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THE INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY
ADDRESS OF THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

My presidential address will be a summary of the work of the outgoing administration and an outline of the program for the future.

The work of my administration has been largely that of perfecting the machinery of organization and of winning recognition for the institute. The indiscretions to be expected from a youthful organization had given an unfavorable impression of the purpose of the institute. The institute has reached adolescence and has demonstrated its sincerity of purpose and high aims.

A code of ethics embodying the principles of professional conduct to govern the profession of chemistry has been formulated and adopted. This code of ethics merits public esteem and justifies confidence in the integrity of the chemist. The institute has established a standard of proficiency of such excellence as to insure competent and efficient service on the part of its members. To safeguard the profession of chemistry, the institute proposes to admit to fellowship only those of proved education, experience, competency and character. The educational requirement consists of a minimum of six years of collegiate and post-graduate training in chemistry or chemical engineering and at least two years of such training must be of an advanced nature. In addition to the six years’ training, candidates for fellowship in the institute must have had a minimum of five years’ experience and responsibility in the practice of the profession, and must, in addition, meet the requirements imposed by the council for character and American citizenship.

In order to provide means for the improvement of the economic status of the profession of chemistry, the institute has established a register of its membership in which there is a complete record of the training, experience and fitness for service of each individual member. It is not the purpose of the institute to act as an employment agency, but rather as an intelligence office, serving on the one hand the chemist and on the other the public seeking the service of the chemist.

The keynote of the institute is "service," and all its energies are focused on seeing that only those men...