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## PREFACE

In 1918 a symposium on the Setting of Cements and Plasters was held by the Faraday Society in London. Important developments have subsequently taken place in this branch. Seeing that fundamental work on several essential problems was in progress in many countries it was felt, that a meeting of research cement chemists from these countries would afford an opportunity for a valuable exchange of views and would contribute to the promotion of scientific and technical progress.

With this in view the Royal Swedish Institute for Engineering Research and the Swedish Cement Association invited a number of research cement chemists to an international meeting in Stockholm. The meeting was entitled "Symposium on the Chemistry of Cements" and took place in July 1938. A review of its Proceedings is given below.

The sponsors of the meeting requested some of our most prominent cement chemists to prepare reports on the present state of knowledge on specified subjects. These very valuable reports which served as the basis for the meeting, are reproduced in the following, as well as the appurtenant discussions, delivered at the meeting and during a specified time after the meeting.

The publication of the Proceedings is made in order to bring to common use the reviews, the data and the opinions expressed on that occasion, it being felt that the material thus produced gives about the best authoritative picture obtainable of the actual state of the science in this field. The publication might also serve as a book of reference concerning previous work.

The sponsoring institutes wish to express their hearty gratitude to the authors of the reports and to the participants in the discussion for their work and their sincere spirit of co-operation enabling the meeting to be of real value.

Mr. S. GIERTZ-HEDSTRÖM of the Royal Swedish Institute for Engineering Research, the SECRETARY of the Symposium, has acted as EDITOR of the Proceedings.

For the views expressed in following reports and contributions the authors only are responsible.

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