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The death is announced of Professor J. W. RICHARD DEDEKIND, of the technical school of Brunswick, Germany.

The Mathematics Teacher, September, 1915, contains an instructive address by Professor A. D. PITCHER, of Dartmouth College, delivered before the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New England on the "Reorganization of the mathematical curriculum in the secondary schools." Professor Pitcher's conclusions indicate that: (1) No serious change should be made in the curriculum of the secondary school until after careful consideration based on skilled experimentation; (2) much of the criticism against the curriculum will disappear with the increasingly careful and thorough preparation of teachers; (3) we should let our conservatism operate only to prevent the adoption of reform measures without due experimentation and experimental evaluation; (4) the curriculum at present is good; however the following minor changes are suggested: (a) omission of difficult technique of algebra; (b) intuitional approach to geometry; (c) introduction of the function concept early in algebra; (d) introduction of the elements of trigonometry.

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