

# SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ST. ERMIN'S HOTEL, S.W.1, ON  
FRIDAY, MAY 20, 1955

THERE WAS an excellent attendance at the Annual General Meeting, where Dr. Marriott took the chair for the last time during this period of his presidency. The President was able to report an increase in membership of 48 for the year, bringing the total to 222 members and associates. During the lecture session six lectures and a film show had been given, whilst at the golf tournament in the spring the Firmenich Cup had been won by Mr. M. F. Landon with Mr. R. L. Evans, a member of the American Society, as runner-up; the foursomes had been won by Messrs. K. Bohemen and N. C. Chandler, with Messrs. S. R. Mansfield and E. Fairbanks Smith as runners-up.

The Dinner and Dance was held in January, when Mr. F. V. Wells, whom we all know as "Freddie," was presented with a scroll to commemorate his election as an Honorary Member. Sir Hugh Linstead, O.B.E., F.P.S., M.P., and Sir John Simonsen, D.Sc., F.R.I.C., F.P.S., were the guests of honour on this occasion; a full report of this evening was given on pages 140-148 of the current volume of the JOURNAL.

An informal Supper and Social Evening had been arranged at the Sports and Social Club of the County Laboratories, Ltd., by kind permission of the club's committee. The response was not good, but all present (38) thoroughly enjoyed themselves and heartily endorsed the suggestion that another meeting might be arranged during the next season.

The President was particularly pleased to be able to announce that Mr. W. A. Poucher, the Society's first Honorary Member, had been awarded the Gold Medal of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists and was the first non-American to receive this honour (see this Volume, pages 69-95).

Considerable progress had been made towards the arrangements for a suitable course of study for the Society's Diploma, and regulations and a syllabus were being drawn up for the guidance of prospective candidates for the examination.

Six lectures had been arranged for the coming winter session, and Mr. Riley was to be congratulated on the manner in which he had carried out his duties as Acting Honorary Secretary, and particularly for the News Letter which he had initiated and maintained.

Mr. S. J. Palling, our Honorary Secretary, and Mr. P. J. Fowler, our Honorary Treasurer, had retired from their offices consequent to their leaving the country to live in Dublin and Mentone respectively, and Mr. Riley and Mr. R. T. Dobson had carried out these duties since their retirement. The

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Society was fortunate in finding two such active acting officers, and it was to be regretted that Mr. Dobson was no longer available as honorary treasurer.

The balance sheet and accounts were presented, the satisfactory nature of the Society's financial affairs was appreciated, and the Acting Honorary Treasurer's report accepted unanimously.

Mr. C. Young and Mr. M. P. Bailey acted as scrutineers for the counting of votes for the election of officers and members of council ; Mr. R. T. Dobson as new President and Mr. F. Riley, Honorary Secretary, were elected unopposed. Mr. J. Pickthall, Vice-President, Mr. H. J. Lovell, Honorary Treasurer, and Messrs. H. Holmes, K. G. Johnson and A. W. Middleton, Members of Council, were duly elected as a result of the postal ballot. Mr. E. Polan was unanimously appointed Honorary Auditor.

After Dr. Marriott had announced the results of the election and had congratulated Mr. Dobson on his assumption of the office of President, Mr. Dobson rose and expressed his, and also the meeting's, appreciation of Dr. Marriott's work for the Society.



THE COUNCIL FOR 1955-56

(Left to right): A. W. Middleton, H. J. Lovell (*Hon. Treasurer*), R. T. Dobson (*President*), W. P. Pepper, J. Pickthall (*Vice-President*), J. Bather, R. H. Marriott (*Retiring President*), H. Holmes, F. Riley (*Hon. Secretary*), and K. G. Johnson. (*H. W. Aris absent.*)

He said: "Mr. President, Officers and Members of Council, Ladies and Gentlemen, we are all very conscious of the expansion in activities and the increase in strength and prestige which has occurred in this Society over the past three years, during which time you, sir, have been President. Those of us who have had the privilege of working closely with you on the Society's affairs appreciate that this progress has been largely due to your inspiring leadership and the magnitude of the work you yourself have undertaken.

"I have no wish, sir, to cause you any embarrassment by dwelling upon your personal achievement in consolidating the foundations of this Society which were laid down by your predecessor, Mr. F. V. Wells, but I am sure that my fellow officers, members of council and all members and associates present this evening will approve my words when I say on their behalf, thank you, Mr. President, for the wonderful achievement you have accomplished through your leadership and personal efforts during your term of office.

"Mr. President, with your permission I propose a most hearty vote of thanks for all the good work you have undertaken on behalf of this Society, and with this proposal may I couple the wish that you will continue to give us the active benefit of your most valuable support for many years to come.

"Ladies and gentlemen, will you please stand and join with me in showing your appreciation of your President's work on the Society's behalf."

The meeting stood and applauded Dr. Marriott, and in reply he said that he was glad to be of help to the Society and had always been willing, and would continue also to be willing, to do everything he possibly could to improve the status of the cosmetic chemist. He had been helped in his office by his colleagues on the Council and he was pleased that he would be able to continue with his work for the Society as an ex-officio member of Council.

A vote of thanks to the members and officers of the Council for 1954-55, proposed by Mr. A. R. Keast and seconded by Mr. L. O. Gatland, was carried unanimously, as was another proposed by Mr. A. B. Bell, seconded by Mr. E. Polan, to Mr. Dobson for the manner in which he had presented the Society's accounts. The meeting closed with an announcement by the President that next year's lectures would be held at the Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, and that the Annual Dinner and Dance would again be held at the Café Royal, Regent Street.

After a short interval for refreshments a large gathering of members and friends "reassembled" to hear the retiring President's address on "*pH* Value and Implications."