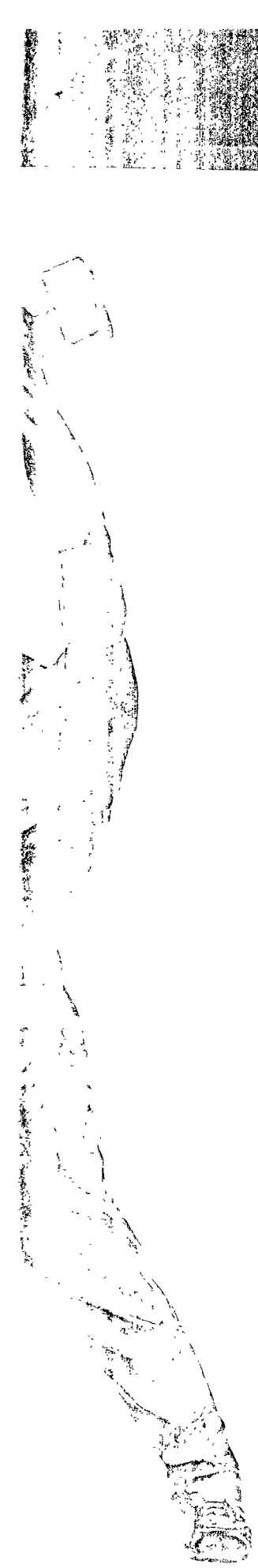
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said: "I agree with Dr. Brown that this association has reached a point where we have a tremendous obligation to go forward and a beautiful opportunity in the coming year to do things." Specifically, he stressed again the necessity of educating younger men in industrial medicine and of providing fellowship funds to assist them in postgraduate work.

Educationally, Vonachen was a product of St. Viator College, Bradley University, and St. Louis University Medical School. Professionally, he had served since 1927 as medical director of the Caterpillar Tractor Company, his first industrial affiliation. He was a member of the AMA Council on Industrial Health from 1948 to 1952 and in 1951 was appointed to the Advisory Committee of the USPHS Division of Industrial Health. A man of dynamic personality and marked administrative ability, he has won distinction as an authority on rehabilitation, serving on the Federal Security Agency's Medical Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation, Forest Park Foundation. For his work in this field he had received the Knudsen Award at the 1944 meeting of the AAIP&S.

Installed with Vonachen at the 1948 business session were Alfred H. Whittaker as president-elect, Edward H. Carleton (medical director, Inland Steel Company) as first vice-president, and Adolph G. Kammer (medical director, Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation) as second vice-president. There were new names on the Board of Directors for the 1948–1950 term: George F. Wilkins, medical director, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, Harold M. Harrison, a native Canadian practicing industrial medicine in Toronto, Earl F. Lutz, associate medical consultant for General Motors Corporation, Robert C. Page, medical director, Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, James M. Carlisle, medical director, Merck & Company, and Edward P. Heller.

From its first full meeting in June, 1948, the new administration concentrated on improving standards of association services and of membership selection. Vonachen was a firm believer in "active and functioning committees," and, in the months that followed, the committee system was measurably strengthened; reports by chairmen and district counselors were discussed in great detail at all Board meetings.

Lines of communication within and without the AAIP&S were greatly improved in January 1949 by distribution of a new association directory listing both alphabetically and geographically the names and addresses of the more than 2,000 members and containing other important data. Also, to improve liaison among members, needed additions were made to the secretarial staff at the Chicago headquarters, a step which later led to the appointment of Mrs. Rita Packer as executive secretary of the association.

Growth of membership and changes in administrative procedure were, however, only straws in a wind that was blowing toward a single, central objective. As outgoing president in April, 1949, Vonachen touched upon it briefly in his final statement to the Board of Directors. "I feel particularly," said he, "that there is one thing we must do more and more in this organization, and it cannot be accomplished