

FIFTH GENERAL MEETING,

HELD AT ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 16th and 17th, 1892.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 A. M., Aug. 16, 1892, in the Lecture Room of the Reynolds' Laboratory of the University of Rochester. Vice-President Prof. A. A. Breneman in the chair.

The Chairman regretted that the President, Prof. G. C. Caldwell of Cornell University could not be present owing to absence in Europe and spoke briefly of the growth and present prospects of the Society; the regular order of business was then taken up.

On motion, reading of the minutes of the June Meeting was omitted.

The following members were elected :

Dr. Henry Carmichael, 12 P. O. Square, Boston.

Prof. E. T. Fristoe, Columbian University, Washington, D. C.

Prof. N. T. Merrill, Burlington, Vt.

Dr. E. A. de Schweinitz, Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Geo. Steiger, 1303 F street, Washington, D. C.

The following nominations were made :

Prof. L. W. Andrews, State University, Iowa City, Iowa.

Dr. W. N. Bullard, Helena, Montana.

Mr. Halsey Durand, 49 Franklin street, Newark, N. J.

Dr. Samuel H. Griffith, U. S. N., U. S. S. "Jamestown," New London, Conn.

Mr. F. L. Harding, Long Branch, N. J.

Mr. Thos. P. Kingsford, Oswego Starch Factory, Oswego, N. Y.

Mr. James Locke, Am. Glucose Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Prof. E. G. Smith, Beloit, Wis.

Mr. John B. Stearns, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt.

The following papers were read :

I. "On some new Nickel Minerals," by Dr. S. H. Emmens; read by the Secretary, in the absence of the author.

II. "A Peculiar Reaction of Niagara River Water," by Edward Gudeman, Ph. D.

III. "On the Use of Fluorides in the Manufacture of Alcohol," by Dr. Leo. Baekeland; read by the Secretary, in the absence of the author.

IV. Obituary: "Jean Servais Stas," by Prof. Edward W. Morley; read by the Corresponding Secretary, in the absence of the author.

V. "The Estimation of Levulose in Mixtures," by Dr. H. W. Wiley.

The resignation of the Librarian, Dr. C. E. Munsell, was read, and referred to the Board of Directors.

Invitations were read from the Eastman Kodak Co., and the Bausch & Lomb Optical Co., to visit their respective works.

It was moved that the invitation of the Eastman Co. be accepted for three o'clock of Tuesday, August 16th, and the invitation of the Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. for nine o'clock on the following day, and that the Secretary notify the companies of the acceptance of their invitations and of the times appointed.

The Session was then adjourned.

DURAND WOODMAN,
Recording Secretary.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The second session of the Fifth General Meeting was called to order at 2:15 P. M., Wednesday, August 17th. The minutes of the first day's session were read and accepted. The Chair called attention to the death of Doctor T. Sterry Hunt, and suggested that a suitable notice of his life and work should be prepared.

It was moved that such a notice be prepared, and that Prof. G. F. Barker be asked to prepare the memorial. Carried.

The Chair asked for a report from the Committee on the World's Congress of Chemists.

Prof. Wm. McMurtrie, chairman of the committee appointed by the Society at the December meeting, reported that the Chicago committee had arranged to work with the committee of the Society as a joint committee, but that no further definite arrangements had been made.

Prof. J. H. Long, of Chicago, by request spoke upon the same subject. He stated that it had been decided to extend invitations to chemists abroad in the joint name of the World's Fair Auxiliary

Committee and of the American Chemical Society; that the Fair Committee agrees to furnish rooms for meetings and to publish the proceedings; also that a list of American and foreign chemists had been prepared to serve as an advisory committee.

Prof. McMurtrie stated that a circular would soon be issued asking for views on the subject from American and foreign chemists.

Prof. W. H. Dudley then moved that the new Constitution as left by the Committee on Revision at their meeting of the preceding day, be read by the Secretary. Carried.

Dr. Wiley then read the draft of the Constitution.

After some discussion it was moved that this meeting recommend to the committee of fifteen on Revision of the Constitution, that each member of the Society be allowed only two votes for member of the Council. Also that the article upon amendments to the Constitution be modified, so as to permit the presentation to the Society of all amendments received by the Council.* Carried.

Dr. Wiley moved that a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take measures to amend the charter, so as to remove the section requiring that a majority of the Board of Directors shall be residents of New York. Carried.

The following papers were then read by title:

I. "The Alkaloids of Sabadilla," by Richard Fischer; communicated by Dr. A. B. Prescott.

II. "Note on the Recovery of Arsenic," by Dr. A. B. Prescott.

III. "The Albumenoids of Maize," by Dr. George Archbold.

IV. "Note on the direct oxidation of organic matter in water," by Prof. W. P. Mason.

A vote of thanks was then moved to the University of Rochester and to Prof. Lattimore in particular, for the courtesies and kindnesses extended to the Society. Carried.

A vote of thanks was also given to the Eastman Kodak Company and to the Bausch & Lomb Optical Co.

The meeting was then adjourned.

DURAND WOODMAN, Recording Secretary.

* The Committee on Revision of the Constitution, at a meeting held immediately after the close of the general meeting, rejected the first of these recommendations and adopted the second.—ED.