

The Organization of Industrial Scientific Research, by C. E. Kenneth Mees and John A. Leermakers

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The Organization of Industrial Scientific Research is both a guide and a stimulus to the clear thinking that is so necessary to the organization and operation of a successful research laboratory. A study of this book will aid management in making wise decisions regarding the need for research and the appropriations for carrying it on. It will help those engaged in the direction and administration of research to improve the effectiveness of their laboratories. It will open new avenues of thought and understanding to the scientist who is beginning to be interested in, or confronted with, administrative problems.

While described as a "Revised Second Edition" (1st ed., 1920), this edition should be regarded as a new book with an excellent ancestor.

Part I presents the very interesting history and background of organized research in order to provide for an understanding of its present position, or status, in government, universities and industry. The amazing growth of research is outlined, together with ideas regarding the future.

Part II is concerned with existing research organizations. By example after example, by showing the needs, the accomplishments and the basic structures of organization, the present status of organized research is clearly presented.

Part III comprises well-organized material bearing on the problems of research organization, administration and co-operation with other phases of industrial activity. Here is no handbook, but here is wisdom and inspiration to help all engaged in research to understand their environment and to solve the problems of organization of personnel and facilities.

The authors have given freely of their knowledge and appreciation of the problems encountered in the organization of industrial scientific research, a field in which they are respected leaders.—G. T. LORANCE, 125 Gates Ave., Montclair, N.J.

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