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EDITORIAL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

Co-operative Research

The present day tendencies of industrial associations have been along the line of co-operation, especially in connection with development work. A study of recent reports which have been made by the Bureau of Standards and by Mr. Howe, Editor of the Journal of Industrial & Engineering Chemistry show that a great many of the national industrial associations have adopted the policy of co-operative research because it has been found to bring forth the greatest results for the industry and the success of these co-operative institutions in developing newer and better methods should be given consideration by the vegetable oil industry. The most important development in the past year in the vegetable oil industry and the thing which gives the greatest promise of increasing production and efficiency is the plan of co-operative research along the lines of the fundamental questions involved in the refining and handling of edible oils. The joint research committee of the American Oil Chemists' Association and the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers' Association working in co-operation with the U. S. Bureau of Chemistry has started some very important investigations regarding the composition of the non-fatty substances in crude cotton seed oil and other crude oils. This investigation is undoubtedly fundamental for the advance of our refining methods which at the present time are based more or

less on methods adopted a good many years ago as the result of practical experience.

Progress in edible oils industry undoubtedly will be along the line of improvement in refining and handling methods and the question in my mind is whether or not the time has arrived for the great edible oil producing association, the Cotton Seed Crushers' Association, to develop an organization for co-operative research along the lines that have been found to be successful by such associations as the National Cannery Association, the American Institute of Baking, and the National Lime Association, and innumerable other associations.

Most of these associations have found it desirable to establish research organizations of their own because of the closer touch such an organization has with the industry. I would suggest we think about it and see if we have not been slow in this respect.

L. M. TOLMAN, President.

EDITORIAL

A Carpenter's Wisdom

One of the country's wisest men, Franklin K. Lane less than three weeks before he died wrote a friend: "How much of wisdom some men lack who have certain knowledge. And wisdom is what we are after... Wisdom—the essence of lives lived; knocks, blows, pains, tortures reduced to fears, and these incorporated into a string or queue of people who have eyes, nerves, and powers of inference and the initiative to experiment and the impulse to try, and try again. Result...—Wisdom. It does not grow on ancestral trees or college campuses, nor does it come out of laboratories... though it is sometimes found in these places. A carpenter is known to have possessed more of it than any other man: though most of us don't possess enough wisdom to know that He did possess so much of it."

Very evidently Mr. Lane had in mind something very different from what we ordinarily connote with the word Wisdom or intelligence.

A similar idea of the relative value of intelligence, when we mean it by knowledge of facts, and