

ability of parts and supplies or the interworking of apparatus  
Specifications for materials and products  
Methods of test or inspection  
Methods of rating machinery or apparatus  
Safety standards  
Rules for the operation of apparatus or machinery  
Concentration upon the optimum number of types, sizes, grades and colors.

The Simplification and Radio branches of the War Production Board and the Standards Division of the Office of Price Administration will supervise the work for the Government.

Under the contract the association will be reimbursed by the Government for the actual cost of the work undertaken specifically for the War Production Board and the Office of Price Administration. The object of the work is to further the war effort by making available to government and industry standards fitted to the present situation, so as to conserve scarce materials, to simplify production, to increase productive capacity and to conserve man-power. As outlined in the June issue of *Industrial Standardization*, the association is now engaged on more than thirty of these emergency projects, and the number of such undertakings is increasing steadily. Among these are specifications for radio materials and parts, requirements for gas ranges and hot water heaters, specifications for protective footwear, packages for electronic tubes and screw threads for high temperature bolts.

The contract is limited to \$90,000 in any one fiscal year. Of this sum \$60,000 is to be supplied by the War Production Board and \$30,000 by the Office of Price Administration.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. MARSTON TAYLOR BOGERT

HONORARY membership in the Society of Chemical

Industry, as already noted in *SCIENCE*, was on July 10 conferred by order of the council on Dr. Marston Taylor Bogert. The citation of the council reads:

MARSTON TAYLOR BOGERT, Professor Emeritus of Organic Chemistry at Columbia University, in commemoration of his life-long work as an inspiring teacher, a brilliant research worker and writer in the field of organic chemistry which branch of the science he has enriched beyond measure.

Born in 1868 and educated at Columbia College and Columbia School of Mines, he became Professor of Organic Chemistry at Columbia University in 1904, and has spent forty-seven years of his life on the staff where he displayed all the qualities of leadership. He is an Honorary LL.D. of Clark University and an Honorary Sc.D. of Columbia University. He was awarded the Nichols Medal of the American Chemical Society in 1905 and the Priestley Gold Medal of the same Society in 1938; was President of the American Chemical Society in 1907-1909 and President of the Society of Chemical Industry in 1912-1913. He is now a member of the National Academy of Sciences, of the National Research Council, President of the International Union of Chemistry and of many other of the most important chemical bodies in America and in Europe.

THE COUNCIL in deciding to bestow this honor on the occasion of its sixty-first anniversary selected with great care one whom they considered worthy, for in addition to his valued contributions to our knowledge he has taken a lively interest in the international aspects of Chemistry and has through his genius for friendship done more than any other individual to break down the barriers of race and of prejudice.

The Seal of the Society of Chemical Industry was fixed in the presence of Wm. Cullen, *President*; L. H. Lampitt, *Honorary Treasurer*; Stanley Robson, *Honorary Foreign Secretary*, and H. J. Pooley, *General Secretary*.

## SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

MEMBERS of the committee recently appointed by President Roosevelt to report on the rubber situation, of which Bernard Baruch is chairman, are Dr. James Bryant Conant, president of Harvard University, and Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

At the annual meeting of the Society of Chemical Industry at the Royal Institution on July 10, the Messel Medal was presented to Sir John Russell, director of the Rothamsted Experimental Station and of the Imperial Bureau of Soil Science. He made an address entitled "Chemistry and Agricultural Reconstruction." At this meeting Dr. William Cullen was reelected president. In his address he reviewed

the growth of chemical industry during the last fifty years.

THE Albert Medal of the Royal Society of Arts for 1942 has been awarded to General J. C. Smuts, Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs of the Union of South Africa. The following words will be inscribed on the medal: "Statesman. Soldier. Scientist. Philosopher." Among those awarded silver medals for papers read before the society during the past session was the Right Hon. Viscount Bennett, who gave an endowed lecture entitled "Empire Relations."

It is reported in *Nature* that the joint committee