

Dr. Shaver

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Dear Professor Maenisch:

We were pleased with your response to our invitation to serve as Director of the Conference of College Chemistry Teachers. Our slowness in replying has been dictated by word from Dr. Lewis indicating that there might be a conflict between our choice of dates and dedication of science buildings at Grinnell and Hamline. The absence of responsible officers from the respective schools delayed effort to check with respect to the possibility of these conflicts. We have learned finally that the dedication at Hamline will be another 17 and that Grinnell may not dedicate their building before early in 1953.

The general outline of the program remains about the same as it was when we wrote to you late last month. The principal change concerns the Saturday afternoon meeting with Dr. Volwiler. For good reason he has declined our invitation to meet with the College teachers at that time. He is coming for the Saturday evening meeting and will address himself to the The Scientist's Place in The Future. We are inviting Walter E. Thwaite, Jr. of the Research Corporation for the Saturday afternoon 4:00 o'clock hour. Our request is that he share with the college chemistry teachers his wide experience relative to problems associated with research programs in liberal arts colleges.

Upon receipt of your criticisms of the enclosed material we propose to mail about September 8 copies to the College presidents. As you have suggested, copies will be sent to the Heads of the chemistry departments. These will be attached to a brief note from me. (See enclosure)

It has occurred to me that perhaps we could get together for a discussion of plans for the Conference while in Atlantic City next month. To this end I am inviting you, Dr. Lewis, and Professor Garrett to have breakfast with me on the morning of September 16th at 7:30 Eastern Daylight Saving Time. It is my thought that a meeting of the principal program participants will help measurably to expedite arrangement details with respect to the program. I will be staying at the Hotel Madison which is located just off the Boardwalk on Illinois Avenue (Key No. 2 on the map in Chem. and Engr. News, August 18, 1952, p. 3394). We could meet there near the information desk at the appointed hour. If this time should ~~be~~ not be convenient perhaps we can arrange another. I will be in Atlantic City during the period of September 14-19.

Dr. Volwiler's address Saturday evening will be delivered to an audience composed of members of the Illinois-Iowa Section, participants in the Conference, and invited guests from the community. Inasmuch as he will not be immediately concerned with the meetings of the preceding day and a half it seems unnecessary to include him in the breakfast meeting at Atlantic City.

It is my hope that you will feel increasingly free in exercising initiative with respect to the details of the program. We will continue to bear the major responsibility for the mechanical details such as correspondence, housing, etc. We will depend on your leadership for the detailed organization and coordination, which will be reflected to a considerable extent in the final announcement in October and implemented at the meeting in November.

A list of the colleges to which invitations will be sent is enclosed for your information and criticism. The Antitrinitarianism represented in this list is a consequence of our participation in the activities of the Midwest Conference, our kinship with other independent liberal arts colleges in the State of Illinois and the United Presbyterian Church, distance, budget, and availability of housing.

Yours sincerely,

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Conference of College Chemistry
Teachers