

The officers elected for the year 1921-22 are

Dr. H. J. Ettlinger—president.

Dr. T. S. Painter—secretary-treasurer.

H. J. ETTLINGER,
Secretary

THE ROCHESTER MEETING OF THE OPTICAL
SOCIETY OF AMERICA

THE Optical Society of America will meet in Rochester, N. Y., on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 24, 25, and 26, at the Hotel Rochester. In order to provide the maximum opportunity for social meetings of members and guests, arrangements will be made for society lunches and dinners.

The regular sessions for the reading of papers will be open to all interested persons.

Members and others desiring to communicate results in optical research are invited to submit titles of papers for the program to the secretary any time before September 25. No arbitrary time limit is set for the presentation of a paper, but each author is requested to estimate *carefully* the time which will be sufficient to present his paper briefly and intelligibly, and to submit this estimate with the title.

Each title must be accompanied by an abstract (100 to 200 words). Authors are urged to make every effort to present the essence of their papers as cogently as possible in these abstracts. It is expected that they will be printed in the program and in the minutes of the meeting. No titles will be printed to be presented "by title."

Persons having papers ready for publication which can not be presented at the meeting are invited to submit them to Paul D. Foote, editor, *Journal Optical Society of America*, Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

Because of the optical industries in Rochester it is expected that this will be a particularly interesting meeting. The local committee is arranging for a visit to the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company and the Eastman Kodak Company.

The National Research Council Committee on Physiological Optics has asked the society to form a section on vision. It is hoped to do

this at the coming meeting; and, if a sufficient number of papers on this subject are submitted, one whole session will be devoted to vision and physiological optics.

For further information in regard to the society consult *SCIENCE* for April 1, 1921.

IRWIN G. PRIEST,
Secretary

AMERICAN ENGINEERS IN EUROPE

WITH the presentation of the John Fritz Medal to Eugene Schneider, head of the famous Creusot Works, in Paris on July 8, by a mission of American engineers, came cable advices from London to the national headquarters of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers announcing that more foreign honors had been conferred upon Americans distinguished in the engineering profession.

Ambrose Swasey, of Cleveland, sponsor of the Engineering Foundation and past president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, has been elected to honorary membership in the British Institution of Mechanical Engineers, in the British Institution of Mining and Metallurgy and in the British Institution of Mining Engineers. Charles F. Rand, of New York, has been elected an honorary member of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, and of the Institution of Mining Engineers. Mr. Rand, who is chairman of the executive board of the Engineering Foundation, has also been made an honorary member of the British Iron and Steel Institute. Other elections announced by cable were those of Colonel Arthur S. Dwight, of New York, and William Kelly, of Vulcan, Mich., to honorary membership in the Institution of Mining Engineers.

The ceremonies in Paris, participated in by a special deputation of thirteen American engineers under the general chairmanship of Mr. Swasey, followed similar ceremonies in London on June 29, when the John Fritz Medal for distinction in applied science was presented to Sir Robert Hadfield, known for his work in the development of manganese steel. The Hadfield award was for 1921 and