

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY.

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*Regular Meeting, September 19th, 1884.*

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P. M. Prof. A. R. Leeds in the chair.

The minutes of the meeting of June 6th were read and approved. The chairman read the titles of recent additions to the library.

The following papers were read : Toughening (Purification) of Gold and Silver in the Crucible. James C. Booth, Ph. D.

Zinc in Drinking Water. F. P. Venable, Ph. D. Discussion by Messrs. Stebbins, Mackintosh, Breneman and Wheeler.

Action of Ammonium Hydrate on the Halogen Salts of Lead. Julian Wood and J. S. Borden of the University of N. C.

Rate of Reversion of Phosphates prepared from Red Navassa Rock, W. B. Phillips, Ph. D.

Reversion of Phosphoric Acid by heat, together with some observations on the fine grinding of analytical samples, W. B. Phillips, Ph. D.

Some Cotton-seed Analysis, E. A. De Schweinitz.

Decomposition of Potassium Cyanide, J. F. Wilkes.

The following gentlemen were proposed for membership: George H. Weiss, 100 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, E.D., proposed by P. Casamajor, A. A. Breneman, H. Endemann. Conrad Baker, jr., 215 Pearl street, New York ; proposed] by P. Casamajor, A. A. Breneman, H. Endemann.

The meeting was then adjourned.

C. E. MUNSELL,  
Recording Secretary.

## PROF HOFMANN'S LETTER.

The following letter from Prof. A. W. Hofmann will explain itself:

10 DOROTHEA STREET, BERLIN, June 30th, 1884.

*My Dear Sir:*—I hasten to acknowledge your kind letter, dated June 12th, announcing to me the new honor conferred upon me by my American friends and colleagues.

And a great honor I consider it to become the successor of my dear old friend Prof. Wöhler. The value I attach to my election into the place made vacant by his death, will be best appreciated by a glance at a short biographical sketch of Wöhler, which I published some time ago, and of which I forward a copy for the library of the Society.

May I ask you, my dear sir, to be, with my new colleagues, the interpreter of my sense of gratitude.

Ever yours most sincerely,

(Signed,)

A. W. HOFMANN.

P. CASAMAJOR, Esq.,

Secretary of the American Chemical Society.