

THE CONTRIBUTORS' COLUMN

W. D. McNally, formerly Chief Chemist in the Department of Health, has for seven years been Chief Chemist of the Coroner's Laboratory in Chicago—a fact which writes large his present message to chemists. The national journals have recently given publicity to a similar warning from Prof. Charles Baskerville, and the A. C. S. News Service has sent broadcast an emphatic letter from Dr. Reid Hunt of the Harvard Medical School to the same effect. Every chemist will note the coroner's opinion of his "cocktails" and pass the sermon on.

Dr. W. Lee Lewis is chairman of the Department of Chemistry at Northwestern University, Evanston.

L. W. Spring has for many years been Chief Metallurgist for the Crane Company in Chicago. One of our pressing problems is that of stimulating the daily press to consult such authorities as he before publishing what appears to be scientific news.

Otto Eisenschiml is a name that Western chemists, at least, cannot mistake. These poignant paragraphs from his December address will undoubtedly be as widely reprinted as was his stimulating paper on "The Economic Outlook" in our August issue.

P. A. Bond, Professor of Chemistry in the State University of Iowa, was active in the organization of the Iowa Section fifteen years ago. He has at various times occupied each of its important offices and is now its Vice-President.

"Fair Play" is a manufacturer who will appreciate the suggestion on our editorial page that the American Chemical Society take action to assure a reliable coal supply. Here, as elsewhere, business can adjust itself to almost any condition but it must have stability.

"M. J. M.," though a "young chemist," has the enviable title of Chief Chemist in a large Chicago company. His sympathy with the purposes of the chemists' union is therefore not prompted by the usual envy of the "outs" for the "ins."

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