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Arthur E. Anderson, Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Connecticut, was one of the 21 college professors who spent the summer months last year working with the men who design and build electrical equipment for the Westinghouse Electric Corporation. The program is designed to provide college instructors with practical experience in industry. Here, as part of a research project, Mr. Anderson is using a small magnet to change the position of a metal disc enclosed in a glass tube.

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THE TABULAR VIEW

Great Dream. - For centuries, while the geographical areas of the world's known land masses were being gradually expanded, men feared the Great Unknown Southland as an obstruction to land travel; later Terra Australis was looked upon as a vast expanse of rich land awaiting exploitation and colonization. But the hardy, fearsome sailors of an earlier era found that no matter how far their travels carried them, the Great Southland always receded out of reach. What comedy of errors led to the age-old belief that such a region ever existed is discussed in the first installment of a two-part article (page 292) by WILLY LEY. Like other articles Mr. Ley has written for The Review as one of its editorial associates, "The Great Dream" echoes his special interest in history and science. Mr. Ley was one of the founders of the German Rocket Society and later became coeditor of its journal. He was science editor of PM during the heyday of that New York daily, and spent the years of World War II in research at the Washington Institute of Technology.

Life's Objective. - Normally one wouldn't expect morals to be influenced by mathematics. Yet when a mathematician turns philosopher, such may easily be the case. At any rate, starting with the thesis that continued advancement is the goal of all living organisms, **PROFESSOR EMERITUS HENRY B. PHILLIPS shows (page** 298) that most rapid progress occurs when the probability of finding correct solutions to the way of life is maximized, as it is under conditions of individual liberty. Professor Phillips received his bachelor's degree from Erskine College in 1900 and a Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University in 1905. He joined the Technology staff in 1907. Professor Phillips became a full professor in 1927 and in 1934 was appointed acting head of the Institute's Department of Mathematics, becoming its head in 1935. He has also been a consulting professor of physics at Brown University, and a lecturer at the University of California. He is author of more than 20 books and scientific papers.

Charles River Sailing. - In 1936 an important new sport was brought to Technology with the acquisition of a fleet of sailing dinghies. WALTER C. WOOD, '17, sailing master, recalls (page 301) the outstanding influence which the Technology fleet has had - not alone in influencing sports at M.I.T. but in injecting a new spirit of intercollegiate competition in sailing throughout the country. Mr. Wood learned the fundamentals of yachting at an early age at his home in Providence, R.I. He was a member of the committee appointed by Karl T. Compton, chairman of the M.I.T. Corporation, in 1936, to design a boat suitable for racing, as well as for training large numbers of Technology students, and subsequently became master of the M.I.T. Nautical Association. During World War II, he was instructor in sailing at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, with the rank of lieutenant commander. After the war, he returned to M.I.T. and is now engaged in studies of dinghies constructed from Fiberglas, as the original Technology dinghy fleet nears the end of its useful life.



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FROM ANDREW L. FABENS, '10:

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Professor Sedgwick was such an interesting teacher back in my days of 1907-1910 that those of us who signed up for his general course in public health had to dash to his lectures or we would find our seats and the room filled with others who had not signed up. I think the interlopers outnumbered those who signed up.

In my student days, only one other man had such an appeal. He was Dean Shaler, the geologist at Harvard, who gave his lectures in the Harvard Museum to discourage the influx of visitors.

In my days of reporting for The Tech, I got Professor Sedgwick to give me articles each week about his course, but this ended very suddenly and finally when a frivolous printer changed a lecture subject from "Infant Mortality" to "Infant Morality."

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