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COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MAKERS AND USERS OF SCIENTIFIC APPARATUS IN AMERICA¹

ALMOST exactly one year ago these two societies met upon a similar occasion for a joint dinner, following which there were presented several invited papers in which were discussed the importance of scientific apparatus in research, the good which might result from closer cooperation between the makers and users of apparatus and the lines along which such cooperation might take place. As a result of this discussion there was passed by the joint meeting a resolution urging the councils of the two societies to request the National Research Council to call a conference of representative makers and users of scientific apparatus at some convenient time during the forthcoming year.

In part as a result of this resolution the National Research Council called together early in January of the present year a small group for the purpose of discussing the desirability of calling a larger conference and of making arrangements therefor if such a larger conference seemed desirable. A very short discussion at once convinced those in attendance at the preliminary meeting that the larger conference was desirable. Accordingly the National Research Council through its division of research extension issued invitations to some eight different scientific societies and several government and semi-government departments to send representatives to such a conference to be held in Washington, March 23 and 24, 1923.

We are now met for the second annual joint dinner and it is appropriate upon this occasion to recount the results of the conference held about one month ago.

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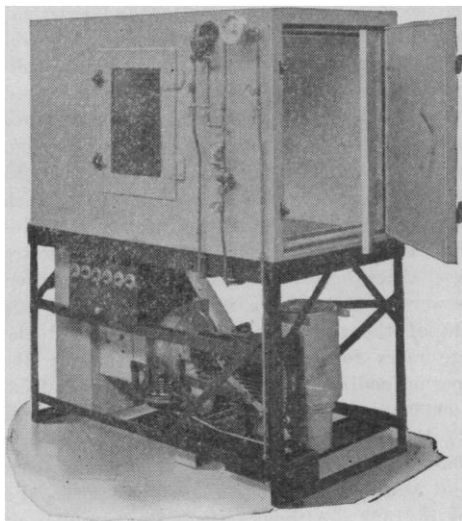
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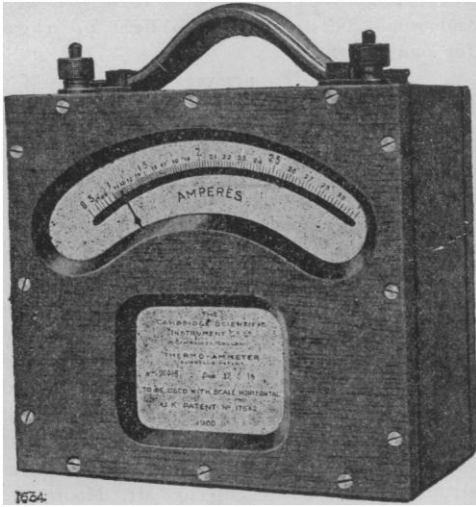
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