

whom are still active, and, in part, because both the cast of participants and number of events become almost overwhelming. Nevertheless, a 39-page epilogue and several appendices bring at least the chronological data up to 1987.

There is no doubt that this book is a labor of love on the part of the author. Unfortunately, professional historians have become less and less willing to deal with regional themes of this type and may even feel that the book is too much about too little. Likewise, departmental alumni may feel overwhelmed by its size, since their usual idea of a departmental history is a quick read of the coffee table variety which is long on photographs and anecdotal nostalgia and short on historical detail and insight. If so, I feel that both groups are mistaken and that the true value of this wonderful gift that Ihde has given to his department will become more and more apparent with the passage of time.

The book itself is attractively typeset and is well illustrated with photographs. Copies can be ordered by writing directly to the Department of Chemistry, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53708. - *William B. Jensen, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221*

## EVENTS OF INTEREST

\* ACS Books has begun publication of its new series *Profiles, Pathways and Dreams*. Edited by Jeffrey L. Seeman, the series will consist of 22 autobiographical volumes by famous contemporary organic chemists, most of them lavishly illustrated with photographs. A review of the first three accounts, by John D. Roberts, Ernest L. Eliel and Donald J. Cram, will appear in the next issue (No. 8, Winter 1990) of the *Bulletin*.

\* The Bruccoli Clark Layman Publishing Company is planning to publish two volumes on the history of the American chemical industry as part of their larger series, *The Encyclopedia of American Business History and Biography*. The volumes on the chemical industry will be edited by John K. Smith of Lehigh University who is currently looking for contributors to help write short biographies for about 250 industrial chemists, entrepreneurs and executives, short histories of about 100 chemical and pharmaceutical companies, and about 35 general entries related to the chemical industry and government legislation. Interested parties should contact Dr. John Smith, Department of History, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA 18015 or telephone him at (215) 758-3360.

\* Volume 51 of *Kagakushi Kenkyu* (Studies of the History of Chemistry), the official organ of the Japanese Society for the History of Chemistry, was published this summer. Founded in 1973, the society has a membership of about 450 historians, chemists, chemical engineers and high school chemistry teachers. In addition to its annual meeting, the society occasionally sponsors special symposia, often in conjunction with the annual meetings of the Japanese Chemical Society.

The society's journal carries the same phonetic title as the journal of the Japanese History of Science Society as the Japanese words for science and chemistry are phonetically the same, though represented by different written characters. To avoid confusion, the History of Chemistry Society often uses the abbreviated title of *Kagakushi* when referring to its journal. The journal's current editor is Dr. Hajime Kasiwaga, who is also the current president of the society. The journal is published quarterly and carries articles, notes, book reviews, notices of recent publications, and news of interest. The articles carry English summaries. The current annual subscription rate, including handling and shipping, is \$90.00. Orders should be sent to the Export Department, Maruzen Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 5050, Tokyo International 100-31, Japan (Telex, J-26517).

\* Travel grants are available from the Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry to enable interested individuals to visit Philadelphia to make use of the Othmer Library, the Edgar Fahs Smith Collection, and other associated facilities. The grants, which may be used for travel, subsistence, and copying costs, will not normally exceed \$500. Applications should include a vita, a one-paragraph statement on the research proposed, a budget, and the addresses and telephone numbers of two references. Deadlines are 1 February for grants covering the period April-June; 1 August for the period October-November, and 1 November for the period January-March. Send applications to Dr. Mary Ellen Bowden, Assistant Director of Programs, Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry, 3401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6228, (215) 898-4896.

\* The Oesper Collection in the History of Chemistry of the University of Cincinnati is looking for donations of old chemistry texts, photographs, prints and chemical apparatus to add to its collections. Interested parties should contact Dr. William B. Jensen, The Oesper Collection in the History of Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, ML 172, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

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Five copies of 150-word abstract (original on ACS Abstract Form) by 1 January 1991. Title of paper by 1 November 1990.

\* *General Papers*. Contact J. L. Sturchio, Corporate Archives, Merck & Co., Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Rahway, NJ 07065-0900, (201) 594-3981.

\* *Michael Faraday - Chemist and Popular Lecturer* (Co-sponsored by CHED). Contact Derek Davenport, Department of Chemistry, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907, (317) 494-5465.