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Dr. E. H. Volwiler
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Dear Dr. Volwiler:

I am writing to invite you to participate in the Centennial Program of Monmouth College during Saturday evening, November 15, 1952. For some years the Illinois-Iowa Section of the American Chemical Society has met on our campus during the month of November. It is planned ~~to make~~ this year's meeting an extra-special occasion by having as the speaker of the evening a chemist of international reputation; one who is at once a leader in the American Chemical Society and in the chemical industry. The members of the committee in charge of arrangements have selected you as the person they would like to have for this occasion. The topic to which you would address yourself would be of your own choosing. It is anticipated that the audience will be composed of members of the Illinois-Iowa Section, visitors from other A. C. S. Sections, chemistry professors from liberal arts colleges in the Midwest Conference area, and leading citizens from Warren and adjacent counties.

The evening meeting will be preceded by a dinner in the college dining room. We will expect, of course, that you and Mrs. Volwiler will be our guests. Arrangements for your comfort will be made at the Hotel Custer in Galesburg, seventeen miles to the east of Monmouth. Communications between Galesburg and Chicago are excellent inasmuch as Galesburg is served by main lines of the Burlington and Santa Fe railroads and U. S. Highway No. 24. The Moline airport is within easy driving distance of Monmouth in the event that air transportation should seem to be more desirable.

During Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning and afternoon preceding this meeting of the Illinois-Iowa Section a conference devoted to "An Evaluation of the Teaching of Chemistry in Liberal Arts Colleges" will be held on the Monmouth campus. Participants in this conference will be college chemistry teachers from liberal arts colleges of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. It has occurred to us in our planning sessions that you might be willing to meet with this group during the latter part of Saturday afternoon and address yourself to an evaluation

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of the Chemical Profession and Liberal Arts Colleges," or some similar subject. There appears to be considerable need during days of changing nature of the support for liberal arts colleges, manpower shortages, industrial on-the-job training programs, and other factors, for increased liaison between teachers and men in your position. A copy of the program tentatively planned is enclosed for your information and criticism. You will note that we have taken the liberty (hopefully) of entering your name at two points in the program.

The budget which has been approved for this conference will permit us to pay all of your expenses--travel, lodging, and meals--and provides a small honorarium (\$25.00). To think that the latter were more substantial; it is at best a token and is in no way compensation for the valued leadership you will provide.

I am planning to attend the Atlantic City meeting of the A.C.S. in September and will be at the Council Meeting in my capacity as Councilor of the Atlantic-Town Section. It may be that I will see you then. Meanwhile I anticipate an early response to the invitation extended in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

H. H. Williams
General Chairman
Conference of College
Chemistry Teachers