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I am writing to invite you to participate in a Conference of College Chemistry Teachers which is being planned as one of the events of our Centennial Program. As plans for the program have developed it has occurred to us that you could contribute significantly to this meeting. You have by virtue of your position a wide acquaintance with Research programs, opportunities for such in liberal arts colleges, and the problems associated with the implementation of such. We feel that you could draw upon this experience in a manner that would be very helpful to those in attendance at the Conference.

The theme is to be An Evaluation of the Teaching of Chemistry in Liberal Arts Colleges. It will be held Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15, 1952. The general plan is to have several group meetings, the nature of which will be determined by the expressed interests of the participants. The group discussions will be punctuated by addresses by Professor A. J. Garrett of Ohio State University, and Jean Harry Lewis, of the Institute of Paper Chemistry. Professor Kaenisch of Wabash College will be the Director. Saturday evening Dr. G. B. Volwiler will address a meeting composed of members of the Illinois-Iowa Section of the American Chemical Society, members of the Conference, and invited guests from local and nearby communities.

As the program stands at the present time we would like to have you speak at 8:00 P. M. Saturday afternoon, November 15. It would probably be desirable to aim at a presentation of about thirty minutes and allow considerable time for questions.

We will expect to take care of your expenses for travel, meals and lodging, but cannot at this time promise to do more. We are hopeful, of course, that you will be able to come for the entire Conference as well as the hour which will be your special responsibility.

Please advise concerning your choice of title for your address in the event that you are able to accept our invitation.

Yours sincerely,

J. V. Balaban, General Chairman
Conference of College Chemistry
Teachers