

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE STANDARDISATION OF GLASS AND GLASSWARE.

In order to assist the industry during the period of reconstruction to obtain knowledge both of the best compositions and the best dimensions and shapes of various types of glassware, the Council has set up a Committee called the "Committee for the Standardisation of Glass and Glassware."

The Committee in the first instance consisted of Messrs. G. E. Alexander, M. Asquith, F. W. Branson, F. G. Clark, J. Connolly, S. W. Morrison, C. J. Peddle, W. J. Rees, Dr. M. W. Travers, W. F. J. Wood, with the President and the Secretary.

This Committee has held one meeting, at which it was resolved that three sub-committees should be set up as follows:—

Committee on Optical Glass.—Messrs. S. W. Morrison, C. J. Peddle, W. J. Rees, the President, and the Secretary.

Committee on Glass for Lamp-working Purposes.—Mr. F. W. Branson, Dr. M. W. Travers, the President, and the Secretary.

Committee on Bottle Glass and Glass Bottles.—Messrs. G. E. Alexander, M. Asquith, F. G. Clark, J. Connolly, the President, and the Secretary.

Each of the sub-committees has power to co-opt members. Miss V. Dimbleby, B.Sc., has accordingly been co-opted a member of the sub-committee on Bottle Glass and Glass Bottles.

The work of the committee on Optical Glass will, it is expected, be conducted mainly in co-operation with the Optical Society and the Optical Society of America.

Each of the other two committees has already set to work. These committees appeal to manufacturers and others to assist in the work by forwarding specimens and information.

In the case of the glass for lamp-working purposes, specimens of all types of glass tubing are desired, with a statement as far as possible of the source from which the specimen was derived, and any information about its lamp-working properties.

Manufacturers of glass bottles are invited to send average samples, about two dozen in number, of different types of glass bottles or containers, with information about the method of manufacture, including the composition, if the manufacturer is willing to give it. All the information obtained will be put at the disposal of the manufacturer who sends the bottles, and any information given by him on the subject of the batch composition will be treated in confidence.