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Uncommon Man. – So much of Twentieth Century thinking extols the virtues of the masses that we tend to become oblivious to the consequences of leveling processes that inevitably ensue by catering to the common man. For this reason, "Education of the Uncommon Man" (page 149) by EDWIN S. BURDELL, '20, comes as a breath of much needed fresh air. Dr. Burdell holds that society should be as much concerned with the advancement of the uncommon man of brains and integrity, as it has been with enlightenment of the masses. Dr. Burdell's message in The Review is abstracted from his annual report as President of the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.

President Burdell studied at M.I.T. and Harvard as a member of the Classes of 1920 and 1921, respectively. In addition, he received the A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University in 1929 and 1934, respectively. He was a faculty member at Ohio State University from 1928 to 1934; member of the Ohio Commission on Unemployment Insurance, 1932; state administrator for Emergency Education in Ohio, 1933-1934; professor of sociology and director of summer school, M.I.T., 1934-1938; Dean of Humanities, 1937-1938 at M.I.T.; and, since 1951, has been president of Cooper Union. He headed a Committee on General Education of the American Society for Engineering Education, and his chief interests include city planning and social interpretation of the impact of techology on modern society.

Technical Man Power. – In an address before the M.I.T. Club of New York on November 14, PRESIDENT JAMES R. KILLIAN JR., '26, spoke on the need for increasing our available supply of scientific and engineering man power. But Dr. Killian also recognized that, however great may be the need for technical man power, our top priority is to develop the nation's intellectual potential to the fullest. "Scientific and Engineering Man Power" (page 152) is a report and condensation of this outstanding address. President Killian has to his credit a distinguished list of achievements as educator, administrator, author, and public servant.

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Exploring the Universe: Sub-Atomic Worlds.... To Greeks, the atom was literally "a-tomos," not to be cut. Now its very nucleus is split and scientists are tracking *sub-atomic* particles, seeking to discover the nature—order and meaning—of a vast, dynamic universe in which domestic notions of space and time and energy do not apply. *Ethical corollary:* The "finds" of nuclear exploration must be employed *not* in the service of a scientific, or economic, or political provincialism but *wherever* they are needful to the physical, mental and moral rehabilitation of men and of societies.

