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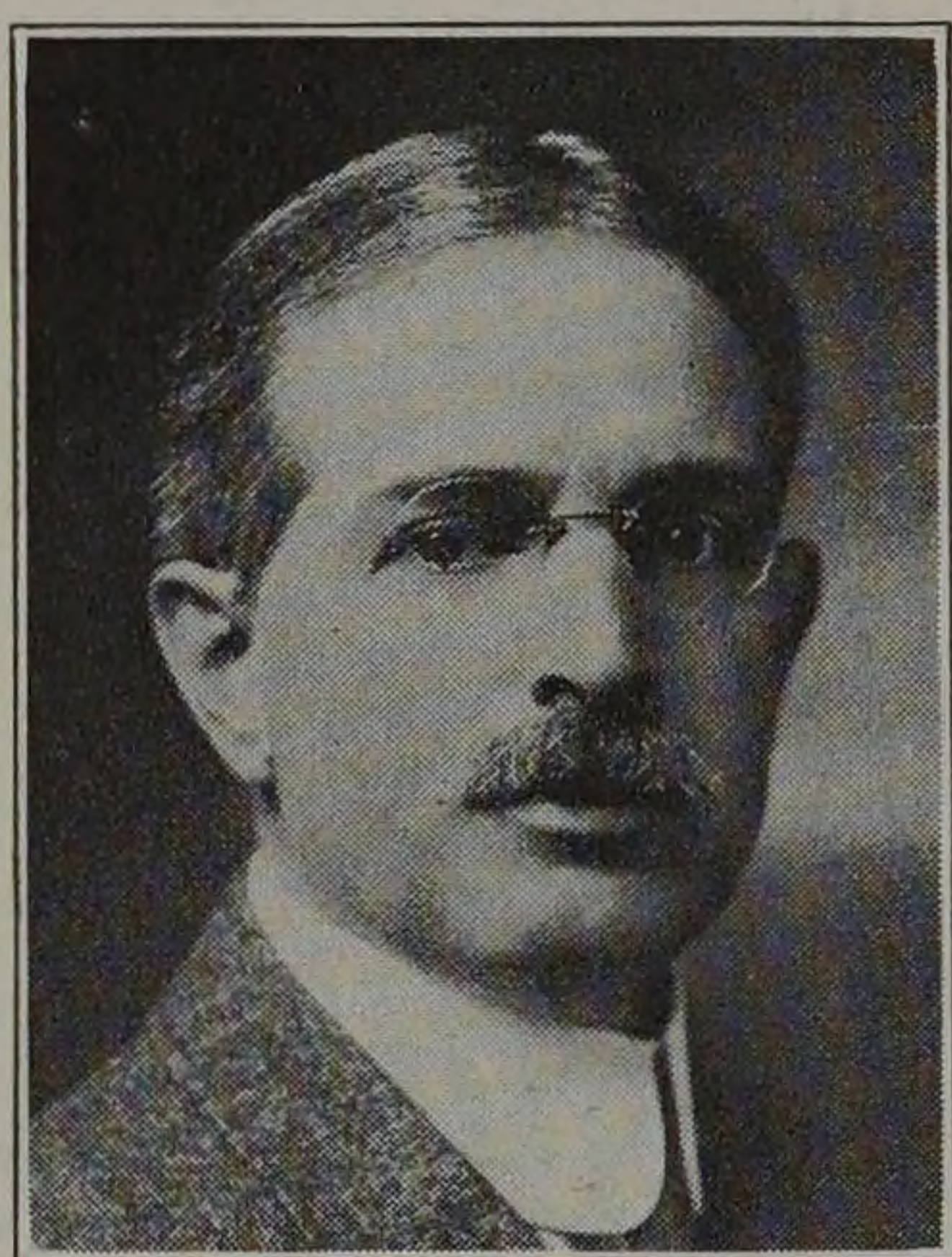
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The Chicago district has within its bounds a number of exceptional men in the field of chemistry, both pure and applied, and Beta Chapter of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers has been fortunate in listening to a representative group of these men during the last year. The officers of the society have worked hard in preparing such an ambitious program, but any effort expended has been amply repaid by the enthusiastic interest shown in the meetings by the members and the under-classmen.

One of the most interesting meetings was the Departmental Meeting in November. The topics, "What is Chemical Engineering?" and "The Nature of the Chemical Engineering Course," were ably discussed from the viewpoint of the faculty by Professors McCormack, Freud and Tibbals, and from the viewpoint of the student by several seniors, Messrs. Morgan, Parkhurst and Camp.



DR. T. W. RICHARDS

Dr. Theodore William Richards, Director of Wolcott Gibbs Memorial Laboratory of Harvard University, is a theoretical chemist of note. What could be a greater inspiration to the student of chemistry than the following quotation by Dr. Richards?

"All organic life is actuated by chemical energy, and exists in a mechanism and environment composed of chemical substances; and the effort to understand these essential conditions of human existence constitutes one of the most important objects of human endeavor. Patient study of the fundamental laws of the physical universe alone can help to unravel the interwoven threads.

"No one can predict how far we shall be enabled by means of our limited intelligence to penetrate into the mysteries of a universe immeasurably vast and wonderful; nevertheless, each step in advance is certain to bring new blessing to humanity and new inspiration to greater endeavour."