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THE SECRETARY REPORTS

At a time when enthusiasm is running high in the anticipation of our new journal, *CLINICAL CHEMISTRY*, may we be permitted to make a few observations about the evolution of the present publication *The CLINICAL CHEMIST*, which will cease publication with the completion of the current volume.

In the matter of only a few weeks after the Association was organized in December, 1948 an editor and assistant editor were appointed with instructions to prepare a bimonthly newsletter that could be sent to the members. The funds at that time were quite limited and this editorial venture had to be confined to a small typewritten and offset product. Yet the oldtimers (those who were members five years ago) might well recall the thrill upon receiving this little pamphlet.

A short time after that the Executive Committee decided to expand this newsletter and adopted the present format while adding several new features, including reproduction of photographs and making the newsletter available to advertisers. Although it still remained a professional and what might be called a "trade paper" yet various members began to submit short scientific notes that proved most interesting. It was this latter development that prompted the Executive Committee meeting in Milwaukee in September, 1952 to recommend to the membership

ABCC ELECTS NEW MEMBERS

The American Board of Clinical Chemistry, Inc., held its annual meeting in Philadelphia, April 16-17, 1954. The following officers were reelected: Otto A. Bessey, President; A. E. Osterberg, Vice-President; O. H. Gaebler, Secretary-Treasurer. Other present members of the Board are: Joseph W. E. Harrison, C. W. Muehlberger, M. H. Power, W. A. Wolff, and W. M. Sperry. Resignations of Michael Somogyi and D. D. Van Slyke were accepted with regret. The term of H. H. Bunzell expired at the end of this meeting. Harry Sobotka, Robert Hill, and Albert Chaney were elected to membership. Their terms of office will begin at the termination of the 1955 annual meeting.

Six clinical chemists were certified: Clara M. Ambrus, Julian L. Ambrus, Julius J. Carr, Max E. Chilcote, Smith Freeman, and Robert P. MacFate. The total number of certified clinical chemists is now 237.

Information concerning requirements for certification is available without cost from the Secretary, Dr. O. H. Gaebler, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit 2, Michigan.

that a moderate increase in dues would permit funds to expand the newsletter into a journal with original scientific contributions. This recommendation was favorably received and the issues of *The CLINICAL CHEMIST* of the past two years are the product thereof.

But this more elaborate effort has also proved inadequate for the needs and the Association has now decided to move into the "major league" with a regular journal and with all the benefits and risks appertaining thereto.

For those working on this new editorial project the excitement can be no greater than it was at the time of the first typewritten newsletter. An important difference is that the support of the membership is needed now more than before. *CLINICAL CHEMISTRY* must be more than the official publication of the American Association of Clinical Chemists. It must evoke the the personal pride of each and every member.

Max M. Friedman, *National Secretary*

ERNST BISCHOFF AWARD TO JOHN G. REINHOLD

John G. Reinhold, Pepper Laboratory of Clinical Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, was awarded the 1954 Ernst Bischoff Award in Clinical Chemistry. The award was made at the Annual Meeting Dinner of the American Association of Clinical Chemists at the Hotel McAlpin, New York, September 16. Lt. Col. Monroe Freeman, President of the AACC, made the presentation.

Dr. Reinhold was honored for his work and researches on chemical liver function tests and for his studies of hepatitis. He was also cited for his work on behalf of the AACC and his efforts to secure professional recognition for the clinical chemist. Besides his work for the Association, Dr. Reinhold is chairman of the Committee on Clinical Chemistry of the American Chemical Society.

John Reinhold is the third recipient of the clinical chemistry award, which is given by the Ernst Bischoff Company of Ivoryton, Conn. and administered by the AACC. The award consists of a bronze medal, scroll and honorarium of five hundred dollars.

In his award address, the third Ernst Bischoff Lecture, Dr. Reinhold discussed the work of his group at the University of Pennsylvania and a team at the National Institutes of Health in developing chemical procedures for the detection of carriers of viral hepatitis among blood donors. He showed the methodology that has been successful in good percentage of cases in eliminating the blood from these carrier donors from the blood bank pool. The blood from these carrier donors are not lost to the blood bank as they can be used in the preparation of human serum albumin and other blood products, where the processing eliminates the virus.

Dr. Reinhold's complete paper will be published in the first issue of the Association's new journal, *CLINICAL CHEMISTRY*.

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CORRECTION

Under "The Secretary Reports" in our June issue the paragraph on the price to members of the new journal, *CLINICAL CHEMISTRY*, may have given an erroneous impression. *CLINICAL CHEMISTRY* will be an \$8.00 journal. A subscription will be entered automatically for each member by the Treasurer and paid for out of dues. As the present dues will not cover the entire price of the new journal, dues will be increased by \$3.50 beginning with 1955, to help make up the difference.

This increase in the dues has been passed unanimously by the members present at the Annual Meeting, September 16, 1954.

GENERAL LABORATORY STANDARDS UNDER INVESTIGATION

The standardization committee of the New York Section is seeking suitable preparations from any interested manufacturer to be used as a general laboratory standard for clinical analysis. One such preparation, bovine serum ultrafiltrate, is presently undergoing analysis for such a purpose. Any interested manufacturer or individual who knows of such an item is invited to communicate with the chairman of the standardization committee (Abraham Saifer, Biochemist, Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital, Brooklyn 3, New York).

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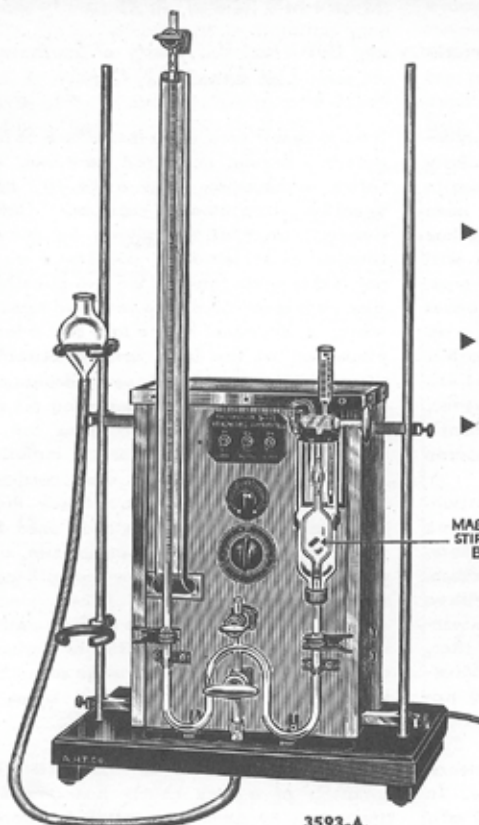
CLINICAL CHEMISTRY, the new publication of the AACC will begin publication in January, 1955. Papers on original research in clinical chemistry and related subjects are invited to be submitted for consideration by the new Board of Editors. The publication will use the same address as *The Clinical Chemist*.

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