

THE WASHINGTON MEETING.

The third general meeting of the American Chemical Society was held at Washington August 17 and 18, 1891.

A conference of chemists representing many different organizations was held at the same time to consider further the question of more general organization of chemists in America. The result of this conference has been a substantial agreement on the part of the chemists present to recommend the union, under the name and organization of the American Chemical Society, of all the members of the different societies represented, and the reorganization of local chemical societies as local sections of the American Chemical Society. In pursuance of this recommendation the chemists of New York and vicinity have already taken steps to organize a New York section of the Society and it is expected that other chemists throughout the country will take similar action.

Certain modifications of the charter and constitution of the Society, which were suggested at the conference, will be decided upon at the next general meeting of the Society.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

Monday, August 17, 1891.

The meeting was called to order at 10:50 A. M., in the Lecture Hall of the Columbian University. President Geo. F. Barker in the chair. The meeting was opened with a short address by the president.

The following nominations were made :

AS MEMBERS.

Jas. T. Anderson, Auburn, Alabama.

H. W. Austin, 1834 Jefferson place, Washington, D. C.

George H. Baert, Ph. C., West Lafayette, Indiana.

W. G. Berry, Chemist Health Dept., N. Y. City.
A. A. Bennett, Ames, Iowa.
M. Bird, North Louisiana, Experiment Station, Calhoun, La.
Arthur Lee Brown, 21 Spruce street, New York, N. Y.
E. A. Congdon, 18 Broadway, N. Y.
Henry E. Curtis, Lexington, Ky.
L. M. Dennis, Asst. Prof. Anal. Chem., Cornell Univ., Ithaca, N. Y.
George H. Ellis, A. B., Evanston, Illinois.
H. H. Harrington, College Station, Texas.
J. H. Kastle, Lexington, Ky.
B. W. Kilgore, Raleigh, North Carolina.
J. H. Long, Ph. D., Chicago Med. College, Chicago, Ill.
N. W. Lord, Ohio State Univ., Columbus, Ohio.
S. R. McKee, Matthews, North Carolina.
Herbert Marsland, Lincoln, Nebraska.
John A. Meyers, W. Va. Agr. Expt. Sta., Morgantown, Va.
G. W. Miles, Jr., 55 Fulton street, New York, N. Y.
G. E. Patrick, Agl. College & Exp. Sta., Ames, Iowa.
A. M. Peter, Chemist Ag. Exp. Sta., Lexington, Ky.
William Robertson, 68 Meeting street, Charleston, S. C.
Rudolph J. J. De Roode, Morgantown, W. Va.
B. B. Ross, Baton Rouge, La.
Edgar F. Smith, Ph. D., Univ. of Penna., Philadelphia, Pa.
Chas. A. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Iowa City, Iowa.
Dr. Hans von Strombeck, De La Vergne Ice Machine Co., N. Y.
W. C. Stubbs, Audubon Park, La.
A. R. Whitehill, Morgantown, W. Va.

AS ASSOCIATES.

Dr. E. A. Goodridge, Flushing, N. Y.
Chas. E. Keaton, Nostrand and Park aves., Brooklyn, N. Y.
W. C. Tiffany, 21 Spruce street, New York, N. Y.
C. F. Vanderford, University of Tenn., Knoxville, Tenn.
David S. Wood, Flushing, N. Y.

The reading of papers was then taken up. The following papers were read :

- I. "A New Form of Voltameter," by G. C. Caldwell.
- II. "A Theory of the Chlorite and Mica Groups." F. W. Clarke.
- III. "On the Occurrence of Tin in Canned Goods." H. A. Weber.
- IV. "On the Composition of American and European Chestnuts." Wm. Frear.

The meeting was then adjourned until August, 18th, at 10 A.M.

DURAND WOODMAN,
Recording Secretary.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1891.

The meeting was called to order at 11 A. M. in the lecture room of the Columbian University, President G. F. Barker in the chair.

The minutes of the previous session were read and accepted.

The following nominations were made :

- W. W. COOKE, Agr. Expt. Station, Burlington, Vt.
 PROF. WILLIAM FREAR, State College, Centre Co., Pa.
 WM. HUTCHINSON, M. D., 207 Clinton st., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 J. C. MIMS, 124 Bryan st., Savannah, Ga.
 CLIFFORD RICHARDSON, Washington, D. C.
 LOTHAR STERNBERG, Am. Sugar Refining Co., Jersey City, N. J.
 CHARLES WELLINGTON, Amherst, Mass.
 DAVID WESSON, B. S., Wilson Lard Co., Guttenberg, N. J.
 PROF. L. W. WILKINSON, Agr. and Mech. College Auburn, Neb.

The following papers were then read :

I. Identification of Arsenic and Antimony, by Jas. T. Anderson.

II. "On Acid Sulphate of Lime," by H. Endemann.

III. "On Gluten," by H. Endemann.

IV. "On the nature and origin of the Asphalt from the Island of Trinidad," by Clifford Richardson.

V. "Some characteristics of Pinite," by H. W. Wiley. Read by title.

VI. "On Metatitanic Acid," F. P. Dunnington.

Prof. Breneman moved that the thanks of the Society be tendered to Prof. F. W. Clarke and the members of the Washington Chemical Society for their courtesies, also to the authorities of the Columbian University for the use of the building. Carried.

Prof. Barker congratulated the Society on the large attendance and on the interest taken in the meetings and expressed his best wishes for the movement which looks towards the complete organization of the chemists of the country.

The Third General Meeting was then adjourned.

DURAND WOODMAN,
Recording Secretary.

THE CONFERENCE.

A conference meeting of committees representing the following chemical bodies met at 9:30 P. M., Aug. 17th, in the Columbian University, Washington, D. C.

The American Chemical Society.—G. F. Barker, A. A. Breneman, G. C. Caldwell, William McMurtrie, A. H. Sabin, H. H. Nicholson, R. W. Hall—290 members.

The Association of Official Agricultural Chemists.—H. W. Wiley, N. P. Lupton, G. C. Caldwell, W. C. Stubbs, William Frear—75 members.

The Chemical Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.—F. W. Clarke, T. H. Norton, Morris Loeb, Edward Hart—200 members.

The Chemical Section of the Franklin Institute.—Henry Pemberton, Jr.—70 members.

The Washington Chemical Society.—Edgar Richards, F. P. Dewey—70 members.

The Chemical Section of the Brooklyn Institute.—W. H. Kent—75 members.

The Louisiana Sugar Chemists' Association.—C. A. Crampton—52 members.

The Chemical Society of the University of Michigan.—A. B. Prescott—60 members.

The Cincinnati Chemical Society.—Alfred Springer—29 members.

The Manufacturing Chemists' Association of the United States.—Henry Bower.

Prof. A. B. Prescott was made chairman of the conference. Three sessions of the conference were held, on Monday evening, August 17th, and on Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon, August 18th, respectively.

The subject of the general organization of chemists in America was very fully considered. The work of the conference is best summed up in the following resolution, which was carried unanimously :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this conference, 1st. That the American Chemical Society be so extended as to include the members of all local societies in its membership; 2d. That the New York members of the American Chemical Society be requested to organize a local section of the American Chemical Society in New York.

Conference adjourned.