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FUTURE MEETINGS

Denver ... 28 March - 2 April 1993

* General Papers. Contact M. D. Saltzman, Department of Chemistry, Providence College, Providence, RI 02918, (401) 865-2298.
* Coordination Chemistry Centennial. Contact George B. Kauffman, Department of Chemistry, California State University, Fresno, CA 93740, (209) 294-2581.

Chicago ... 22-27 August 1993

Four copies of abstract by 15 April 1993.

* General Papers. Contact M. D. Saltzman (see address above).
* C. K. Ingold, 1893-1970. Master and Mandarin of Physical Organic Chemistry. Contact M. D. Saltzman (see address above) or Derek Davenport, Department of Chemistry, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907, (317) 494-5465.

San Diego ... 13-18 March 1994

Four copies of abstract by 1 December 1993.

* General Papers. Contact M. D. Saltzman (see address above).

Washington DC ... 21-25 August 1994

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* General Papers. Contact M. D. Saltzman (see address above).

Anaheim ... 2-7 April 1995

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* General Papers. Contact M. D. Saltzman (see address above).
* Archaeological Chemistry. Contact M. V. Orna, Department of Chemistry, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY, 10805, (914) 654-5302.

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PARTING SHOTS

Gibber, Jabber, or Just Geber?

William B. Jensen, University of Cincinnati

As an avid reader of the older chemical literature, it has long been my custom to keep a file of interesting and/or curious quotes, especially if they relate in some manner to the teaching of chemistry. Until recently my favorite was Tobern Bergman’s (1735-1784) contention, which appeared in his 1779 essay “Of the Origin of Chemistry”, that the history of chemistry could be divided into three distinct historical periods: “the mythologic, the obscure, and the certain” (1). Believing in a pseudo-Haeckelian version of education in which the mental develop-