

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

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Members of the Institute:

It is gratifying to be able to make this brief report of the Institute's activities for the past year without having to refer to the death of any member.

During the year 9 ordinary and 18 student members were elected. In addition the Council saw fit to confer Honorary Membership on certain of our number who have rendered long and distinguished service to Science and the Institute. These are H. E. Bigelow, H. L. Bronson, John Cameron, P. R. Colpitt, L. C. Harlow, A. G. Huntsman, S. G. Ritchie and F. H. Sexton.

Our membership as of September 11 thus stands as follows:

Ordinary members.....	56
Associate.....	44
Student.....	49
Honorary.....	13
Life.....	10
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Total.....	172

Six ordinary meetings with an average attendance of 41 were held and 15 papers and 1 demonstration were presented. These may be classified as follows:

Biochemistry.....	1
Biology.....	4
Chemistry.....	2
Fisheries.....	2
Physics.....	4 (plus 1 demonstration)
Physiology.....	2

In addition an extraordinary meeting was held on March 17 at which a very interesting paper on "Plant Viruses" was

presented by Dr. D. J. McLeod, Officer-in-Charge, Division of Botany and Plant Pathology, Fredericton, N. B.

During the year Volume XXI, Parts 3 and 4 of our Proceedings was published. This is noteworthy in being the largest single issue ever published by the Institute and consists entirely of a paper entitled "The Flora of Nova Scotia," by Dr. A. E. Roland, Provincial Botanist. Both the author and the editor are to be congratulated on this issue.

The Reports of the other officers will be found elsewhere in this issue.

In conclusion I would like to thank the members of Council for their assistance and support throughout the year.