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Mr. Alden Emery, Secretary  
American Chemical Society  
1155 Sixteenth St., N.W.  
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Emery:

During the concluding session of the Conference of College Chemistry Teachers held November 14 and 15, 1952, on the Monmouth College campus, ninety representatives from fifty-three liberal arts colleges joined in the formation of a regional chemistry teachers association. The new group is the Midwestern Association of Liberal Arts College Chemistry Teachers. Members of the organizing committee are:

Name	Institution	Representing
J. B. Culbertson	Cornell College	Iowa
D. W. Gier	Park College	Missouri
Edward L. Haenisch	Wabash College	Indiana
Fred Mathews	Beloit College	Wisconsin
Perry A. Moore	Hamline University	Minnesota
Ben T. Shawver	Monmouth College	Illinois
Gerrit Van Zyl	Hope College	Michigan

Edward L. Haenisch and Ben T. Shawver were elected as chairman and secretary, respectively.

The Midwestern Association took action requesting the American Chemical Society to approach the chemical industry to determine whether various companies might not consider some special type of support for small research projects to be carried out by the staffs of the liberal arts colleges on subjects either of the companies' choosing or projects of interest to the college. What the Association wants is a collection of information by the Society from specific companies with a listing of

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those that would provide financing for research projects in the chemistry departments of the liberal arts colleges.

In the discussion which led to the above action the members of the Association recognized the following points:

1. That they are not in a position to operate large programs and therefore the regular sources of support, open to universities and research institutes, would not of necessity fit the need.
2. The colleges have been helped immeasurably by grants from the Research Corporation, but only one side of the problem is met by such grants, that of research materials. In order to expand the interest in college research further, sufficient income should result to reduce somewhat the teaching load of the investigators through acquisition of additional staff.
3. As a rule, the colleges carrying on research are active in the recruitment of chemists; the reverse of course is not always true. Help in spreading the research activities in the colleges will help in the recruiting of high quality students for the chemical profession and will certainly improve the training of those students.

A roster of participants in the Conference and formation of the Midwestern Association is enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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