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Editorial

Someone once commented that commencement addresses are never remembered. Those who heard James Skillen speak to the 1984 Dordt graduates agreed that this address should be remembered. Skillen's challenge is worth repeating. We present it to all who trust that the Lord will take care of our future.

Each summer one of Dordt's six academic divisions holds a two-week intra-divisional seminar. The Natural Science Division seminar, held in May of 1983, led to continued discussion among the natural science and mathematics faculty during the 1983-84 academic year. As a result of these discussions, the Natural Science Division presented a series of lectures to the college community in September, 1984. The title of this lecture series was "The Potential of Responsible Technology." We present three of those lectures in this issue; we plan to publish the others later.

Begin with the assumption that the earth is the Lord's. What, then, will be the foundations of *technology*? Charles Adams answers this question by going far beyond platitudes. He relates the call of the Christian engineer to the Scriptures, to Augustine's City of God and City of Man, and to the stewardship concept as taught by the *Contemporary*

Testimony, provisionally adopted by the Christian Reformed Church. After reading Adams' article, you will not forget what he says about Sioux Solar Technology.

God called humans to carry out many different activities. One of those activities is the development of natural science. The undersigned suggests some of the trends (going back to early times) as we have responded to creation. Scientific activity is valid because it is our response to God's command.

The Information Age is so named just because information dissemination and use affect a wide variety of human activities. Willis Alberda, mathematician and computer scientist, discusses the social implications of efficient handling of information. Alberda presents norms for an information society and directives for specific areas. He gives special attention to authors concerned with the impact of rapid change on human society.

John Zinkand, Editor of *Pro Rege*, is on leave the first half of the 1984-85 academic year in order that he might teach seminary students in Nigeria. He will return to the Dordt campus in time for the production of the next issue.

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