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Canadian Hospital Association, expressed his thanks for my report. He assured me that the administrators were aware of many of the items I mentioned and were trying to do something about it. He also asked me to take back to the CSRT the best wishes of the Canadian Hospital Association.

In discussion following the address, one delegate stressed the importance of our provincial societies associating with their respective hospital associations. You will recall last year that Mel Smith, our past president, emphasized this point in his presidential address. Again this year I shall re-emphasize this to the directors, delegates, and provincial executives. When an association with your provincial hospital councils is established, be sure to have a representative from your society at their general meetings. Also take advantage of any opportunity you may have to speak before their members.

Legislation for registration has been the primary goal of many member societies during these past five or six years. In spite of the many disappointments we have met I strongly advise that we continue to pursue legislation. I suggest, too, that the member societies who have not made application to their governments, do so now. Copies of bills may be obtained by writing our secretary, Ellen Hood.

During this past year, the Manitoba division applied for a charter to be incorporated under the provincial laws. The board of directors granted permission to use the name, "Canadian Society of Radiological Technicians, Manitoba Division." We congratulate the Manitoba division in taking this important step.

It is my hope that this address today has served, in some way, to point out the progress that has been made in radiography through the efforts of our technical x-ray organizations. I cannot stress how important it is for every member to attend and take part in his provincial societies and group meetings. I urge the chief and senior radiographers to show greater leadership in their departments and to encourage their junior and student technicians to study and continue their interests after registration. When minimal standards are laid down and training schools in Canada are accredited, it will be largely the responsibility of the senior members to see that these standards are enforced in their departments.

It has been a very active year for the CSRT board of directors and committees. It has been necessary to complete a full year's work in a period of nine months, as well as to prepare for the second international convention. I would like to express my thanks to the directors and committee members for their co-operation and for the interest they have taken in their work. I have considered it an honor to serve the Canadian Society of Radiological Technicians during this past year as president.

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**ATOMIC BATTERY**

An atomic battery the size of a cough drop has been developed which uses as its power source Promethium 147, a radioactive substance which will produce energy over a long period, at the same time requiring minimum shielding. The emitted beta particles are captured by a crystalline substance which converts the energy into "atomic light," and a diode transforms it into electrical current.

A practical aspect of the battery is its ability to withstand extreme heat and cold. Besides the usual scientific uses, uses for hearing aids, miniature portable radios, home civil defense warning units and an atomic wrist watch, are foreseen.