

## Report of the Secretary

THE report of your secretary is very brief inasmuch as it leaves the reporting of many of the details on membership, finances, journal, etc., to your other officers and executives. Mr. J. P. Harris will, no doubt, inform you with regard to the Society's finances, Mr. S. O. Sorenson with regard to a splendid growth in membership, the writer will attempt in a report scheduled later in this program to tell you something with regard to your journal, and Mrs. Lucy R. Hawkins will tell you in more detail of the operation of the national headquarters office.

Your national headquarters office has been maintained in the Pure Oil Building in Chicago, located at 35 E. Wacker Drive. Its personnel has consisted of Mrs. Lucy R. Hawkins, acting executive secretary, and Mrs. Eleanor Sickel as full-time employees, together with such extra part-time help as from time to time appeared necessary. With the enormous growth in membership of the Society and the concurrent growth in non-member subscriptions to the Journal, as well as the transfer of many duties previously performed by officers, the burden of clerical detail in this office has increased to the point where your Governing Committee has been giving consideration to the possible employment of a third full-time person. These expanding duties have made necessary a gradual addition to our stock of office equipment and furniture and will presumably necessitate further additions in the future. The office space which we now occupy is barely adequate for our present equipment and staff, and expansion of the space will need to be considered seriously if more equipment and personnel are added.

The Society has experienced a remarkable growth in membership during recent years. The following figures illustrate what has happened and show that the membership has practically doubled in the last three years:

	Total Membership	New Members
1934.....	295	66
1942.....	597	....
1943.....	681	93
1944.....	777	152
1945.....	971	216
1946.....	1122	206

The changes during the fiscal year just passed are indicated by the following figures, quoted from the report of the auditor:

	Honorary	Active	Associate		Total
			Individual	Corporate	
March 31, 1945.....	2	881	30	59	972
New members.....		181	1	23	205
Transfers.....	1	1*			
	3	1,061	31	82	1,177
Deaths, resignations and drops.....		49	4	2	55
March 31, 1946.....	3	1,012	27	80	1,122

\* Loss.

We record with regret the death during the year of the following members: G. W. Fawcett, D. F. J. Lynch, M. H. Ittner, L. Werk, O. H. Wurster, and F. E. Twining.

Mr. Sorenson in his report will no doubt give you figures on membership additions which are at variance with those recorded above, but it should be remembered that the figures here given are those covering the fiscal year ended at March 31, 1946.

Our accounts and records have been audited and certified by W. M. Wagner and Company of Chicago. Should any of you be interested in inspecting this detailed report regarding our operations, a copy is available here for your examination. Our accounts have been kept in two sets, one for general Society functions, the other for journal matters. The audit report brings out among other things that there has been a loss of nearly \$1,700 on the Society side and a gain of some \$5,800 on the journal side. The practice has been to charge salaries, office rent and such items not wholly chargeable to one side or the other, 50/50 to each account.

I mention these facts in order to bring out the importance of our main source of revenue and hope I am not encroaching too much on the territory of our worthy treasurer, Mr. Harris. Our journal advertising revenue has been \$13,000 this year, and I cannot refrain from pointing out that without this the Society would certainly operate far in the red. It strikes me that we cannot afford to lose ground in advertising, especially if it becomes necessary to add to our office personnel and expand our office space, and if we are to carry out some of the programs currently being considered such as educational short courses in fats and oils, scholarships, fellowships, etc.

Your other officers and executives will supply you with additional details on the affairs of your Society.

—H. L. ROSCHEN.

New officers of the MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS' ASSOCIATION of the United States are as follows: president—Charles S. Munson, U. S. Industrial Chemicals inc.; vice presidents—Leonard T. Beale, Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company, and H. O. C. Ingraham, General Chemical Company; secretary—Warren N. Watson, Washington, D. C.; and treasurer—J. W. McLaughlin, Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation.

Medals were awarded at the June meeting of the AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING MATERIALS in Buffalo to the following: Charles B. Dudley medal to H. R. Copson, International Nickel Company, Bayonne, N. J.; Richard L. Templin award to R. C. Brumfield, California Institute of Technology; and the Sanford E. Thompson award to C. W. Muhlenbruch, Carnegie Institute of Technology.

THE INTERNATIONAL NICKEL COMPANY INC. announces the opening of its St. Louis (Mo.) technical section of the development and research division, in charge of George A. Fisher, Jr., chemical engineer. It is also establishing a section in Toronto, Canada.

A Chemurgic Research Center has been set up by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station of the A. & M. College of Texas to conduct basic investigations in Texas raw materials and agricultural products. Bryant R. Holland is research chemist and chief. He will cooperate with the Cotton Research committee.