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PITHY PARAGRAPHS BY PRESIDENT PORTER.

Our Society's Needs. No. 1—Acquaintance.

One of the sorest needs of our society is acquaintance. We meet once a year, with only a part of our membership present. Our program of papers, reports, and so forth, take up most of our time then.

We need a get-acquainted scheme operating through the year, and maybe more of this feature at our conventions.

"When you get to know a fellow,
 And you understand his way,
 Then his faults won't really matter,
 For you'll find a lot to praise."

Every member get the July Cotton Oil Press and pick out members. First, located near you geographically; second, members doing the same kind of work. Plan to see or write them. Get better acquainted some way. Write and talk of your experiences and problems. If you get an especially good letter, send it to Bailey. Come on, let's try this out.

Maybe we should have two or three divisional geographical meetings of this society during the Christmas holidays. What do you think?

F. B. PORTER, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON NEW MEMBERS.

Since my last report the following members have been elected:

ACTIVE.

Rudolph Neu, Armour Fertilizer Works, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Dr. E. W. Lazell, 537 Exchange Bldg., Portland, Ore.
 Robert White, Armour Fertilizer Works, Baltimore, Md.
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 Charles H. Chalk, Armour Fertilizer Works, Chicago Heights, Ill.
 Glenn H. Pickard, 9 South Clinton St., Chicago, Ill.

Alfred O. Phillips, Tennessee Chemical Co., Nashville, Tenn.
 Elwood H. Uhlmann, 431 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.
 *Herbert S. Bailey, Southern Cotton Oil Co., Savannah, Ga.
 George D. King, Hand Trading Co., Pelham, Ga.
 Claude E. McLean, Osage Cotton Oil Co., Muskogee, Okla.
 Armin Seidenberg, New York City Department of Health, Foot E. 15th St., New York city.
 Herbert E. White, Chickasha Cotton Oil Laboratory, Chickasha, Okla.

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 Secretary and Treasurer.

*Mr. Bailey has been an honorary member since August 12, 1910, and now become an active member.

STATEMENT TO THE COLOR COMMITTEE.

American Oil Chemists' Society Meeting at the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, July 30, 1920.

By Irwin G. Priest, Physicist, National Bureau of Standards.

INTRODUCTION.

Gentlemen of the Committee:

The invitation to hold this meeting at the Bureau of Standards originated in our desire to bring about a complete understanding between the oil chemists and the Bureau in regard to the fundamental principles and phenomena involved in the color grading of vegetable oils. Eight years' association with this principle has convinced me that the lack of such an understanding is the greatest impediment to the progress we all desire to make in the solution of the problem. I have a feeling that the numerous reports I have made at your conventions have not been fully comprehended; and I am sure that you share this feeling with me. The conventions have been pleasant occasions, but the circumstances under which they are held are not auspicious for the direct and cogent presentation of this matter. It is necessary that speaker and auditors get into the laboratory together and actually see