

THE NEW HAVEN MEETING OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

THE sixty-fifth general meeting of the American Chemical Society was held at New Haven, Connecticut, Monday, April 2, to Saturday, April 7, 1923, inclusive. The council meeting was held on the second, the general meeting on the morning and afternoon of the third, and divisional meetings all day Thursday and Friday. Excursions took up the whole of Saturday. These excursions covered numerous manufacturing plants, not only in New Haven, but in the surrounding cities and towns. A feature of the meeting was the dedication of the Sterling Chemistry Laboratory, which was under the auspices of Yale University and to which all day Wednesday was given. A second council meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon, with the approval of the authorities at Yale. Full details of the meeting will be found in the May, 1923, issue of *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*. The registration was slightly over 1,200, with approximately 100 ladies attending the meeting. A considerable number of members, estimated at 200, attended the meeting, who, coming in the last two days, did not register for the main part and did not realize the necessity of registering and paying the registration fee to help carry the expense of the meeting, as voted by the council.

A general public address was given by Francis P. Garvan on Tuesday morning entitled "Chemistry and the public." Sir J. J. Thomson addressed the society on Wednesday evening on "The unity of physics and chemistry."

At the general business meeting held Tuesday morning resolutions and tribute were presented to our late honorary member, Edward W. Morley. These resolutions will be found printed in the council minutes.

At the general meeting on Tuesday afternoon the following general papers were presented:

Chemistry and our food resources: CARL L. ALSBERG.

The history and status of chemistry petroleum research: C. O. JOHNS.

The baker turns to the chemist: H. E. BARNARD.

The influence of light on inorganic material and life processes: OSKAR BAUDISCH.

Cellulose silk: W. O. MITSCHERLING.

The influence of modern chemistry on pharmacology: ARTHUR HIRSCHFELDER.

The following divisions and sections met: Divisions of Agricultural and Food Chemistry,

Biological Chemistry, Cellulose Chemistry, Dye Chemistry, Industrial and Engineering Chemistry, Chemistry of Medicinal Products, Organic Chemistry, Petroleum Chemistry, Physical and Inorganic Chemistry, Rubber Chemistry, Sugar Chemistry, Water, Sewage and Sanitation; Sections of Chemical Education, Gas and Fuel Chemistry and History of Chemistry. Further details of their meetings will be found in the May issue of *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*.

On Monday evening a complimentary banquet to the council, attended also by many members of the society and a large number of the members of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce, was given by the New Haven Chamber of Commerce to the council at the Taft Hotel. Many speakers of prominence were listened to and the banquet was an occasion long to be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend.

On Tuesday evening a very enjoyable smoker was tendered by the New Haven and Connecticut Valley Sections in the dining hall of Yale University. The special feature was a dramatical allegory entitled "Iono and Faradette, a chemical ballet" written by Daniel Caldwell Long and John Arrend Timm. The play was beautifully staged, was extremely interesting and was thoroughly appreciated by all present.

At the dedication exercises at Sterling Chemistry Laboratory the gathering was addressed by Past President Edgar F. Smith on "The history of chemistry in America with special reference to Yale." The building was presented to the university by the Sterling trustees and accepted by President Angell with proper reply. President Franklin replied also for the society when it was presented to the society for its use during the meeting. The university tendered a complimentary luncheon to all members and guests the same day at one o'clock in the university dining hall.

On the evening of the fifth an indoor polo game was staged for the members in the Yale Armory. On the sixth a reception and dinner was given to the members and guests in Woolsey Hall and was accompanied by dancing, many ladies being present. The scientific program was extensive, 375 papers being presented.

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