

NEW BOOK.

Helvetica Chimica Acta. Vol. I, No. 1. Editors: E. BOSSHARD, FR. FICHTER, PH. A. GUYE, A. PICTET, H. RUPE, A. WERNER. Published by the Swiss Chemical Society. Issued by George & Company, Basel and Geneva.

This new chemical periodical represents the response of Swiss chemists to the present world-wide wave of nationalism. Ph. Guye, President of the Swiss Chemical Society, in the Foreword of the first volume, points out the necessity of some such Journal for his Society, now (1918) seventeen years old. He also gives the interesting information that during 1914, 380 articles on chemical subjects emanated from Swiss laboratories. Some 22 Swiss chemical manufacturing firms have established a guarantee fund to insure the financial success of this venture. The articles in this journal are to be in the three official languages of the country, namely, French, German and Italian.

The first number contains articles by several of Switzerland's most distinguished chemists, and establishes a high standard of excellence, as can be seen in the following table of contents:

- A. WERNER: A New Variety of Isomerism in Compounds of Cobalt and Compounds Containing Asymmetric Cobalt and Carbon.
- PH. A. GUYE AND FRITZ SCHNEIDER: Reduction of the Oxides of Nitrogen to Ammonia; the Stability of Nitrogen Dioxide.
- TH. GASSAMAN: The Occurrence of Hydrogen Selenide in Rain and Snow.
- A. WERNER AND P. KARRER: Nitroso-Pentammine Cobaltic Salts.
- A. WERNER AND SOPH. MATISSEN: On the Constitution of Internally Complex Metallic Salts.
- ALFRED BERTHOUD: Determination of the Surface Tension and Critical Density of Ammonia.
- AMÉ PICTET AND JEAN SARASIN: On the Distillation of Cellulose and Amidon under Reduced Pressure.

The printing, paper and general appearance of this periodical are excellent, and cannot but provoke our admiration and indeed envy.

We congratulate the Swiss Chemical Society and the Board of Editors on this first number of "Helvetica Chimica Acta" and welcome this new addition to the chemical literature of the world. May it serve to give wider attention and recognition to the work of Swiss chemists, and thus help to accelerate the forward progress of our Science.

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