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## THE TABULAR VIEW

Corrosion Resistance. — The effective and comparatively simple method of rust prevention by cathodic protection is described (page 251) by HERBERT H. UHLIG, '32, Associate Professor of Metallurgy at the Institute. Professor Uhlig received the B.S. degree from Brown University in 1929, and the Ph.D. degree from M.I.T. in 1932. After excursions into industry between 1932 and 1936, and again from 1940 to 1946, he was research associate in charge of the Corrosion Laboratory at M.I.T. from 1936–1940. Since 1946 he has been associate professor of metallurgy in that same post. He is consultant to several industrial firms and the Atomic Energy Commission, and is editor of the Corrosion Handbook.

**Protein Research.** – As part of a broad and longrange program on research on proteins – in which many members of the Institute's Department of Biology are involved – work has been carried on at M.I.T. on the development of artificial sutures for surgery. Progress in this field is reported (page 255) by IRWIN W. SIZER, Associate Professor of Physiology, who has been responsible for a substantial portion of the work on sutures. Professor Sizer received the A.B. degree from Brown University in 1931, and the Ph.D. degree from Rutgers University in 1935 when he joined the Institute's staff.

Chemical Warfare. – As a companion piece to his article, "Biological Warfare," in the November, 1952, issue of The Review, JAMES A. TOBEY, '15, has prepared the story on "Chemical Warfare" which appears on page 259 of this issue. Disturbing as it may be to recognize that civilian populations can now be exposed to warfare, one can glean some ray of hope from Dr. Tobey's assurance that national preparedness, coupled with public enlightenment, is the best and most effective measure to employ in minimizing disasters. Dr. Tobey has had a versatile and distinguished career in the broad field of public health, as last recorded on page 12 of the November issue. Dr. Tobey recently served as a colonel in the Army's Medical Service in Texas, and not in Korea as was reported in November.

Educational Concept. – ARAM BOYAJIAN, whose personal views appear in "The Education of Tom, Dick, and Harry" (page 262) has been associated with both industry and educational institutions for many years. Since 1924 he has been a nonresident member of the Institute's staff, in the Department of Electrical Engineering, engaged in teaching cooperative students during their industry assignments; and more recently he has been a visiting lecturer. As an engineer with the General Electric Company, Mr. Boyajian is well known as the author of many papers on transformer theory and circuit and system problems, and has given career guidance to many young people who have come within the radius of his inspiration.