

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During 1977-78 the Institute held two successful lecture series, one in Halifax and one in the Annapolis Valley. The series in Halifax was arranged by R.J. Conover, P.H. Odense, and F.J. Simpson and that in the Annapolis Valley by T.C. Haliburton, F.C. Bent, and R. Olsen. The arrangements were completed during the summer of 1977 so that for the first time it was possible to distribute in September, the lecture program for the 1977-78 season. This was a factor in rekindling an interest in the Institute with a consistent attendance at the lectures. During the 1977-78 season, most of the lectures were held in the auditorium of the Nova Scotia Museum, whose hospitality is greatly appreciated. We are similarly indebted to Dalhousie University and to the Nova Scotia Technical College for the facilities they have made available over the years.

The Institute, in co-operation with the A.C. Neish Memorial Trust, Dalhousie University, and the Atlantic Regional Laboratory, once again participated in sponsoring the A.C. Neish Memorial Lecture. The Institute hosted a prelecture dinner with Mrs. A.C. Neish and members of the family as guests. The lecture, given by Dr. Galston of Yale University as part of the celebrations of the 25th Anniversary of the Atlantic Regional Laboratory, appears in Volume 28 of the PROCEEDINGS along with the other lectures presented during the celebrations.

Council appointed D.S. Davis, K. Hellenbrand, and I.A. McLaren as a committee on Membership. A booth providing information about the Institute was set up at the A.C. Neish Memorial Lecture and a copy of the Institute's lecture program together with an application form was mailed to all scientists on the staff of the Nova Scotia Technical College, Dalhousie, St. Mary's, and Mount St. Vincent Universities. Twenty-nine new members were obtained. There are 125 ordinary members of the Halifax and 31 members of the Valley Chapter who have paid dues, 22 who have purchased life memberships, 18 who are one year, 17 two years, and 10 three or more years in arrears. The latter will be dropped from the roles. Seventeen institutions have paid fees and 10 are in arrears.

Because of fiscal constraints, the Institute was not able to complete publication of Volume 27 of the PROCEEDINGS during 1974-75. J. McLachlan was appointed editor in 1976 and with the assistance of the able Editorial Board (H.B.S. Cooke, I.A. McLaren, P.J. Wangersky, and S.P. vander Kloet) was successful in overcoming a number of obstacles. The Province of Nova Scotia gave the Institute grants of \$500 in 1977 and 1978 to support publication of the PROCEEDINGS. With the objective of reinstating regular publication, the Editor and Treasurer prepared a submission to the National Research Council for a grant. The application was successful and a grant of \$2,500 was received. The immediate financial problems have been resolved. However, the Institute needs to take measures to ensure continued publication of the PROCEEDINGS, the preparation and publication of a cumulative index, and the periodic publication of monographs or reviews. As a first step, the Editorial Board has established a voluntary page charge. Now that regular publication of the PROCEEDINGS has been reestablished, the editor would be pleased to receive manuscripts for possible publication.

In 1976, President W.D. Jamieson appointed H.A. Ellenberger, T.C. Haliburton, and F.J. Simpson as a committee of three to review and report on the relationships between the Council and Chapters. The report was submitted to Council in the spring of 1977. The committee recommended that the by-laws of the Institute be revised so as to establish representation of Chapters on Council and a more formal relationship between the parent organization and the Chapters. Council was of the opinion that the Institute should actively encourage the establishment of additional Chapters in other regions of Nova Scotia or the Atlantic Region. Accordingly, Council undertook to revise the by-laws of the Institute with the objectives of pro-

viding for the establishment and representation of Chapters on Council, and of providing for the establishment of separate investment, operating and publication accounts in order to qualify for grants and solicitations of donations as a charitable foundation. The proposed changes in the by-laws were accepted by the membership and adopted at the annual meeting.

During the year the members of the Institute were saddened by the death of colleagues who had been active members of the Institute. Among these were Mr. John Longard who worked at the Defence Research Establishment before his retirement, Dr. Keith Stewart, a well known chemist at the Experimental Farm at Kentville, and Dr. Tikvah Edelstein, an internationally known phycologist at the Atlantic Regional Laboratory, Halifax.

I am confident that the measures taken this year will result in an improved financial position and will provide the incoming Executive and Council with a firmer base on which to build. I wish to thank the officers of the Institute, the members of Council, the Editor and members of the Editorial Board for the support they have given me and the large amount of work done on behalf of the Institute. My reports and the revisions to the by-laws would not have been possible without the assistance of Mrs. L. Cameron and the secretarial staff at ARL, to whom I express my appreciation and thanks.

F.J. Simpson