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Dr. C. E. K. Mees, Noted Photographic Chemist, Tells Course X Men About the Eastman Kodak Co.'s Research Department

Wednesday evening Dr. C. E. K. Mees, head of the research laboratories of the Eastman Kodak Company, addressed the Chemical Society on "The Getting of Wisdom." Mr. Mees, claimed by many to be the leading photographic chemist in the United States, gave a most interesting talk.

Dr. Mees began his talk by recounting the way by which wisdom had been gained by man from the ancient to the modern age. In the early days, he said, the church was the head of all learning. After the Renaissance, however, the professor took the place of the priest and universities sprang up, and as a result we have the great system of schools of the present day. In these earlier days all of the research work and experimenting was done by these professors in the universities, but today, in addition to this, we also have the great research laboratories maintained by private individuals and corporations for developing the certain lines in which they are interested. As examples of this type he mentioned the laboratories of the General Electric Company, the Mount Wilson Observatory, and the laboratory of the Eastman Kodak Com-

pany, showing a number of slides of the different departments and the apparatus in the Eastman Laboratory.

Probably the most important of these different departments, according to Dr. Mees, is the library. Here are kept all the available scientific works which could be of use and also all important technical magazines. The use of this library is encouraged to the greatest extent for, as Dr. Mees explained, it is much cheaper to read about the experiments that someone else had done than to do them yourself.

Every man in the laboratory has his special duty and he does nothing else. If he wants something done that is not in his line, he does not try to do it himself but lets a man in that department do it for him. This saves much time and waste.

Although essentially a research laboratory, nevertheless, Dr. Mees explained, they manufacture a large quantity of material which is put on the market. In addition to this they also make much stuff for others interested in research work. As a result of this outside work, the income nearly paid the expenses of running the laboratory.

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