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The 1946 Remsen Lecture  
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Dr. Roger Adams  
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War and Postwar Periods



Ira Remsen

The Maryland Section has already announced that Dr. Roger Adams will receive the first Remsen Memorial Award. The award will be made to Dr. Adams at the meeting on May 24, and at that time he will deliver the Award Lecture.

The Remsen Memorial Lecture has been established by the Maryland Section of the American Chemical Society as a fitting and lasting tribute to Ira Remsen, first Professor of Chemistry and second President of The Johns Hopkins University, in memory of his contribution to American chemistry as an influential author, inspiring teacher, stimulating investigator and wise administrator. Maryland chemists are proud to honor this great scientist on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, and plan to continue this tribute in succeeding years.

Dr. Adams is well known to American chemists as a past president of the Society and present Chairman of the Board of Directors, as Chairman of the Department of Chemistry of the University of Illinois, and as an able chemist active in the service of his science and his country. His teaching and research abilities have long been recognized. Such activities were curtailed during the war by his service as a member of the National Defense Research Committee. He has just returned from Germany, where he acted as Scientific Adviser to the Deputy Military Governor of Germany and as Chairman of the Committee on (to third page



at length. These amendments proposed increased allotments of funds to local sections, and increased freedom in the use of such funds. The opposition contended that a section in which the members were actively interested should be able to maintain itself, and that the national organization needs much money for adequate support and expansion of such national facilities as journals. Advocates of increased allotments pointed out that many new functions of the Society (Employment Clearing Houses, control of professional status, public relations) are often better delegated in part to the local sections, which must have funds to carry on such work. The operating expenses of large sections are proportionately much greater than those of smaller sections. In a section even a little larger than our own it is no longer possible for volunteers to do the extensive clerical work of the section, nor is it possible to obtain sufficiently large meeting places at low prices. After due consideration the Council, by almost unanimous vote, accepted as a compromise proposal the amendment on which the Society membership is now voting.

President Dewey announced that the Directors of the Society have engaged a fact-finding agency to investigate the organization of the ACS, and to make recommendations on reorganization if this seems desirable. A full statement about this Hancock Committee will appear in the journals. In view of this action, the sponsors of both the Kalamazoo amendment and the Henderson Report withdrew their proposals. This was a necessary parliamentary device; it does not mean that the issue is closed, only that its consideration has been postponed pending the accumulation of further information. Straw votes of the Councillors indicated that almost all were in favor of increased Council power and of Sectional rather than regional representation on the Council, and opposed to payment of any part of Councillors' expenses by the national Society. It was voted to make no change at present in the dues for membership in the American Chemical Society.

The Council elected H. E. Riley, of the North Jersey Section, as a member of the important Council Policy Committee. Mr. Riley is especially anxious to know the viewpoints of the members of the whole Society, and therefore urges all members to write him directly at 42 Franklin Street, Verona, New Jersey, about any matters concerned with the ACS. The Council Policy Committee has full authority to act on behalf of the Council when the latter is not in session. Only three of the twelve members of this committee are chosen by the Councillors (as representatives of the Local Sections), hence it is important that these men be fully informed of local and individual opinions.

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from first page) Chemical and Engineering Research Control in Germany. Dr. Adams has been honored as the recipient of the Nichols Medal (1927), the Gibbs Medal (1936), the Cresson Medal of the Franklin Institute (1944) and the Davy Medal of the Royal Society (1945). In September he will receive the Priestley Medal of the American Chemical Society, which was first awarded to Ira Remsen in 1923.

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VOTE I

AMENDMENT TO THE ACS CONSTITUTION

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Each member of the American Chemical Society has recently received a ballot for voting on the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Society. Discussion of this amendment appears below in the report on the Council meeting. It is important that every member of the Society vote on this issue, for two reasons. First, it deserves attention on its own merits. Second, and just as important, the return on this ballot will indicate the extent to which the members are interested in direct participation in Society affairs. Any further revision of the organization of the Society, based upon proposals similar to the Kalamazoo amendment, the Henderson Report or the findings of the Hancock Committee, must inevitably be determined in part by the member interest manifest at this time. GET YOUR VOTE IN THE MAIL before May 23.

At the March meeting, the Maryland Section expressed itself as favoring an increase in allotments to local sections. This will not come to pass, however, unless the proposed amendment is carried by a two-thirds affirmative vote. It is highly important, then, that every member CAST HIS BALLOT.

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THE COUNCIL MEETING AT ATLANTIC CITY

The Council of the ACS met in April, with four Councillors of the Maryland Section attending. Four long sessions were held, discussion was spirited, and widespread satisfaction was voiced over the general atmosphere of the meeting. Any organization which can show so much vigor in a governing assembly is alive and healthy.

A full report of the proceedings of the Council will appear in the "News Edition". Members of the Maryland Section, however, may be interested in a direct report of Council action on matters previously discussed in our local meetings. At Atlantic City the amendments concerned with local section finances were discussed



NEXT MEETING: May 24  
PLACE: Room 1, Remsen Hall, Johns Hopkins  
PROGRAM: The Remsen Memorial Lecture, Dr. Roger Adams, Speaker  
SUBJECT: Chemical Research in the War and Postwar Periods  
This is the only notice of this meeting which you will receive.  
The meeting is open to anyone who may be interested in attending.

## CHEMICAL LIBRARIES IN BALTIMORE, I

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Industry and Science Department, Enoch Pratt Free Library

This is the first of a series of thumbnail sketches of local libraries devoted to chemistry in its broadest aspects. The intention is to define briefly the function, scope and significant holdings of each, with a statement as to accessibility to outsiders. The compiler wishes to thank the librarians and research personnel who cooperated so generously.

The Crosse & Blackwell Company's collection, begun in 1928, consists of approximately 200 reference and technical handbooks on food chemistry, analysis, technology and bacteriology, and files of a dozen periodicals, including Chemical Abstracts and Biological Abstracts. The collection serves laboratory and factory staffs in their work of analysis, research, development and quality control. Members of the laboratory staff help part-time in the library. 6801 Eastern Avenue.

Rustless Iron and Steel Division, American Rolling Mill Co. The library is primarily metallurgical in scope, with emphasis upon ferrous metals. It serves the research staff and the plant personnel as a whole, and publishes a monthly abstract bulletin on stainless steels for use of company employees. The collection consists of 900 volumes, 2700 clippings, pamphlets, documents and 110 current periodicals on ferrous and general metallurgy and chemistry as it applies to the steel industry. Among its resources are a collection of stainless steel patents and files of the Official Gazette of the U.S. Patent Office, A.S.T.M. Standards, A.I.M.E. Transactions, Journal of the Iron and Steel Institute, Stahl und Eisen and Chemical Abstracts. The library is administered by Miss Grace E. Bogart, chief librarian, and two associates. Visits to the library may be arranged with Miss Bogart. 3400 E. Chase Street.

Strasburger & Siegel. The library, started about 25 years ago, consists of about 500 volumes and numerous pamphlets and documents. It is rich in works on food and dairy analysis, technology and manufacture, and also contains considerable material on general analysis, bacteriology, meat, military meat and hygiene, fermentation, chemical engineering, testing materials and chemical microscopy. Periodicals received include all American food journals, Journal of the Association of Official Agricultural Chemists, American Journal of Public Health, Journal of Dairy Science, and other standard titles. Specialists working on research or commercial problems may gain access to the library by calling Mr. Strasburger or Mr. Siegel. 15 S. Gay Street.