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## MARYLAND SECTION NEWS

The December meeting of the Section will be held on Friday, December 12, in Remsen Hall. Mr. D. J. Parsons of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will speak on "Chemistry in the FBI Laboratory". Mr. Parsons is a graduate of George Washington University. He has served with the Bureau since 1934, and throughout this time he has been assigned to the FBI Laboratory. There he has specialized in firearms identification and microscopic and chemical examinations, and has pursued various research problems. Dinner for members of the Section and their guests will be served in Levering Hall at 6:30. Those attending should notify John A. Herculson, 407 Murdock Road, Evergreen 896, by December 11.

Elections. The December meeting is also the time for election of Section officers. The Nominating Committee, Dr. W. F. Rein-dollar, chairman, Dr. W. H. Hartung and Dr. C. W. Wilson, has submitted the following slate:

Chairman -- John A. Herculson, Chief Chemist to the Maryland Racing Commission

Vice-Chairman -- Alsoph H. Corwin, Professor of Chemistry, The Johns Hopkins University

Secretary-treasurer -- H. H. Lloyd, Professor of Chemistry, Goucher College

Members of the Executive Committee (on which the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary-treasurer, Councillors and Councillor-alternates also serve), six to be elected:

Robert S. Anderson, Assistant professor of Physiology, School of Medicine, University of Maryland

Charles E. Bramble, Assistant Director of the Clinical Laboratory, Mercy Hospital

Karl J. Brunings, Associate Professor of Chemistry, The Johns Hopkins University

Sylvan Forman, Research Chemist, U. S. Industrial Chemicals

Winslow H. Hartford, Research Chemist, Mutual Chemical Company of America

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## Section Officers

Chairman Giles B. Cooke, 502 Yarmouth Road, Baltimore 4  
Vice-chairman J. A. Herculson, 407 Murdock Road, Baltimore 12  
Secretary-treasurer H. H. Lloyd, Goucher College, Baltimore 18

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## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1947

The membership of the Maryland Section has increased somewhat since last year, having passed the 600 mark. The official count has not yet been received from Society headquarters. In addition to ACS members, there are more than twenty local members.

Nine public meetings were held during the year. The May meeting was the occasion of the second Remsen Memorial Lecture. Dr. S. C. Lind was chosen as Lecturer and was given the Remsen Memorial Scroll. The selection of the Lecturer and the arrangements for the program were made by the Remsen Memorial Committee, headed by Dr. A. H. Corwin, Chairman of the Department of Chemistry of The Johns Hopkins University. At the October meeting, over 500 members and guests participated in a conducted tour of the Sparrows Point plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and more than 100 members attended the dinner in honor of Dr. Charles H. Herty, Jr. and enjoyed his talk on "Steel". Attendance at meetings throughout the year averaged well over 100, -- a tribute to the judgment and indefatigability of the Program Chairman, J. A. Herculson.

In addition to the speakers mentioned above, the Section was addressed by G. A. Hill (Wesleyan University), W. A. Noyes, Jr. (President of the ACS), W. H. C. Rueggeberg (Edgewood Arsenal), Foster Dee Snell (Foster D. Snell, Inc.), H. J. Anslinger (Bureau of Narcotics), Ernest Guenther (Fritzsche Brothers, Inc.), and D. J. Parsons (Federal Bureau of Investigation).

THE CHESAPEAKE CHEMIST, under the able editorship of Belle Otto, has appeared regularly through the year and has played a considerable part in maintaining interest in the activities of the Maryland Section and the National Society. Many requests to be put on the mailing list have been received from librarians, editors of other Section publications and industrial personnel.

Our Section Councillors have been faithful in attending the ACS meetings held this year, have taken an active part in Council activities, and have reported to us all matters of interest. The Executive Committee has held three meetings this year for consideration of problems and policies of the Maryland Section.

With the December meeting our genial chairman, Giles B. Cooke, rounds out his second year of service. All members agree that his deep interest and his effective leadership have done much to stimulate interest and participation in Section activities.

The Maryland Section has benefitted this year from an expanding program undertaken by the National Society to assist local sections and in general to promote the interests and welfare of all chemists. The recent ratification of the new ACS Constitution and the expected ratification of the new By-Laws will enable the Society to serve these ends with increasing effectiveness.

H. H. Lloyd, Secretary

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOTES

The Executive Committee met on November 11, 1947, primarily to consider Section activities in relation to the budget. A special report prepared by the Treasurer showed that our current income, which is approximately \$1500 for 1947, is not sufficient to meet current financial obligations of the Section. (The Treasurer's Report for 1947 will appear in the January issue.) The two largest single items of cost have been the Remsen Memorial Lecture, approximately \$400 net, and THE CHESAPEAKE CHEMIST, approximately \$500 net. If these enterprises are to be continued along with other Section activities, additional income will be required.

It was agreed that continuation of the Remsen Memorial Lecture would be to the Section's advantage and that financing this project should be kept on a purely sectional basis, without solicitation of funds on the outside. It was therefore decided that, for the present, members of the Section be given the opportunity to contribute one dollar annually toward the support of the Remsen Memorial Lecture, it being clear that a substantial number of contributions would suffice to balance the budget of the Section as a whole. It was further decided that the present method of handling the Lecture be continued, that is, that choosing the Lecturer and preparing the program be in charge of the Remsen Memorial Lecture Committee, and that arrangements for the meeting itself and the dinner preceding it be in charge of the Vice-chairman of the Section who serves as chairman of the Program Committee. Ordinarily, the Chairman of the Department of Chemistry of The Johns Hopkins University will be requested to act as chairman of the Remsen Memorial Lecture Committee, and members of this committee are to be appointed by the Chairman of the Section after consultation with the chairman of the committee.

It was agreed, further, that THE CHESAPEAKE CHEMIST be continued on its present basis without advertising, since its cost can be cared for from regular funds, provided these funds do not have to support the Remsen Memorial Lecture. For the purpose of facilitating preparation of copy, it was decided that the Chairman of the Section appoint one member to assist the Editor, particularly in procuring industrial articles and news items.

Since the fluid funds of the Section are low, and since our apportionment from the National Society will not be available until January, the Treasurer was authorized to start collecting 1948 funds from members in December.

In compliance with the request from the National (to page 4



D. J. Parsons

NEXT MEETING 8:30 P.M., Friday, December 12  
 PLACE Room 401, Remsen Hall, Johns Hopkins  
 Charles & 34th Streets  
 SPEAKER D. J. Parsons of the FBI  
 SUBJECT Chemistry in the FBI Laboratory  
 DINNER 6:30, Levering Hall, Johns Hopkins  
 Charles & 33rd Streets

The meeting is open to any who are interested.  
 Bring another chemist.  
 Save Friday, January 30, for the next meeting.

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 Society office, it was decided to hold an election of Section  
 Councillors for 1948 at the regular November meeting.

Other matters were discussed, but no further action was taken.  
 H. H. Lloyd, Secretary

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Leslie Hellerman, Assistant Professor of Physiological  
 Chemistry, The Johns Hopkins Medical School

Further nominations for these offices may be made from the floor.

Councillors and a panel of Councillor-alternates were elected  
 at the November meeting. The earlier election was held to facil-  
 itate organization of the Council so that it may function at once  
 when the new Constitution goes into effect on January 1. Under  
 the new apportionment, the Maryland Section elects three Councill-  
 ors. Ultimately, all Councillors will serve a three year term,  
 but in order to secure some continuity of membership on the Coun-  
 cil the initial term has been reduced for some members. Those  
 elected to represent the Maryland Section were

One year term -- E. E. Reid, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry,  
 The Johns Hopkins University

Alternate -- Duncan MacRae, Chief Chemist, Edgewood Arsenal  
 Two year term -- C. Jelleff Carr, Associate Professor of Phar-  
 macology, School of Medicine, University of Maryland

Alternate -- Walter H. Hartung, Professor of Pharmaceutical  
 Chemistry, School of Pharmacy, University of Maryland

Three year term -- Belle Otto, Professor of Chemistry, Goucher  
 College

Alternate -- Channing W. Wilson, Research Chemist, Consoli-  
 dated Gas, Electric Light and Power Company

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Books added to the Industry and Science Dept. at Pratt include  
 Bogue -- The Chemistry of Portland Cement 1947  
 Cox -- Laboratory Control of Water Purification 1946  
 Glasstone -- Thermodynamics for Chemists 1947  
 Johnson -- Chemistry of the Acetylenic Compounds, Vol. 1 1947  
 Naves and Mazuyer -- Natural Perfume Materials 1947  
 Yost and others -- Rare-earth Elements and their Compounds 1947