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## THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY<sup>1</sup>

IN view of the far-reaching changes in our society that are to inaugurate the new year now at hand, it seems to me that no more fitting subject for an address on this occasion could be chosen than one which should present to our members a statement of its present condition, the reasons for the changes undertaken, the importance of these changes to all the chemists of North America, and the need of the loyal support of our present membership at the start in securing the structure of the greater edifice upon a firm and enduring foundation, so that a powerful organization may develop for building up the profession—an organization that shall be fully worthy of what may become, as has been predicted, the future stronghold of chemistry. This presentation seems specially called for at this moment, since the existing situation and what it is hoped to accomplish by the proposed changes are not fully known to a large proportion of our members, particularly that portion that is remote from the larger industrial and educational centers and unattached to our local sections. And

<sup>1</sup>Address of the president of the American Chemical Society, New York meeting, December, 1906.

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