



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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To Members of the Faculty:

I regret to announce the death in Los Angeles on May 29 of Dr. Frank L. Hitchcock, emeritus professor of mathematics at M.I.T. He was 82 years old.

Born in New York City, a descendant of Colonial settler Matthias Hitchcock, he was graduated from Phillips Andover Academy in 1892 and from Harvard College in 1896. Dr. Hitchcock travelled in Europe and taught in Paris until 1903, then taught physics and chemistry at Fargo College and Kenyon College before returning to Harvard to take his doctorate in mathematics in 1910. That same year he joined the M.I.T. department of mathematics, teaching continuously until his retirement in 1949.

Dr. Hitchcock was a noted researcher and author and published some 200 papers, principally in the fields of mathematical chemistry, quaternions and vector analysis. With the late Professor Clark S. Robinson he published the widely-used text "Differential Equations in Applied Chemistry." He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and Sigma Xi.

Dr. Hitchcock is survived by a brother, Ernest, of St. Petersburg, Florida; by two sons, Lauren B. of Los Angeles, and George B. of Monument Beach; and by eleven grandchildren and six great-grandsons. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 1, at the Payson Park Congregational Church in Belmont.

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