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Science and the Educated Man. - No nation on earth, including the U.S.S.R., depends more completely upon science and technology to foster its economic and social system than does the United States. But, in the last few decades, increased dependence upon science has been accompanied by a marked deterioration of American public education in the hard core of scientific subjects. For example, Scientific Personnel Resources, issued by the National Science Foundation, reminds us that, between 1922 and 1949. the fraction of high school students studying physics dropped from 8.9 to 5.4 per cent; those taking algebra decreased from 40.2 to 26.8 per cent; and enrollment in geometry fell from 22.7 to 12.8 per cent. In "Science and the Educated Man" (page 285) JULIUS A. STRATTON, '23, Vice-president and Provost of M.I.T., reminds us that we can hardly hope to understand ourselves or our way of life if, as a nation, we remain ignorant of science. Dr. Stratton's message was originally delivered in New York on February 2 on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the American Institute of Physics. Dr. Stratton (S.B., 1923; S.M., 1926; Sc.D., 1927) is the M.I.T. officer most directly concerned with the Institute's educational program. For this reason The Review is particularly happy to carry the Provost's message which disarms the highly vocal apologists for rigorous intellectual discipline and turns tables on the Caspar Milquetoasts of modern pedagogy.

Salt of the Earth. – HARRY W. VON LOESECKE, whose articles on "Food of our Colonial Forefathers" and "Dollars from Wastes" appeared in the May, 1955, and February, 1956, issues, respectively, pens "Salt of the Earth" (page 289) for this issue of The Review. Mr. von Loesecke is a graduate of Harvard University, and has been research chemist for a number of large manufacturing concerns.

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Engineering and Scientific Education. - "Unless the number of our scientists and engineers increases at an accelerated rate, our economy will be in serious trouble for lack of technological nourishment, because our pool of graduate engineers is the source from which arise nearly all our technological advances." Such, in brief, is the essence of the article "Engineering and Scientific Education" (page 291) by REAR ADMIRAL H. G. RICKOVER, as condensed from a luncheon address sponsored by the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, in East Orange, November 22, 1955. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1922, Admiral Rickover is chief of Naval Reactors Branch, Division of Reactor Development of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, and assistant chief of the Bureau of Ships for Nuclear Propulsion.

Freedom and Probability. – Perpetual advance is the natural objective of life, and this will be most rapid if each individual has freedom to pursue his own bent, thereby providing greatest diversity. This message is contained in "Freedom and Probability" (page 293) by H. B. PHILLIPS, Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus, and occasional – but always welcome – contributor to The Review. Professor Phillips retired as Head of the M.I.T. Department of Mathematics in 1947.



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