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NOTES FROM MEMBERS

William A. Cole (Pacific Palisades, CA) has recently had a book entitled *Chemical Literature: 1700-1860* published by Mansell of London. The book is a detailed annotated bibliography of more than 1400 selected items belonging to the *William A. Cole Collection of Books on the History of Chemistry*, and selected as representing major contributions to the chemical literature of the period.

Bert Ramsay (Eastern Michigan University) reports that he has been promoted from associate to full member of the ACS Committee on Meetings and Expositions for 1988.

John Wotiz (University of Southern Illinois-Carbondale) recently participated in a Presidential Conference on "Chemistry in the Museum Environment" sponsored by the ACS and the Smithsonian Institution.

Dr. Raymond B. Seymour (University of Southern Mississippi) has recently been inducted into the Plastics Hall of Fame. Dr. Seymour has organized numerous symposia on the

history of polymers and plastics for HIST.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

* The Oesper Collection in the History of Chemistry of the University of Cincinnati will sponsor a museum display entitled *Two Centuries of the Chemistry Set* from 15 October 1988 through 15 March 1989. The display will feature advertisements, books, photographs and actual chemistry sets spanning the period 1789-1989. A booklet based on the display will be available by 15 January 1989 for the price of \$5.00. Persons interested in viewing the display or in ordering the booklet should contact Dr. William B. Jensen, Department of Chemistry, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0172, or phone (513) 475-4005.

* The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the International Projects and Services of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois are arranging the *Tenth European History of Chemistry Tour* in June and July, 1989. Professor John H. Wotiz will again be the tour director and instructor. Ten European countries will be visited, with stops in places where the history of chemistry was made, is on exhibit, or where Professor Wotiz has made special arrangements to hear lectures by local historians. The first tour was described in the *Journal of Chemical Education*, 1972, 49, 593 and many of the places that will be visited are listed in Professor Wotiz's "Science Museum Guide" which appeared in *CHEMTECH*, 1982, 12, 221. Participation for periods of less than eight weeks will be possible. The tour should be of special interest to science teachers and professors who like to combine self-improvement with European sightseeing. Family members of participants will also be able to join the tour. University registration for credit or audit is required. All inquiries should be directed to the tour leader: Dr. John H. Wotiz, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901, Phone: 618-453-5721 (Office), 618-549-4220 (Home).

* The Beckman Center for History of Chemistry announces a program of small travel grants, to enable interested individuals to visit Philadelphia to make use of the research resources of the Beckman Center, the Edgar Fahs Smith Collection and other associated facilities, including the historical collections of the Chemist's Club. Grants, which may be used for travel, subsistence, and copying costs, will not normally exceed \$300. Applications should include a vita, a one paragraph statement on the research proposed, a budget, and the addresses and telephone numbers of two references. Applications may be sent at any time to Dr. Mary Ellen Bowden, Assistant Director (Programs), Beckman Center for History of Chemistry, 3401 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6228, Phone (215) 898-4896.