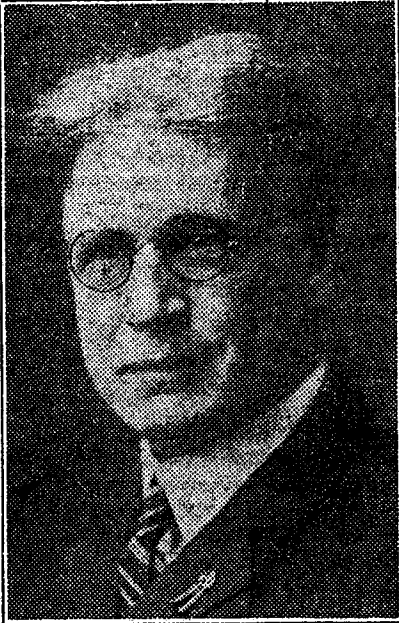


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Instructor Goes to
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Prof. George B. Frankforter

One of the oldest and most noted of the faculty members of the School of Chemistry was lost to the University when Dr. George Frankforter accepted an offer two weeks ago to be professor of Chemistry at Leland Stanford university. He will be in charge of freshman instruction in chemistry, giving special courses in explosives, dye stuffs and terpens.

The leaving of Dr. Frankforter follows a period of service since 1893, when he was appointed Dean of the School of Chemistry and director of the Chemistry Laboratory here at the University of Minnesota. After he came into charge, the department grew rapidly and soon there was such a demand for larger quarters that in 1899 the Legislature appropriated the money to complete the present Chemistry building, which at that time was the largest building on the campus. It has been largely through Dr. Frankforter's efforts that the School of Chemistry has achieved the distinction that it has as a leading school throughout the country, in size as well as in the amount of research work done.

Dr. Frankforter was born in Potter, Ohio, in 1859. When he was twelve years of age, his family moved to Lincoln Nebraska, where he had his common and high school studies, and where he later entered the University. He was made an assistant in his sophomore year and immediately upon graduation in 1886, was appointed as an instructor in chemistry, during which time he studied for his M. A. degree.

He spent four years abroad studying chiefly in the German universities and in 1893 took the degree of Ph. D. in the Royal university of Berlin. He specialized in chemistry, choosing the plant alkaloids and more particularly the opium compounds. He worked out the constitutional formula for the opium alkaloid narceine and succeeded in making it synthetically.

He returned from abroad and was a lecturer in the University of Nebraska, and later was a professor of analytical chemistry. In the same year he resigned and accepted the position at the University of Minnesota as head of the chemistry department which station he occupied until 1917, when war was declared. He left the University and served as Major of the Ordnance department of the U. S. army; director of the ordnance technol and officers training school at the Dupont powder plant; director supervisory and control laboratory; examiner of explosives, chemicals and loading; financial adviser of the War claims board, and was on the Ordnance claims board. He also served as a member of the U. S. mint commission which was appointed by President McKinley in 1900.

During Dr. Frankforter's absence from the University, all the Engineering Colleges as well as the School of Chemistry have been combined under Dean O. M. Leland. This relieved him of the duties of Dean and permitted him to devote his full time to teaching. He was a professor of organic and industrial chemistry from 1920 until his recent change.

Dr. Frankforter has published numerous papers in almost every line of chemical science, and also is author of a series of bulletins on explosives. He is a member of chemical societies at home and abroad.