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The past six years of publishing THE CLINICAL CHEMIST has shown the need for a publication that truly represents the profession of clinical chemistry. The Editorial Committee has tried and believably achieved its purpose, to bring to the members of the AACC and to the profession a publication that would enhance professional stature in the scientific community and to place the profession and practice of clinical chemistry on the highest scientific plane.

We are very pleased that our efforts, from the very beginning, were very well received both among our membership and throughout the world. A number of our members, returning from visits to foreign countries, tell of the amazingly wide circulation of the limited copies available, from laboratory to laboratory. In our own country, the publication has given our members a certain pride in their profession and has improved the relationship between the clinical chemistry laboratory and medical practice.

It is particularly gratifying to realize that our Association recognized the need and the objectives of a professional publication very early in the Association's organization. The publication budget always has made up a large percentage of the Association's income. It is to the credit of

the various National Executive Committees that they have always unanimously approved the constant growth of their publication and at a very early date set as a goal the eventual organization of an official Journal.

This is the last issue of THE CLINICAL CHEMIST. Our six years of effort has been rewarded by the establishment of an Official Association Journal, CLINICAL CHEMISTRY, which will make its debut next month. As Chairman of the Editorial Committee for the past five years, I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank Dr. Ellenmae Viergiver and her abstracting group for their efforts in making that section one of the features of our publication; Dr. Clyde A. Dubbs, of the Southern California Section, for his work in arranging to bring to our readers the excellent scientific papers which were presented before the scientific sessions of his section; and to the secretaries and section correspondents for transmitting all the local section news.

During the past month every member received a letter from Dr. Max M. Friedman, National Secretary, explaining how every member having an interest in his profession has an interest in the Association's Journal, CLINICAL CHEMISTRY. It may be well to quote the last few paragraphs of that letter to emphasize how every member can help his Association and profession.

".....CLINICAL CHEMISTRY belongs to our Association and so we are all interested in gaining the widest circulation for it.

There are also a few other ways in which you might help support your journal. It is of first importance that there be a continuous flow of good scientific material in order to maintain the necessary standards. We therefore respectfully urge you to consider CLINICAL CHEMISTRY when preparing manuscripts for publication. It would also be appreciated if you called the attention of prospective advertisers to this journal.

Printing and distribution costs of a scientific periodical are borne mainly by circulation, advertising, and subsidy. We have no source of subsidy at this time except that the publish-

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION TRAVEL GRANTS

The National Science Foundation, the American Society of Biological Chemists, and the Division of Biological Chemistry of the American Chemical Society, acting jointly, will award individual grants to defray partial travel expenses of a limited number of scientists who will attend the Third International Biochemical Congress to be held in Brussels, Belgium, August 1-6, 1955. Applications will be considered in two groups: (1) those from scientists under 40 years (about 20 grants); and (2) those from more senior scientists (about 5 grants). Primary consideration will be given to scientific merit in the selection, but preference will be given to those scientists who have not previously attended an international scientific congress or studied in Europe, and to those who are unable to attend without the aid of a grant. Applications for grants to any of the three organizations will be considered together.

Application blanks may be obtained from the National Science Foundation, Washington 25, D.C. *Completed forms must be received by the Foundation by January 3, 1955.* Announcement of the award of travel grants will be made on or about March 1, 1955.

ers have trustfully assumed the risk and initial expenses of this journal for a period of five years. Under these circumstances each member must assume some part of these responsibilities. A successful journal will return to the Association a liberal royalty and allow us funds for other important projects in the interest of clinical chemistry.

This much-needed scientific periodical is the result of several years of planning and industry by many individuals in the Association, and it is with much enthusiasm that we look forward to the first issue of CLINICAL CHEMISTRY in January, 1955."

Harold D. Appleton, *Chairman*
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**BROOKLYN POLYTECH GIVES
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COURSE IN SPRING 1955**

Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn will give a graduate course in "Radiochemical Analysis" in the spring semester, 1955. This course, #1112, is designed to familiarize chemists with a descriptive account of the nature and structure of nuclei, and the types of nuclear reactions. Considerable attention is given to types of radiation, technics of quantitative measurement and the principles and operation of instruments used for radiation measurements. Tracer technics in chemical systems will be discussed and illustrated. Laboratory work will be flexible in character. After certain fundamental technics are acquired, experiments will be designed to meet the needs of the individual student.

Pre-requisite (for degree students) Chem. #1101 or equivalent. Students who are not on a degree program may be admitted to the course without formal requirements. An interview with the instructor is suggested.

Registration will be held the week of January 31, 1955. Professor Joseph Steigman is in charge of the course.

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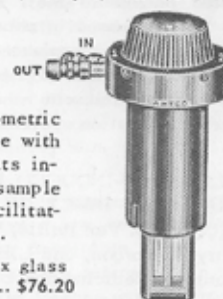
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