

## Presidential Address

THE time has come again for your president to make his address before the Convention assembled. I shall try to make this address as brief as possible as most of the items that normally come in a report of the president will be covered by individual reports, more in detail. During this past year the activities of the Society have progressed along the same general lines as in preceding years. The various committees



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have been active throughout the year on their various assignments and you will, in turn, hear from them as to progress that has been made by the individual committees.

I wonder if the Society as a whole realizes the activities that are covered by our various committees. I would refer them to the membership list which covers this very active group of workers and call to their attention that during the year we have had 26 committees and 17 sub-committees made up of a total of 331 individuals. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing to the chairman, and through the chairmen to their committees, the appreciation of the Society for the activities that they have

sponsored and carried on during this last fiscal year. The activities of these committees are one of the three principal reasons why the Society has progressed as it has in the past. When you consider that 331 members of the Society out of a total membership of 1,435 are taking an active part in one of the principal activities of the Society, I think it is a very healthful situation and certainly indicates that the membership are very serious in their undertakings and deliberations.

Under the able leadership of R. T. Milner, as chairman of the Membership Committee, there has been added to the roster 338 new members to the Society up to the presentation of this address. There will undoubtedly be others that will be brought into membership before this convention closes and I want to express to our chairman of this important committee our heartiest congratulations for a job well done.

Your Society is in an excellent financial condition, and you will hear the details from the treasurer when his report is submitted.

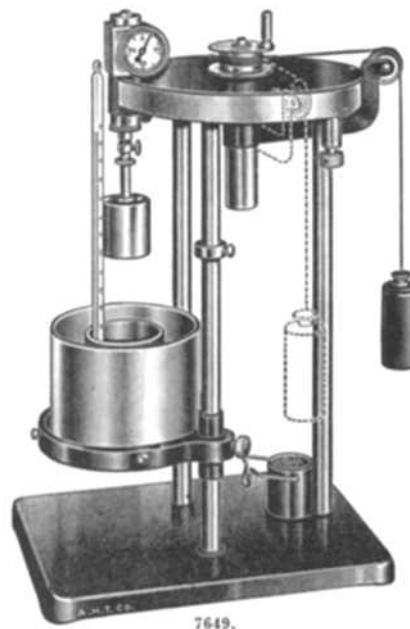
There are a few suggestions that I would like to leave for the consideration of the incoming officers and also for the membership as a whole. If you will look back over the roster of committees that have been active in the years gone by you will find that there are a number of individuals who have given very generously of their time and effort and to them belongs a great deal of credit for the success of our Society up to date. I would like to suggest to the incoming officers and to the chairmen of the various committees that in the selection of their personnel they try to interest other individuals of the Society in taking an active part in the work who have not been active in the past. I would like to suggest that sub-committee work be handled by men who have been in the organization for some time and that these leaders include in the personnel of their committees some of the newer members who have joined us in recent years. In other words, extend the activities of our Society over as broad a range of membership as possible because I definitely feel that the reason for the success of our Society has been the active participation in one form or another of a large number of its personnel.

Mr. Lamar Kishlar, in his presidential address of three years ago, made a very worthwhile suggestion which I am repeating for the consideration of the incoming Board and that is that a committee be formed, known as the Future Planning Committee, to study and report their recommendations as to the activities of the Society to fit our present day needs. Whereas it is true we have done a remarkable piece of work up to date, our membership has increased tremendously, many problems are presenting themselves that we didn't have before us before, and it might be well to take a look at the whole picture of

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