

which you, Mr. Weber, and the writer had when you were last here, on February 28th, that we would let you know before the 21st of this month our conclusion as to availing ourselves of the American Chemical Society's good offices in connection with the administration of our proposed award for outstanding accomplishment in the field of chemistry, first called to your attention a year ago last September.

As you know, we have had in mind from the outset that, in view of the society's mutual interest with us in the encouragement and reward of unusual technical achievement in the science of chemistry, the society's active cooperation in connection with our contribution to that end would be helpful. We face the fact, however, that, in the rather long course of our approaches toward such cooperation, your own splendidly earnest and understanding work as the society's representative has, unfortunately, not resulted, as we had hoped, in the society's formulation of a plan of administration which could appropriately be put into effect; and, being anxious to have the award made effective as promptly as practicable, we have concluded that, under the circumstances, this can best be accomplished by withdrawing our original suggestion to you that the society share with us the responsibility of creating the method of procedure and organization for administration thereof.

Please, therefore, accept this letter as such withdrawal, and at the same time rest well assured of our thorough appreciation of your most generous and conscientious efforts in the matter.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WM. H. NICHOLS, *Chairman*

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TO THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF THE
AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY:

Your committee appointed last September to consider the status of the prize offered to the American Chemical Society by the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation begs to submit the following recommendation:

In consultation with the officials of the Allied Chemical and Dye Corporation, we have found that this corporation no longer desires the cooperation of the American Chemical Society in the administration of the prize which they have recently announced. That being the case, we suggest that the American Chemical Society should pass a vote relinquishing the acceptance of the administration of this prize. At the same time we hope that the society will express deep appreciation of the purpose of the corporation in establishing a prize intended to redound to the good of chemistry in America and to the welfare of American chemists.

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THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OF THE UNITED STATES

THE Seventeenth Annual Conference on the Weights and Measures of the United States was held at the Bureau of Standards May 26, 27, 28 and 29. The attendance numbered about 175, of whom 100 were weights and measures officials, and the remainder manufacturers, railroad officials and others interested in weights and measures work. A number of matters were considered, among them that of the uniform marking and filling of milk bottles, specifications and tolerances for vehicle tanks used for measuring such materials as gasoline, and standards for bread loaves.

Resolutions of appreciation and a gold medallion were presented to Dr. S. W. Stratton, former director of the Bureau of Standards, and president of the conference, and now its honorary president.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, George K. Burgess, of the Bureau of Standards; *first vice-president*, I. L. Miller, of Indiana; *second vice-president*, Thomas F. Egan, of Connecticut; *secretary*, F. S. Holbrook, of the Bureau of Standards; *treasurer*, George F. Austin, of Detroit, Michigan.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

SIR WILLIAM J. POPE, professor of chemistry in the University of Cambridge, has been elected a corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of the Institut de France.

THE Royal Academy of Sciences, of Bologna, has awarded the international prize in physiology to Professor Otto Loewi, of the University of Graz, for his work on the innervation of the heart.

THE gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society has been awarded by the council to Professor A. S. Eddington and was presented at the meeting of the society on June 13.

PROFESSOR R. A. MILLIKAN, of the California Institute of Technology, delivered the Faraday lecture given in connection with the chemical societies, London, on June 12, his subject being "Atomism in modern physics." Afterward Dr. Millikan was presented with a medal bearing the effigy of Faraday which had been especially made to commemorate the occasion.

DR. SHIRO TASHIRO, an associate professor of biochemistry in the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, will leave soon for Japan to receive the Gakushiin prize from the Imperial Academy of Arts and Sciences. The bestowal of this prize in Japan is considered a national event.