

ciated with the Oil and Fat industry for many years, during all of which he has been known as a chemist of outstanding ability and as an indefatigable worker for the progress of the oil industry in general and for the welfare of The American Oil Chemists' Society in particular.

Mr. Trevithick graduated from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, in 1907 with the degree of Ph.B. Upon his completion of extended post-graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he received the degree of B.S.

In 1909 he entered the employ of the Refuge Cotton Oil Co. of Vicksburg, Mississippi, as Chemist. He remained with this company until 1916 when he entered the In-

secticide Laboratory of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture at Washington.

After a short while in this work, Mr. Trevithick was invited to become Chemist of the New York Produce Exchange and in 1917 he was made Chief Chemist. He is Referee Chemist for the Interstate Cottonseed Crushers Association at New York, and has in addition, an enviable reputation as a consultant in oils, fats and soaps.

Mr. Trevithick has ambitious plans for the further development of the American Oil Chemists Society into an organization of truly national scope and influence.

Oil and Fat Industries congratulates Mr. Trevithick on his election and the Society on its choice of such an able leader.

INAUGURAL LETTER OF PRESIDENT TREVITHICK

Dear Fellow Members:

The high honor you have conferred upon me is greatly appreciated, and I am certainly going to do my best to live up to the high traditions of the office and try to keep the standard of the Society as high as it is at present. To do this, however, it is not only the duty of the President, who is at the most only an executive carrying out the policies of the Society, but also of each individual member, to put his shoulder to the wheel and push.

Those of us who were at the Interstate meetings will remember the story of Mr. J. B. Perry of Grenada, Miss., about the negro stage coach driver. The negro was an expert with the whip and could snap a fly off the ear of the leading horse without touching the ear,

and a grasshopper off the leaf by the roadside. When it was suggested to him, however, that he pick off the hornet from the top of the hornet's nest, he refused, saying that they were organized and would be after him.

In the same way, if we are well organized, we can make the force and power of our Society felt all over this country. Our Committees are one of our means of organization and I would especially urge that any man who has the least desire to serve on any particular Committee would write me to that effect. Also if any one knows of any problem that needs investigation, will he do me the favor of writing me and suggesting it?

The Society has always spent more time on Cottonseed Oil, because of the peculiar situation of

the Society, but it is high time that we branched out into the other vegetable oils more, and I would therefore urge most earnestly that if any of the soap, olive oil, or other members know of any problem in their line upon which the Society can work, that they will write me and I shall be glad to appoint a Committee to handle it.

At the annual meeting in Memphis, the Governing Committee authorized a fall meeting in the North at a time and place to be decided

later. At this meeting, it is especially hoped that the members affiliated with other lines than Cottonseed Oil will be present in large numbers. If these members have any suggestions as to time, place, or program, please let me hear from you. This fall meeting will be more fully discussed later.

In general, it is our earnest desire that the Society this year will definitely prove itself true to name, *The American Oil Chemists' Society*—H. P. Trevithick

American Oil Chemists Meet in Memphis

Eighteenth Convention Develops Largest Attendance and Most Constructive Enthusiasm.

THE Eighteenth Annual Convention of The American Oil Chemists' Society was called to order by President R. H. Fash in the Louis XVI Room of Hotel Peabody, Memphis, Tennessee, at 9:30 A. M. Monday, May 23, 1927.

In spite of the last minute change of location for the meetings from New Orleans to Memphis, which was due to the unprecedented flood situation in the lower Mississippi Valley, there were over seventy-five members in attendance at Memphis, and many well-prepared papers of the greatest interest to the oil and soap industries, were presented.

The business and professional meetings were held in the Peabody Hotel with morning and afternoon sessions on May 23rd and 24th, and the social activities were thoughtfully planned and executed by the local committees of Memphis members, headed by that most accomplished host and toastmaster, Mr. E. R. ("Ed") Barrow.

The entertainment features in-

cluded a delightful buffet luncheon at the Barrow-Agee laboratories on Monday; a motor trip through the magnificent parks and shaded drives of the "Bluff City"; golf at the Country Club for those devoted to the "Ancient and Honorable" game, and the culmination, the annual banquet at the Hotel Peabody, Tuesday evening.

The convention closed with the thought firmly established in the mind of everyone that the spirit of unity, progress and co-operation among all chemists interested in Oils and Fats has made splendid headway and is gathering momentum more rapidly than ever before.

Through the authors' and chairmen's co-operation, many of the papers and committee reports which were presented to the convention were published in full in the May issue of OIL AND FAT INDUSTRIES which was distributed to the members when the convention opened.

The minutes of the Convention and the full text of some additional papers and reports are presented in this issue.