
Arthur Delafontaine  
W. H. Dickhart  
A. A. Jackson  
James E. Egan  
C. V. Ekroth  
Carleton Ellis  
R. H. Fash  
R. C. Hatter  
W. H. Irwin  
M. H. Ittner  
B. N. Glick  
M. F. Lauro  
A. P. Lee  
C. O. Lowe  
E. T. Marceau  
Miss Rosalind Norris  
R. W. Perry

W. A. Peterson  
A. W. Putland  
W. D. Richardson  
M. L. Sheeley  
A. W. Thomas  
B. H. Thurman  
H. P. Trevithick  
F. M. Turner  
J. J. Vollertsen  
David Wesson  
L. C. Whiton  
H. E. Corman  
D. E. Bergen  
R. W. Wehler  
F. H. Meisnest  
Chas. Herty  
J. P. Harris  
P. C. Watson  
F. L. Horine  
H. M. Dickinson  
R. M. Miller  
L. M. Gill  
J. M. Wilson  
F. L. Hiller

The following members were at meetings of the N. Y. Committee, but were unable to be present at the fall meeting:

A. L. Chesley  
H. E. Cutts  
H. W. Valteich  
C. V. Bacon

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