

ited, and papers given in this manner are always much better received.

The current year has been remarkably successful for The American Chemical Society, and the membership instead of falling off when the dues were increased to \$8 has been largely augmented, and by the end of the year will be approximately thirty-five hundred. *Chemical Abstracts* thus far has exceeded all expectations, and some of the earlier numbers have had to be reprinted to meet the demand. This result is especially encouraging when we remember that a printers' strike and other delays, beyond the control of the editor and outside of his office, have made its appearance annoyingly irregular. The attention of members is called to the fact that this matter has received most careful and business-like attention, and most positive assurances have been received that the new publishers will issue both *Journal* and *Abstracts* on time beginning with the new year.

The summer meeting at Toronto was eminently successful and will be ever remembered by those present. Prospects for the Chicago meeting this winter are very bright, and all members of the society are urged to make every effort to be present. The friendships formed and "esprit de corps" gained at these meetings are of inestimable benefit to the individual and to the profession.

During the year a number of important committees have been appointed and reports made, all of which are published in the proceedings. The offices of editor and secretary have been separated, an associate editor has been engaged whose time is given to the *Journal* and *Abstracts*, and funds for a stenographer have been voted to the editorial office.

Local sections have been established with headquarters at Syracuse, N. Y., St. Louis, Mo., and Madison, Wis.

President Bogert has been especially interested and active in considering the needs and desires of our industrial chemists, and a committee of prominent chemists representing important lines of industry and headed by William D. Richardson, of Swift & Co., Chi-

cago, is now considering the publication of a *Journal of Industrial Chemistry* for the benefit of our members. Their success will depend largely upon the size of our membership, as funds are required for all such undertakings.

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Secretary

THE AMERICAN PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE American Physiological Society will hold its twentieth annual meeting in Chicago, during convocation week, beginning on December 31, 1907. Members of the society are requested to inform the secretary at their earliest convenience whether they intend to be present. The society will hold joint sessions with the American Society of Biological Chemists and with Section K—Physiology and Experimental Medicine—of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The place of meeting will be Room 25, Physiology Building of the University of Chicago. Titles of communications to be offered at the meeting may be sent to the secretary. Inquiries regarding apparatus and other necessities for demonstrations may be addressed to Professor A. J. Carlson (for physiological apparatus), or Professor A. P. Mathews (for chemical apparatus), at the University of Chicago. Further details regarding the headquarters of the society and other local arrangements will be announced later.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE committee on policy of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held a meeting in New York City on November 19. All the members of the committee were present, namely, President R. S. Woodward, chairman; Dr. William H. Welch, retiring president of the association; Professor Edward L. Nichols, president-elect; Dr. L. O. Howard, permanent secretary; Professor J. McK. Cattell, Professor H. L. Fairchild and Professor Charles L. Minot. The business