Dr. Bingham and M. Doniger Take New York Lecture Platform

New York, March 15.—The usual good attendance was in evidence at the eighth lecture in the course under the auspices of the New York and New Jersey Varnish and Paint Plant Managers' Association at the Polytechnic Institute in Brooklyn, last evening, with Dr. W. T. Pearce presiding.

Dr. Eugene Bingham, of LaFayette College, spoke on "Fundamentals of Plasticity in Paints," illustrating his talk by blackboard and lantern slides, and M. Doniger, of the research laboratories of the National Lead Co., talked on "Control of Paint Products With the Mobilometer," showing experiments and results.

The next meeting will be March 28, the subject being "Color Control," with addresses by M. Rea Paul, consulting colorist of the National Lead Co., Dr. William B. North and Mr. Little, of the Electrical Testing Laboratories, of New York City, who will describe the latest uses of the electric photometer.

Masury Co. Boston Headquarters Destroyed by Fire

Boston, March 13.—The eight-story building at 229 State street was destroyed this morning by a fire which gave the Boston department the most stubborn battle in several years, with a loss estimated from $150,000 to $200,000.

The first two floors of the building and the upper four floors were occupied by John W. Masury & Son, but the fire, which is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, broke out on the third floor, which, with the fourth, was occupied by the H. A. Johnson Co. Three alarms were turned in and firemen fought the flames for four hours before bringing them under control.

The Masury company has secured temporary offices at 177 State street, Room 601.

The postponed meeting of the Paint, Oil and Varnish Club of Chicago, will be held Thursday, March 28th, at the Chicago Athletic Club. C. C. Parlin, of the Curtis Publishing Co., will be the speaker.

Glidden Announces Acquisition of Five New Companies

Cleveland, March 15.—Adrian D. Joyce, president of the Glidden Co., in a letter to the stockholders explaining the purpose of the proposed increase in capital from 500,000 to 600,000 shares, advises that the company has acquired control of the Metals Refining Co., Hammond, Ind.; the Voco Nut Oil Products, Inc., Berkeley, Cal.; the Dunham Mfg. Co., Brooklyn; the Wisconsin Food Products Co., Jefferson, Wis., and the Troco Food Products Co., Chicago.

Mr. Joyce estimates that the acquisition of these concerns, with sales aggregating more than $13,000,000 last year, will increase the business of the Glidden Co. by nearly 50 per cent. Sales of the Glidden Co. for the four months ended Feb. 28 exceeded those of the same period a year ago by $1,100,000.

E. H. Bucy, of the Waukegan Chemical Co., Waukegan, Ill., and a member of the Paint and Varnish Superintendents' Club of Chicago, will give a talk on the precautions to be taken in the use and manufacture of lacquer at the seventh annual Midwest Safety Conference, in the Hotel Stevens, Chicago, on March 19.

Directors of Devoe & Raynolds Co., Inc., last Wednesday declared the usual quarterly dividend of $1.75 on the first and second preferred stock, and of 60 cents, with an extra of 15 cents, on the Class A and B shares, all payable April 1 to stock of record March 21.

F. C. Wallower, vice-president of the Evans-Wallower Lead Co., announced last Monday that the stockholders of the company had ratified an amendment to the charter permitting an increase in the capital stock from 500,000 to 625,000 no-par common shares.

V. H. Hunter, broker in vegetable and fish oils and New York representative of the Werner G. Smith Co., moved his offices last week from the Woolworth Building to Room 3102 Chanin Building, 42nd street and Lexington avenue.