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At the beginning of the new year in the history of the American Oil Chemists Society, it is well to pause and consider the lessons the past year has taught us so that we can better plan our course for the coming year. No better summary of last year's business of the Society is possible than that contained in the address of our former president, J. J. Vollertsen, at our annual convention in New Orleans last month, and which was published in the May number of this JOURNAL. Its re-perusal is commended to every member of the Society.

The work of the Society can only progress in so far as the individual members take part in its activities. Participation in the work of some committee will aid not only the Society, but the individual. If any member of the society is interested in any particular subject and would like to work on the committee investigating it, he owes it to the Society to communicate with its President and give him the opportunity to utilize those services. If anyone thinks the Society should be investigating a problem for which there is no committee, don't keep the idea to yourself. Suggestions for the betterment of the Society are always in order.

THE JOURNAL OF OIL FAT INDUSTRIES, since it now is being issued monthly, offers us an opportunity to have the results of our individual investigations published quickly. I urge the members to send in their papers. The success of the Society and its JOURNAL depends more upon the efforts of its members than the efforts of its officers. A man may never attend an annual meeting, but by the work he does on committees he may mould the activities of the Society so that his influence is in reality greater than that of any officer.

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