

The following officers were elected:

President: Chas. H. Herty, formerly editor of the *Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*.

Vice-Presidents: C. N. Turner of the Dyestuff Section; Herman Seydell of the Pharmaceutical Section; S. W. Wilder of the Intermediate Section; B. T. Bush of the Fine Organic Chemical Section.

Members of the Board of Governors: R. S. Burdick; R. C. Jeffcott; August Merz; M. R. Poucher; P. Schleussner and F. P. Summers.

The remaining four members of the Board of Governors, one from each section, will be elected later. The president and the four vice-presidents are ex-officio members of the board of governors.

THE EDITORSHIP OF THE "JOURNAL OF
INDUSTRIAL AND ENGINEERING
CHEMISTRY"

MR. HARRISON E. HOWE has been elected to succeed Dr. Charles H. Herty as editor of the *Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry* and director of the A. C. S. News Service, which are conducted by the American Chemical Society. Dr. Charles L. Parsons, of Washington, secretary of the society, states that Mr. Howe has accepted the positions.

Mr. Howe was graduated from Earlham College and the University of Rochester. As chief chemist of the Sanilac Sugar Refining Company, in like capacity with the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company of Rochester, New York, and as manager of the commercial department of A. D. Little, Incorporated, of Boston, and manager of the Montreal offices of that organization, he became familiar with the broadest phases of industrial chemistry. In the war he was consulting chemist of the nitrate division of the Ordnance Bureau of the United States Army. Until his election to his present position Mr. Howe was at the head of the division of research extension of the National Research Council. He writes extensively for magazines on applied chemistry and is the author of a recently published popular work, "The New Stone Age."

Dr. Herty resigned the editorship to which Mr. Howe succeeds to accept the presidency

of the newly formed Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers' Association of the United States, which has opened offices on the 34th floor of the Metropolitan Tower at No. 1 Madison Avenue. Dr. Herty's career in chemical journalism has been varied by many public activities. By special appointment of President Wilson he went to Paris in 1919 as the representative of the United States in the matter of the distribution of German dyestuffs under the economic clauses of the Peace Treaty. Dr. Herty was also chairman of the committee of the American Chemical Society advisory to the Chemical Warfare Service, member of the dye advisory committee of the Department of State, and chairman of the advisory committee of the National Exposition of Chemical Industries. Before beginning this work, Dr. Herty had been a professor in chemistry at the University of Georgia and at the University of North Carolina. In his new position he will devote himself to the development of American synthetic organic chemical industry.

DIRECTOR OF THE HARVARD COLLEGE
OBSERVATORY

As was noted last week in SCIENCE, Dr. Harlow Shapley, formerly of the Mt. Wilson Solar Observatory at Pasadena, Cal., and for the past eight months observer at the Harvard College Observatory, has been appointed director of the Harvard Observatory. That post has been vacant since the death of Professor Edward C. Pickering in 1919.

An article in the *Harvard Alumni Bulletin* states that Dr. Shapley was born thirty-five years ago at Nashville, Miss. He studied at the University of Missouri, and received the degree of Ph.D. at Princeton. From 1914 until last spring, when he came to Harvard, he was attached to the Mt. Wilson Observatory.

At Mt. Wilson he perfected methods of measuring star distances photometrically, and applied these methods to the problem of the distances and structures of the great star-clusters. His work has given a new perception of the size of the stellar universe, and