

THE COBLENTZ SOCIETY, INC.

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Minutes of Executive Board Meeting, June 15, 1960

The meeting was called to order at the OSU Student Union by the President, Dr. Foil A. Miller. In attendance were W. J. Potts, C. D. Smith, and the newly elected Board Members, Ellis R. Lippincott and John C. Decius.

Minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with in the absence of Secretary-Treasurer, Raymond Sawyer.

Dr. Miller announced that the Executive Board in a mail ballot had unanimously reaffirmed the election of Dr. Coblentz as an honorary member of the Coblentz Society.

Dr. Miller read the treasury and membership report for Raymond Sawyer:

Treasury balance as of June 1, 1960, was \$997.04  
Number of paid members was 426.

Activities of the Symposium Committee

W. J. Potts reported on the activities of the Symposium Committee. The infrared symposium to be sponsored at the Ottawa Conference is completely planned. At the 1961 Pittsburgh Conference, the subject of the Coblentz Society sponsored session will be Group Frequencies. It was suggested and favorably received that a session in honor of Dr. Coblentz be planned with Dr. Plyler as opening speaker reviewing Dr. Coblentz's work, and other speakers including Norman Wright, H. W. Thompson, and R. C. Lord. In a general discussion, sentiment was expressed in favor of continuing annual sponsorship of a symposium at the Pittsburgh Conference, with perhaps a second symposium each year which would be sponsored at different meetings.

Society Considering Republication of Coblenz's Early Work

Dr. W. W. Coblenz's pioneering work published in 1905-08 by the Carnegie Institution of Washington as "Investigations of Infrared Spectra, Parts 1-7" is out of print. Professor R. C. Lord has suggested that it would be appropriate for the Coblenz Society to investigate the feasibility of reprinting it. Present-day spectroscopists will be amazed at the amount and quality of this work done over 50 years ago. Infrared studies of many molecules are reported there for the first time, and it should be cited more often than it is. Many would like to own the volume for its historical interest.

The Society has therefore obtained permission from the Carnegie Institution to reprint this material, and has asked for quotations. The reprint would be a 6" x 9" paperback volume containing 664 pages. Cost will be \$3.50 plus postage if 435 copies can be sold; \$4.00 plus postage if only 375 are sold.

Obviously the Society needs a firm figure on sales before it can commit itself to a \$1,500 venture. Will you therefore please fill out the enclosed form and return it if you or your library will buy a copy? This will be considered a binding agreement if the Society proceeds with the venture.

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First 1000 Coblentz Society Spectra Now Available

The Society is pleased to announce that the first set of 1000 spectra assembled by the committee under the chairmanship of Clara Smith is now available. They may be obtained from the Sadtler Research Laboratories, 1517 Vine Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania, at \$100 per 1000 spectra. The set is presented in the same format as Sadtler's midget edition -- that is, three to a page. Proceeds from the sales will be used to underwrite further collections.

Contributions of additional spectra are desired, and may be sent to Clara D. Smith, 900 East Mulberry, Evansville 13, Indiana.