

PROLOGUE

IT IS with appropriate humility that we launch upon our new task, realizing that, especially in such times as these, only he who serves well deserves to prosper.

Our purpose is to offer, in convenient form, the best that can be gathered of scientific and technical articles relating to the manufacture of soap, the production and refining of fats and oils, and the manufacture of developed products, edible or technical, from fats and oils. Recognizing the importance of economic considerations to all manufacturers, we shall not neglect the commercial side of these related businesses, but shall offer the best obtainable material covering raw material conditions and markets, commercial customs and trade practices.

Our policy will include the promotion of progress in the industries which we serve. Plant and process improvement, advances in equipment design, modern marketing methods, improved ideas in quality and cost control, original research efforts and results will be reported in these pages.

We believe that such a well-balanced business paper, presented in attractive form, will prove of unfailing interest to our readers. We shall welcome suggestions from you expressing your desire for more or less of this or that. Our columns are open for discussion and friendly controversy on any subject of interest to you. Contributions will be welcome, criticism likewise.