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LABORATORY ORGANIZATION¹

PROBLEMS incident to a complete reorganization of a growing department, construction and equipment of a laboratory with adequate provision for a thousand students, and the laying out of suitable courses of instruction for a college proper, have so engrossed my time during the past two or three years, that I have had to forego in a large part the pleasure of the pursuit of research in my special field of inorganic chemistry and offering the results for your consideration. Such is the price the teacher, who loves his work, must and does pay. As the coming half year promises a consummation of the work in this direction to a fair degree and as it is the purpose of the authorities of the college to formally dedicate the new buildings in May next, to which ceremony it will be our pleasure in due time to request your attendance, it has appeared appropriate, in preparation for your visit, to present to you this evening and at the two succeeding meetings of the section, a series of three short papers under the titles "Laboratory Organization," "Principles of Laboratory Construction" and "Courses in Chemistry for Colleges." That such hackneyed titles offer little that is attractive is recognized, yet I am constrained to believe that what I shall have to say will serve as an incentive for discussion. In this connection allow me to remind you of the fact that the institution to which I shall refer more particu-

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