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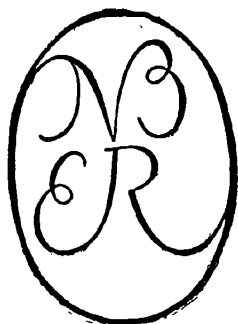
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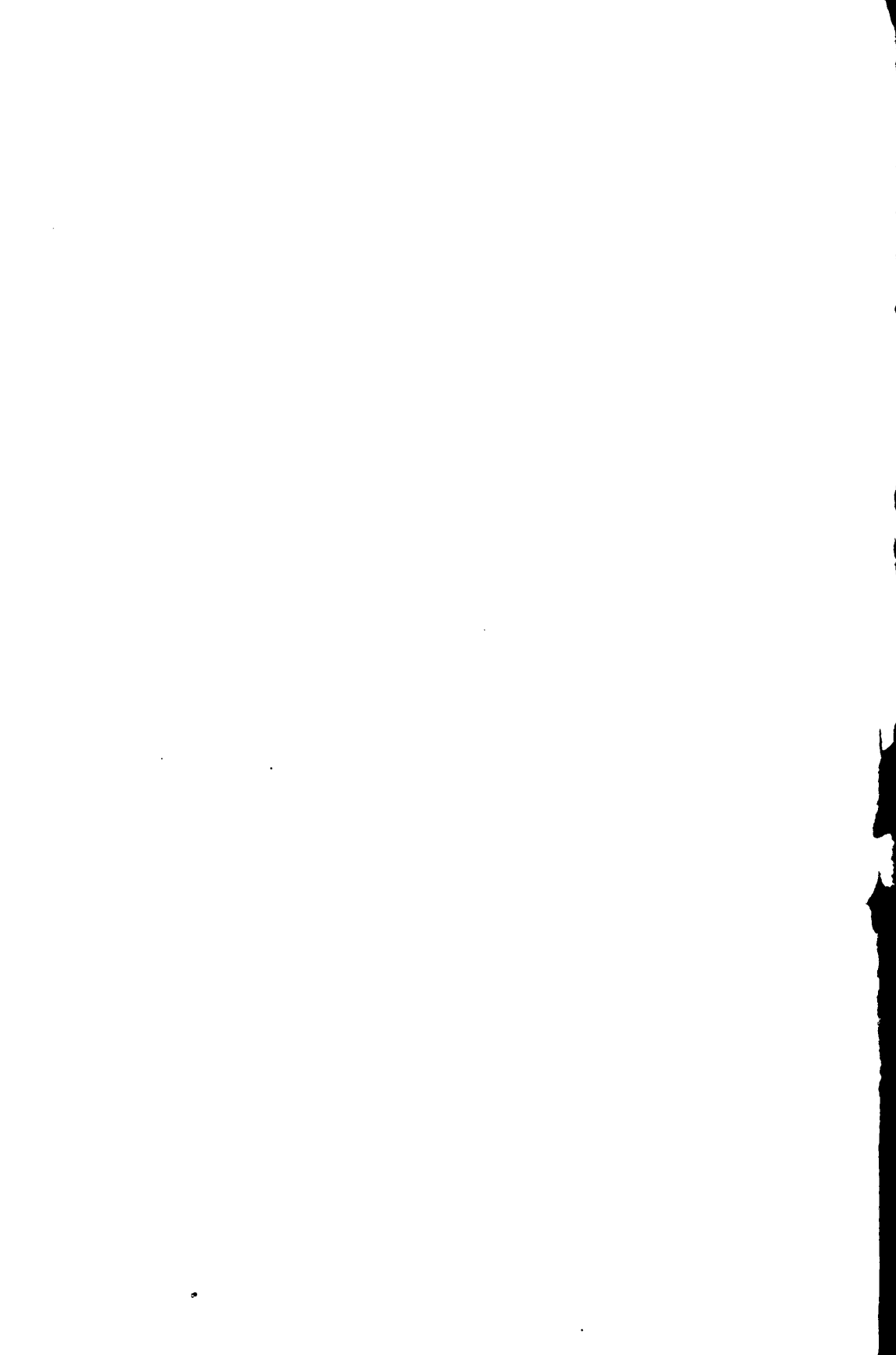
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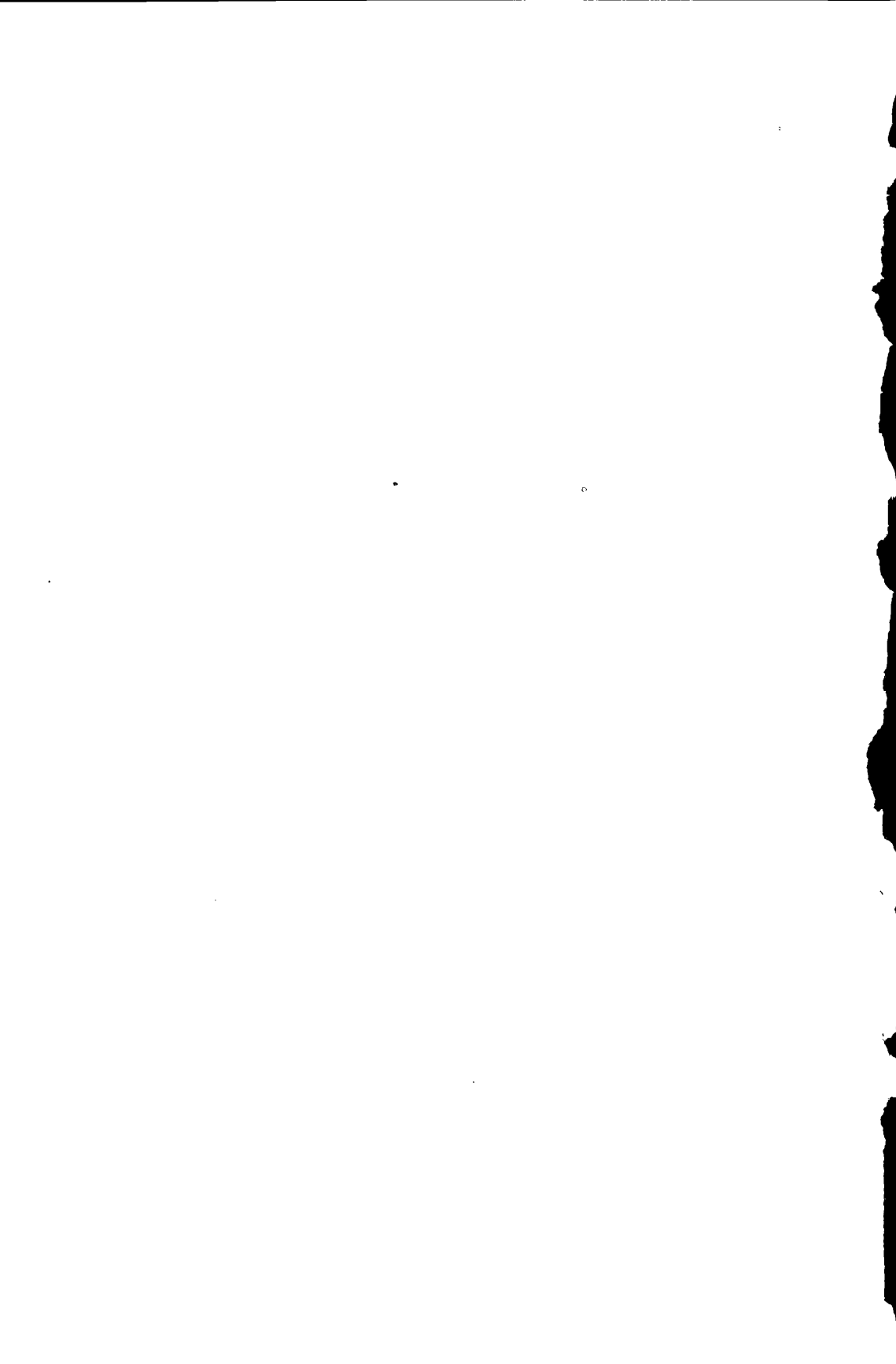
PREFACE

THE present monograph is primarily a study of the methods by which one can explain movements in the supply and demand for scientific personnel. Rather than discuss the problem in abstract terms, however, we have deemed it more fruitful to apply the methods under examination to the recent situation in the technological professions in the United States, that is, up to 1955. We wish to forewarn the reader that these applications have been handicapped by limitations of data on salaries and fringe benefits, types of activities of engineers, sources of non-graduate engineers, and several other aspects of the problem. One of our chief products is a considerable list of further data collection and research which will be necessary to progress in the understanding of the rapidly growing professions under review.

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