

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Carrying On. We are publishing in this number a programme of meetings arranged by the various Sections and Groups for the approaching Winter Session. It is not yet complete, but it illustrates a state of preparation that is indicative of the Society's vitality.

We know the spirit of our members too well to doubt their desire to see this programme through in spite of the war and in face of the enemy's desire to dislocate the ordinary life of the people.

The Society is a vital national force in maintaining progress at all times and never more than in an emergency such as that we are now facing.

In spite of the resolution which we know fires every member and every subscriber it may not be possible just at first to carry out the programme in all its usual detail, but with proper support it can and will be carried on with such modification as will be announced from time to time in this Journal.

The publications, so far as human will can decide, will be carried on so long as to do so does not conflict with national interests. There should be no lack of most interesting material not only of definite scientific value but of day-to-day interest to those who, whatever their line of service may be, wish to keep in touch with their normal interests.

Every member can do his or her bit towards this desirable end—some by contributing articles or news, and doing it in most cases without hope of pecuniary recompense—some by sending items of local news, scientific, industrial, topical or humorous. To the ordinary member we say "There was never a better opportunity to make CHEMISTRY AND INDUSTRY your own vehicle of thought and exchange—seize it now."

Others again can help by continuing the membership they may have thought of relinquishing till better times—financial support is also most vital. This applies to advertisers, members, and subscribers. None should think that his little bit is immaterial. Multiplication of such idea would wreck the good ship most effectively. Never was there a better chance of increasing the membership; when the minds of all of us are keyed to universal endeavour should the claims of chemistry be forgotten?

Apply to the General Secretary to send on details of membership. Only last Friday the vacation committee elected 44 new members, a number appreciably higher than any vacation committee has had to consider in any year before. It is up to the members to maintain this progress. The course is clear: Support the meetings if you can, contribute to the Journal, read it, pass it on, make your friends members, continue your own subscription whatever your present occupation and encourage advertising. Consult the official notices regularly.

Programme of Meetings. Under war conditions it may be found difficult to communicate individually

with members by letter or circular as frequently as usual. It is very necessary, therefore, for members to consult regularly the columns dealing with "Official Notices." Every endeavour will be made to publish there any modification of the final details of meetings published in any syllabus of any of the Sections or Groups.

Changes of Address. As would be expected a great many members are notifying changes of address at the present time. To these proper effect is being given, but as it is necessary, in present circumstances, to prepare wrappers some time ahead, the new address will not become operative for a week or two. It will greatly assist if members will wait a little before complaining.

Emergency Addresses. Communications addressed to the Society's Headquarters will reach their appropriate destinations in due course.

Pending the completion of air raid shelters, however, the staff is only in partial occupation and prompt attention may be more certainly expected by addressing the General Secretary, H. J. Pooley (S.C.I.), 23, Clifton Avenue, Finchley, N.3, Finchley 2304; The Editor of CHEMISTRY AND INDUSTRY as Dr. Miall, 28, Clifton Hill, N.W.8, Maida Vale 1345; Advertisement Manager, V. R. Ronald, The Summer House, Stanmore, Middlesex; Transactions and Abstracts, T. F. Burton, 17, Hinde House, Hinde Street, W.1.

It is hoped the whole staff will return to Headquarters at Clifton House within the next few weeks.

Institute of Fuel. The temporary address of the Institute of Fuel is Stangrave Hall, Godstone, Surrey. Telephone: Godstone, Surrey, 126.

BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTION BS/ARP 12. PETROLEUM JELLY

In the series of A.R.P. Specifications which the British Standards Institution is preparing at the request of the A.R.P. Department of the Home Office a specification has been included for petroleum jelly. This compound is intended for sealing doors, windows and other cracks in order to make them gas-tight.

The Specification lays down limits for the various properties of the jelly so as to ensure that it will be capable of being applied easily.

The Specification in question is B.S./A.R.P. 12, and it is hoped that it will be immediately adopted by industry, users and manufacturers alike.

A further specification in the same series which affects the oil interests is B.S./A.R.P. 22 Mixture for Anti-gas Cloth. This mixture is applied to textiles for the purposes of rendering them impermeable to gas and is made up of lanoline, together with a heavy oil. The detailed properties of the oil suitable for this purpose are set out in full in this specification.

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