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REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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Thirteen companies have affiliated with the Foundation thus far this year. They are:

Corhart Refractories Company
General Motors Corporation
Hazel-Atlas Glass Company
International Business Machines Company
Merck & Company
Miamisburg Paper Company
Michigan Mutual Liability Company
Neville Company
Pittsburgh Clay Pot Company
Plaskon Company
Pyrene Manufacturing Company
Standard Lime and Stone Company
Toledo Edison Company

Two of the above are old members who dropped out during lean years but renewed their memberships during 1941. Meanwhile, four companies resigned during the year.

It will be impossible to make a full report on membership work until the end of the year. A campaign for new members is now in progress and we have reason to be optimistic about its results. Mr. Lewis H. Brown, President of Johns-Manville Corporation, which has held membership since the Foundation was started, has kindly agreed to assist us in the undertaking. The campaign has been necessarily held up by the fact that the Foundation has been in the process of changing its name. That change was advocated by the Membership Committee, as well as many other persons interested in the Foundation, at the meeting here one year ago. After circularizing the membership, and after the due processes of the law, the change from Air Hygiene Foundation to Industrial Hygiene Foundation became official only recently. In fact there are still some final legalities to be disposed of at a business session here today.

Increasing industrial activity tends to increase health hazards—and at a time when the nation sorely needs maximum manpower. Therefore, the work of the Foundation is more important now than ever before. It helps companies keep precautions apace with production, which is the only way we can offset the increases in sick absences and occupational disease which inevitably accompany an increase in the industrial tempo.

In endeavoring to fulfill this important function—keeping precautions step with production—the Foundation is performing more and more field work for its member companies. During the past year our industrial hygienist, Mr. Mallette, covered approximately 25,000 miles in making plant surveys and "trouble shooting" where new processes were being installed, or new materials introduced with questionable health effects. Survey work has been performed in seven states.

In August, the staff hygienist flew 2,700 miles in three days covering

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