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The scientific meeting tentatively contemplated for the Fall of 1952 was postponed by general consent.

The co-operation with the Schwarz Laboratories of Mount Vernon, New York, was continued with respect to the preparation of certain L- and D-amino acids by enzymic resolution. The Schwarz Laboratories agreed to the suggestion to designate optically purified L- and D-amino acids as "Optically Standardized", short "O.S." The commercial availability of an O.S. grade of L- and D-amino acids will be of great help to numerous investigators who need optically pure amino acids in their work.

Experimental work was continued on the resolution of racemic amino acids with the aim of making all L- and D-amino acids more readily available.

Experimental work was started with the aim of making some sample peptides generally available.

Samples of synthetic polypeptides were supplied to consultants, particularly to Professor Ray Pepinsky of Penn State for X-ray powder analysis.