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Fifteen rare scientific books, including first editions, of principle works by Newton, Galileo Galilei, and Francis Bacon, have been donated to MIT's library by I. Austin Kelly, III, '26. Available to scholars is the first major work on modern botany, published in Zurich around 1590. Also included is a unique book of color plates by Galileo, the animals he described.


dr. James R. Killian, Chairman of the MIT Corporation (above right) and Professor William N. Locke chat with I. Austin Kelly, III, '26 (above right), who recently donated 15 rare scientific books to the Institute. At right is a reproduction of a page from Newton's 'Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy,' published in 1729.


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