

THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

XXXIII.—PROCEEDINGS.

Regular Meeting, November 6, 1879.

The meeting was called to order at half-past eight o'clock, Prof. Leeds in the chair. In the absence of Dr. Goldschmidt, Mr. Casamajor acted as Recording Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following report of the last meeting of the Board of Directors was read :

Meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Chemical Society, held Monday, October 20, 1879, at the office of Messrs. G. H. Nichols & Co., 41 Cedar Street.

Present—Messrs. Squibb, Chandler, Endemann, Waller, Goldmark, Nichols and Casamajor.

Dr. Squibb in the chair.

In the absence of Dr. Goldschmidt, Mr. Casamajor was appointed Secretary. It was—

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to send a circular to the principal Public Libraries, asking subscriptions to the JOURNAL of the Society, with a blank order attached. The price of the JOURNAL is to be \$5.00 a year, without discount.

A discussion took place on the scarcity of funds in the treasury of the Society, during the course of which, attention was called to the fact that the furniture of the rooms of the Society, which was to have been paid by private subscription, had been paid out of the general fund.

It was also shown that two hundred and eighty dollars, belonging to the Library Fund, had been spent in publishing the JOURNAL and for other purposes.

To meet these deficiencies, it was—

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of two members to solicit a subscription of \$600, to pay for the furniture of the rooms, and another subscription of \$280, to make good the Library Fund.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Casamajor and Nichols as such committee.

For the purpose of increasing the revenue of the Society, it was—

Resolved, That the Board of Directors recommend to the Society a change in the By-Laws, by which the annual dues of resident members be raised to ten dollars a year, to take effect after the first of next January.

A discussion took place on the advisability of removing the headquarters of the Society to some other locality. The present rooms were thought to be unnecessarily large and expensive, and Fourteenth street too noisy, on account of the great number of carriages which keep up a constant rumbling. This evil, at times, reaches such an extent, that it is difficult for all persons in the room to hear the speaker distinctly. On these accounts it was—

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of two, to look for other rooms, and report to the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Goldmark and Casamajor.

The meeting then passed to the recommendation of the Directors, concerning a change in the By-Laws, whereby Section V. shall be altered to read as follows:

“Members residing in New York City, or within a radius of thirty miles about New York, shall pay an initiation fee of \$5.00. The annual dues of such members shall be \$10.00.

“Other members and the associates shall not be required to pay any initiation fee. The annual dues of such members and associates shall be \$5.00.

“The annual payment of dues may be commuted by a single payment of \$100.

“Members and associates in arrears for dues, for one year, may be dropped from the roll.”

Notice having been given by Mr. W. H. Nichols, at the September meeting, of the intended change, the alteration was in order.

Mr. Nichols urged the necessity of providing for the expenses of the Society, and he thought that the resident members, who enjoy the advantages of using the rooms and the library, should contribute more liberally than non-residents.

Dr. Squibb called the attention of the meeting to the excellence of the *JOURNAL* of the Society, as at present conducted, which was well worth the price of \$5.00 to every member; as, in addition to this, resident members had other privileges which were well worth of themselves \$5.00, \$10.00 a year seemed fair for the annual dues of resident members.

The recommendation of the Board of Directors was, on motion, unanimously adopted.

The next business in order was the report of the Nominating Committee.

According to the plan approved at the October meeting, the Nominating Committee (Messrs. Goldschmidt, Endemann and Goldmark) presented the following names for the approval of the Society. The offices of President and Vice-Presidents are left blank, to be filled in by every member with the candidates of his choice.

President.

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Vice-Presidents.

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Corresponding Secretary.

P. CASAMAJOR.

Recording Secretary.

ARTHUR H. ELLIOTT.

Treasurer.

W. H. NICHOLS.

Librarian.

E. WALLER.

Curators.

S. A. GOLDSCHMIDT, S. P. SHARPLES,
A. A. FESQUET.

Committee on Papers and Publications.

H. ENDEMANN, ARNÓ BEHR,
GIDEON E. MOORE.

Committee on Nominations.

HANBURY SMITH, J. GOLDMARK,
GEO. M. MILLER, A. BOURGOUNGON,
J. C. BATTERSHALL.

Board of Directors.

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 } *Three Local Vice-Presidents.*

P. CASAMAJOR,
ARTHUR H. ELLIOTT,
W. H. NICHOLS,
E. WALLER,
H. ENDEMANN,

C. F. CHANDLER,
H. MORTON,
W. M. HABIRSHAW,
E. R. SQUIBB,
J. GOLDMARK.

As some of the Directors named in the above list will probably be elected as local Vice-Presidents, and be made Directors by this action, other names may have to be added, at the December meeting, to fill the vacancies created in this way.

The following persons were elected members: W. I. Outhont, Henry Doscher, and Henry C. Treist.

The following members were proposed by W. H. Chandler, and seconded by E. Waller and P. Casamajor: George Convers and Ed. H. Williams. Henry C. Meyer was proposed as associate, by Henry Morton, and seconded by H. Endemann and P. Casamajor.

The first paper was read by Lucius Pitkin, a student of the School of Mines: "On the Formation of Compound Platinates, and a New Platino-Potassium Salt." The next paper was by James H. Stebbins, Jr., "On Several New Coloring Matters."

A paper by H. Endemann, on "Boracic Acid as a Preservative," had been announced. Owing to the absence of Dr. Endemann this paper was not read. It was left to his option whether he should read this paper at the next meeting, or whether it should be read by title, and published in the *JOURNAL*. The next paper was by P. Casamajor, "On the Action of Bone Black on Solutions of Pure Sugar."

The following communication was received from Dr. Hanbury Smith:

I found the following item of news in a Swedish newspaper published in New York, called *Nordstjerman* (the north star), which I translate freely for the benefit of members not conversant with the Swedish tongue.

"A monument to Berzelius was uncovered on the 20th of August, at Wäfersunda, where the great scientist was born, on the same day of the month, 1779. The monument, twelve feet high, is of rough, hewn granite, with a finer cut inscription plate, on which, beneath a star, is cut in letters of gold: 'Here was born, in the year 1779, John Jacob Berzelius, the world-renowned scientist. The people of his native place raised this stone, 1879.' The monument is placed in a grove between the church and the house in which he was born. After music, Lagercrantz, Burgomaster of Wadstena, read a biographical sketch of the life of Berzelius, dedicating the monument to his memory. A chorus from Motala sang appropriate national songs, the band played, the festive bowls were produced, and toasts and speeches alternated with song and hurrahs. Engineer Werner Cronquist, in proposing a toast to the memory of Berzelius, dwelt upon the value of his labors to the industries of his country, especially as regards native, raw material. Dr. Novén proposed the health of the widow, Baroness Berzelius, also, the health of his relations, several of whom were present. Jacob Berzelius replied for himself and them. A supper finished the ceremonies."