

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL

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The JOURNAL OF OIL AND FAT INDUSTRIES emerged from the chrysalis stage with the July, 1924, issue. At that time it metamorphosed from the Chemists' Section of the *Cotton Oil Press* and took unto itself a garb more becoming its dignity as the official organ of The American Oil Chemists' Society. Perhaps our simile is a bit uncomplimentary to the Cotton Oil Press, without whose help we could never have attained our winged state, but we do not mean it to be. The future life and perfection of form of the butterfly is wholly dependent upon the treatment received during its semi-dormant cycle. So whatever of merit attaches to the present JOURNAL, is largely due to the nurture and kindly handling it received while hidden within the covers of the *Press*. The Editor realizes keenly his indebtedness to Mr. Geldert, the Manager of the *Press*, and gladly embraces this opportunity of expressing his appreciation for the many favors shown to him personally and through him to the Society as an organization.

Your Editor is not in a position to prepare at this time a proper report of the past year's activities. He should have a full tabulation of the income derived from advertising, a summary of the distribution of the JOURNAL and statement of Editorial policy with its conventional frills. Because he has not, he submits a rather superficial survey of the three issues so far published and promises that when the last number of Volume II goes to press it will contain a more satisfactory report of the first eighteen months' life of your JOURNAL.

Volume I was by direction of the Governing Committee issued in two numbers so as to start with a new pagination and volume with the calendar instead of the fiscal year. This report appears in the second number of the second volume and therefore covers only three numbers.

The details of the choice of a suitable form for the new JOURNAL and the choice of printer, Managing Editor and Associates would cover more pages than you individually would care to read or collectively as a Society would care to pay for. Suffice it, therefore, to say that after much designing and revising, the present cover was evolved; and both Mr. Mack, the publisher, and your Editor are rather proud of it. Mr. Fred H. Smith, our Managing Editor, who has had full charge of advertising accepted this responsibility because of his interest in the Society and a journal devoted exclusively to the fat and oil industries. He has served practically without remuneration having used a large portion of his percentage of the advertising income in efforts to increase the publication's circulation. The Society owes him a much greater debt of gratitude than it realizes, for without his experience and everlasting persistence we would have had to draw heavily on our treasury for support of our periodical.

To the majority of your Associate Editors you are also indebted for no small amount of assistance which they have gratuitously given to the Editor and the JOURNAL. Miss MacDonald who was made the Editor's Assistant with the beginning of Volume II has taken care of all matters pertaining to subscriptions and the mailing lists. Perhaps we may be pardoned for inserting here this one personal expression of appreciation. Without her loyal and efficient assistance the job of keeping things moving smoothly when our habitation was shifted from the East to the West just simply could not have been accomplished.

The two numbers of Volume I contained 80 pages of original contribution, committee reports and editorials and 26 pages of advertising. The first number of Volume II, 31 pages of contributions, 3 of abstracts and 15 of advertisements. There have been altogether 26 authors of papers represented in our pages and 27 articles or reports published. To those who have helped make the JOURNAL what it has been, by submitting contributions, the Society owes much. The names which have appeared on the cover, of each issue are mostly familiar ones—names of those of our loyal members who believe in the Society enough to work for its advancement and do what they can to further its prestige around the world. In a year or two when we are fully established in the ranks of the scientific periodicals the problem will be how to find space for all the papers submitted, just now it is the Editor's nightmare, to locate enough of the right sort of stuff to fill each issue, and we will not publish unsuitable papers even if we have to go to press with blank pages.

Even a casual glance at the mailing list indicates that a most gratifying distribution of the JOURNAL is being attained. Among the nearly 325 subscribers are 13 in England, 5 in Canada and 1 or 2 in Australia, Denmark, Holland, Brazil, Mexico, India, South Africa, Norway, Haiti and France. We have already, in less than a year, thus circled the globe and are just getting started.

As to the cost of this venture to the Society, that will appear in the Treasurer's report in so far as it is possible for him to match up the expenses incurred in the fiscal year with the JOURNAL income which is largely on the calendar year basis. That it is not paying its way as yet is quite evident, but it is costing us little if any more than the Chemists' Section in the *Cotton Oil Press*, and if we can only increase our subscription list to the point where we can raise our advertising rates and thus get more income from both sources we can make it a monetary asset.

As a finale to this most unconventional report your Editor wishes to say that he believes as the Managing Editor has suggested, that the entire matter of the JOURNAL should be in the hands of one man. This means some one who will solicit both papers and advertising, edit manuscripts and collect advertising bills, read all proofs and solicit new subscriptions

and make collections and pay bills. If we can only find someone who does not know what a job all this would be, or who has an independent income and plenty of leisure, as well as the ambition and willingness to sacrifice for a noble cause, let us hire him forthwith.

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PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS

The following proposed changes in the Societies' By-Laws were considered by the Governing Committee in January and will probably come up for ratification at the New Orleans Convention.

ARTICLE II

Section (a):

Active members shall pay, in advance, each year on June first to the Treasurer of the Society, Six Dollars (\$6.00) annual dues, of which Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) shall be for a year's subscription to the JOURNAL OF OIL & FAT INDUSTRIES.

Section (b):

Active-referee members shall pay, in advance, each year on June first to the Treasurer of the Society, Six Dollars (\$6.00) annual dues, of which Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) shall be for a year's subscription to the JOURNAL OF OIL & FAT INDUSTRIES. Active-referee members shall pay in addition Two Dollars (\$2.00) for the annual certificate of the Examining Board. Firms or Corporations shall pay Five Dollars (\$5.00) for their annual certificate, with Two Dollars (\$2.00) additional for each additional certificate.

Section (c):

Associate members shall pay, in advance, each year on June first to the Treasurer of the Society, Ten Dollars (\$10.00) annual dues, of which Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) shall be for a year's subscription to the JOURNAL OF OIL & FAT INDUSTRIES.

Section (d):

Any member in arrears for dues on July fifteenth shall cease to be a member until all arrears are paid, when he may be reinstated by a majority vote of the Governing Committee.

Section (e):

In case a member is elected after April first of any year, the dues of which Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50) shall be for a year's subscription to the JOURNAL OF OIL & FAT INDUSTRIES then paid shall continue him in good standing until June first of the following year.

This article as adopted at the 1922 meeting reads:

Section (a):

Active or Active-Referee Members shall pay to the Treasurer of the Society, Six Dollars (\$6.00) annual dues, payable in advance, June 1st of each year. Active-referee members shall pay \$2.00 for the annual certificate of the Referee Examining Board.