Reports on A.A.A.S. Meeting

GEORGE S. JAMIESON, honorary member of the American Oil Chemists' Society, served as the official representative of the Society at the Centennial meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D. C., September 13-17, 1948. His comment on the first evening meeting, quoting Edmund W. Sinnott on "One World of Science," follows:

"Science is universal. It recognizes no national boundaries, is limited by no racial prejudices, follows no dogma or party line. All these differences, which seem so important in other human activities, are of no significance to science so long as it truly follows its own free spirit. In a perilously divided world this spirit can be of greatest service to mankind."

President Harry S. Truman also addressed the assembly, emphasizing among other essentials the importance of basic research.

Each morning four or five symposia took place concurrently, and each evening as many lectures were given on timely subjects. Symposia were held on the world's natural resources, human individuality, genes and cytoplasm, high polymers, housing, sources of energy, world health problems, the influence of modern developments in nuclear energy upon public health, rhythmic behavior of the nervous system, seven decades of nutritional research, and various other fields.

Evening lectures were devoted to medical research, the human frontier, technics and the future of modern civilization, oxygen isotopes, elementary particles of physics, wood in the industrial world, and what hope there is for man.

Mrs. T. C. Law Dies

MRS. THOMAS C. LAW, the former Sallie Paschal, died in Atlanta, Ga., on September 19, 1948 after a long illness. Her husband was a charter member of the American Oil Chemists' Society and president in 1916 and is active in committee work. A tribute to Mrs. Law from an Atlanta friend is given below:

"Until her health prevented, Mrs. Law was most active in church and civic work, but she found her greatest joy in her home as the companion of her children and their friends, then in frequent visits with her four fine grandchildren. For nearly 40 years the Law home has been a gathering-place for young folks.

"Mrs. Law was actively interested in all that concerned her husband, and he attributes to her help and sound judgment much of the credit for the development of his business. In 1941 and 1942 she traveled extensively with Mr. Law and made many close friends all over America. She was beloved by those who came in contact with her in all walks of life. It was a touching scene at her funeral to see two whole pews of the chapel occupied by the colored servants and colored employees of Law and Company who loved her."

The sympathy of the Society membership is extended to Mr. Law and his family.

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