

Editorial

PRESIDENT HARRIS REMARKS

“WELCOME to our FAIR CITY! In fact to our World's Fair City. We are purposely going to refrain from handing you over the keys to the city, because less than 2 weeks ago the City of Chicago handed the keys to the city over to a bunch of wild Legionnaires, and they took it seriously, and boy, oh, boy! What they did to the Fair City.

Seriously, we welcome you on behalf of Chicago and of your Chicago Convention Committee, and we want to take this opportunity of making an acknowledgement to that Chicago Committee for the splendid work they have done this year and in previous years. With such men as Will Irwin, John Vollertsen, Dr. Tolman, Al King, Al Putland, Mel Sheely, and Al MacGee, working on this committee, it really doesn't make any difference, what kind of a fellow you have for president.

I am happy to present to you what I believe to be the best program that the society has ever offered, but I take no credit for this, personally, and am pleased to acknowledge credit where credit is due, as the man chiefly responsible for our program is none other, than that

tireless worker for the Society, Will Irwin. Mr. Irwin, please stand up and take your bow.

Also we are unusually fortunate in having with us this year, our first vice-president and chairman of the membership committee, W. D. Hutchins. I want to particularly acknowledge the splendid work that he is doing on getting members for the Society. I believe that his work surpasses anything that has ever been done in the past, as I am reliably informed that we have already secured 38 new members in less than six months of his leadership of the membership committee. Hutch, kindly rise and take your bow.

And finally, I want to acknowledge the splendid work done in connection with the soap part of our program, by that “noblest Roman of them all,” Archie Campbell. Most anyone can be president, but only our friend, Mr. Campbell, is perennially vice president and chairman of the soap section and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his fine work in this connection. Mr. Campbell, please rise and take your bow and also take over this meeting.”

The Seventh Fall Meeting *From the Viewpoint of An Old Timer.*

THE seventh annual Fall Meeting of The American Oil Chemists' Society held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, October 12th and 13th, surpassed in interest and attendance all previous records. Intended originally as an auxiliary meeting to afford opportunity for those members unable to attend the Spring Meeting to get together for an interchange of ideas, these Fall Meetings have grown in such proportions as to threaten to overshadow the importance of the Annual Meeting of the parent organization.

One is impressed with the high excellence of the technical papers presented covering a wide range of interesting subjects, and the obvious familiarity and understanding of the speakers presenting them. Notwithstanding the numerous counter attractions and diversions offered by Chicago and the Century of Progress Exposition which tempted the members at this session, the enthusiastic interest and uninterrupted attention throughout the meetings was most noticeable. There was a total absence of the diminishing attendance so frequently noted at technical meetings, it being especially noticeable that the attendance of the second day's session was larger than the first. Instead of a program consisting primarily of committee reports with accompanying tabulations and graphs interspersed with an occasional scientific paper, the President, John P. Harris and the Chicago Program Committee, headed by Mr. W. H. Irwin as Chairman, presented a large number of capable speakers covering a wide range of interesting subjects in a highly interesting and instructive manner. Committee reports were briefed to record the progress made and results accomplished without the tiresome details of accompanying experimental work. The

mechanical arrangement for presenting stereopticon slides was especially good, and enabled the speakers to amplify their subjects with appropriate illustrations and graphs.

The meeting was largely attended by members from the Middle Western and Eastern sections, with a quite representative group from Canada. Only a small number from the South were present. Not only in the geographical sections represented, but in the character of subjects discussed is there a distinct difference between the Fall and Spring meetings. For the most part the Spring meetings cover the business of the Society and a wide diversity of committee reports covering various activities interspersed with technical papers and discussions covering the production and processing of primary products, while on the other hand the Fall meeting presents a cross section of the technical uses of these products and by-products by the consuming industries. Both phases are interesting—there is much value to be derived from a closer contact of these two groups of scientific thought and experience. While it is the purpose of the Society that it embrace all technical industries allied to Oils and Fats and that its scientific work be developed along industrial sectional lines, it would be unfortunate should this development result in a division along geographical sectional lines. It has been suggested that a change in By-Laws be considered which would make possible the selection of a time and place which would offer an opportunity for a large part of the combined membership to come together at the Society's Annual Meeting.

During the intermission of the first day's session an informal luncheon was held in a private dining