

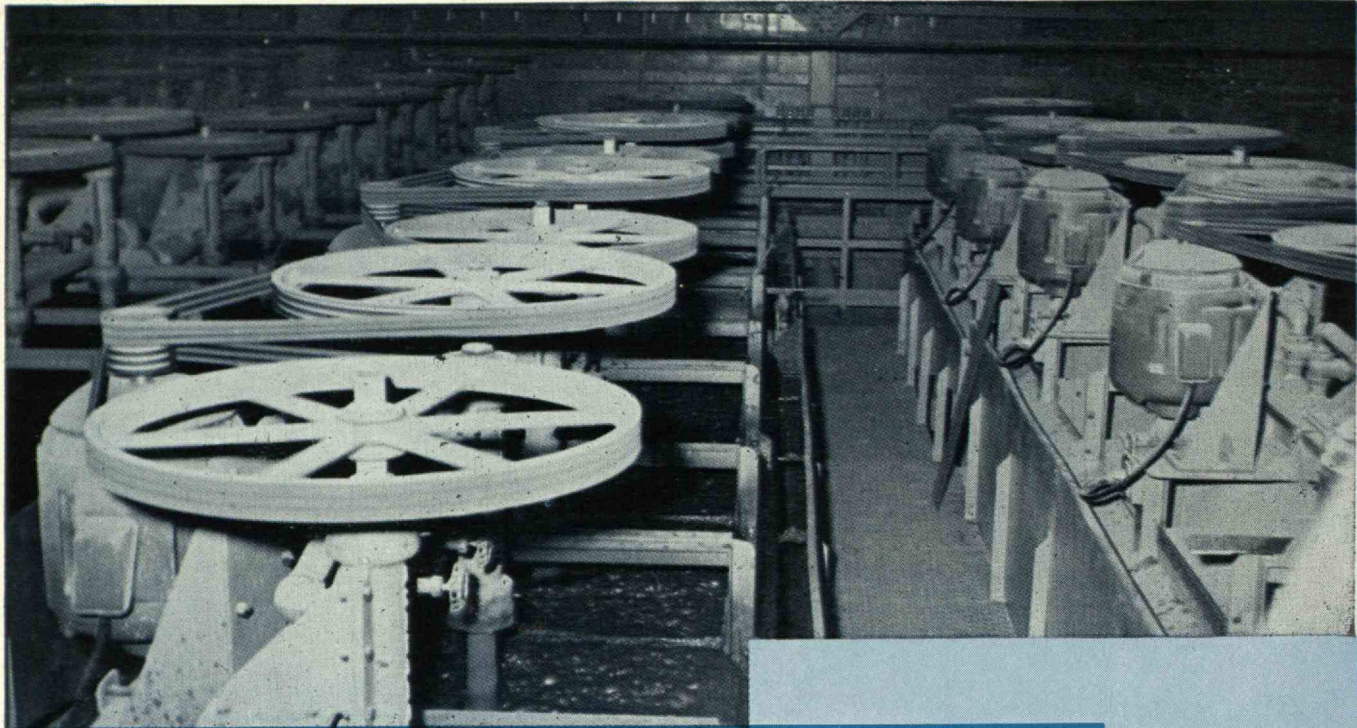
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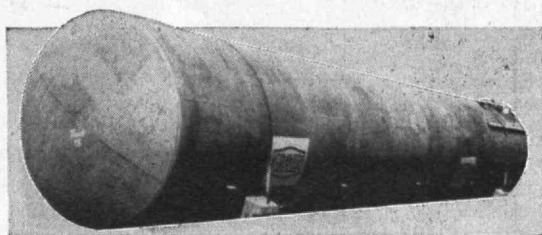
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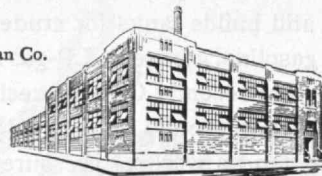
## THE TABULAR VIEW

**Arts Colleges.** — No regular reader of The Review needs to be reminded that schools of science and engineering are unable to supply the current demand for technically competent personnel. Nor do they need to be refreshed as to the desirability of flavoring a professional technical education with a bit of "the humanities." But are the students of the liberal arts colleges merely "executing intellectual minuets" as has been said? And what is the role of the liberal arts college — especially the small one — in equipping today's youth to cope with a world of jet propulsion and television? This problem is discussed (page 137) by JAMES STACY COLES who in 1952 assumed the presidency of Bowdoin College after a career of teaching and research in chemistry. The combined program of a liberal arts training supplemented by science and engineering, which Bowdoin and M.I.T. operate, gives ample proof of Dr. Coles's contention that a liberal arts training is as necessary for the well-educated man of today as a background in science. President Coles received the B.S. degree from Pennsylvania State Teachers College in 1934; from Columbia University he received the A.B., A.M., and Ph.D. degrees in 1936, 1939, and 1941, respectively. He taught chemistry at the College of the City of New York (1936-1941), Middlebury College (1941-1943), and Brown University (1946-1952). During World War II, Dr. Coles was supervisor of the Underwater Explosives Research Laboratory at Woods Hole, Mass. His article in this issue of The Review is a pleasant sequel to a luncheon meeting at the Faculty Club in November at which the role of the small liberal arts college was unfolded before members of the M.I.T. Faculty.

**Brook Farm.** — Vociferous proclaimers that ideal conditions for man's welfare are provided by the socialistic or communal state can point out that the Pilgrims practiced a form of communism, and that a number of settlements for socialized living were operating in the United States about a century ago. Some of these colonies were established by well-educated, well-meaning, high-principled — even idealistic — individuals, yet none of them survived. One of the most promising experiments in socialized living was the settlement at Brook Farm, in what

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is now Roxbury. The progress of this settlement — which attracted such persons as Nathaniel Hawthorne and Charles A. Dana — is traced (page 141) by GORHAM DANA, '91. Born in Charlestown, Mass., and educated in the public schools of Boston, Mr. Dana entered the Institute to study Civil Engineering, and is secretary of the Class of 1891. For many years he was manager of a fire protection bureau. In 1928 he was coauthor with William D. Milne, '08, of a book entitled *Industrial Fire Hazards*, and in 1914 wrote *Automatic Sprinkler Protection*, which enjoyed a good sale among fire protection engineers. Mr. Dana retired in 1939.

**Secondary Education.** — As more and more youngsters reach the teen age and crowd existing high school facilities to the limit, secondary school education comes under increasing scrutiny. A teacher of high school science points out (page 144) her belief that the primary need in improving precollege training is the establishment of an environment, within the community, conducive to discipline and intellectual achievement of reasonably high caliber. BERTHA S. W. DODGE received the S.M. degree in Chemistry from the Institute in 1922, and has had varied experience in teaching college mathematics as well as high school science. In addition, two grown daughters have contributed to Mrs. Dodge's understanding of young people and their educational needs. In addition to "Unconscious Ambassadors" which appeared in *The Review* for February, 1943, Mrs. Dodge has written an elementary textbook on chemistry for use in teaching student nurses, and is author of *The Story of Nursing*, published in April, 1954, by Little, Brown and Company.

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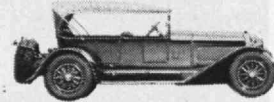
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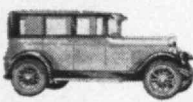
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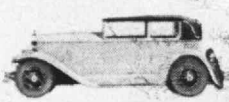
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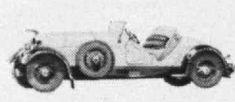
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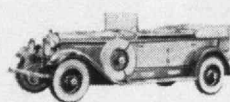
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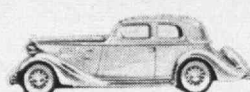
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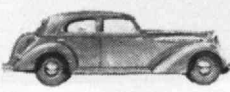
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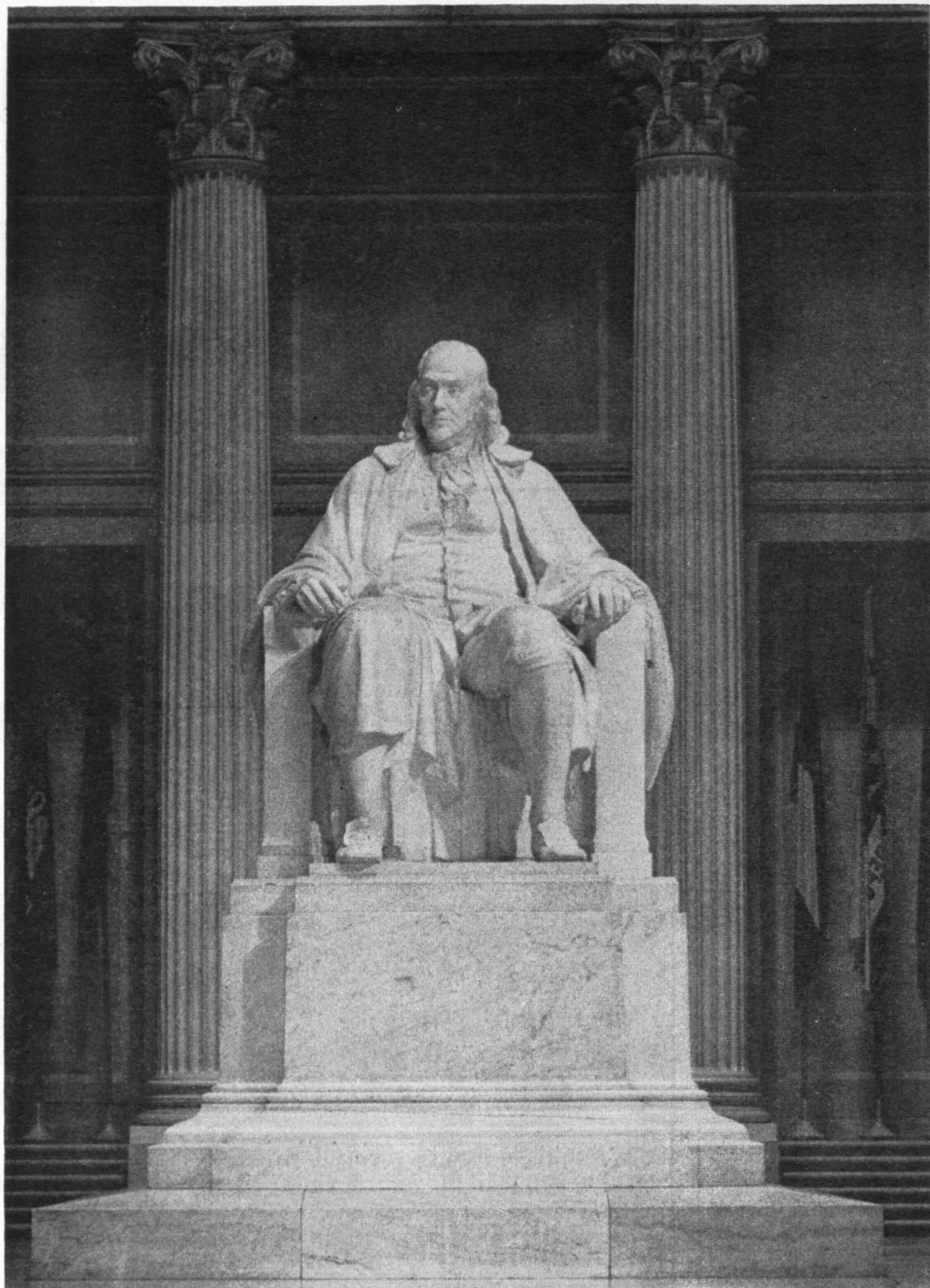
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