MIT researchers view future prospects

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The other area of greatest prospect for future research in biology is in the area of disease and its prevention. Young stated, is organ replacement, both by the more spectacular development of artificial organs and the less spectacular but more promising route of cellular and molecular biology.

Young was followed by Prof. Frank Jones of Civil Engineer-
ing, who spoke of MIT's current and future activities in the urban renewal area, which he described as the problem of "urban blight and poverty."

The most vital future challenge facing people concerned with the urban area, according to Jones, is the study of social accounting, and the sources of unemployment. In particular, all social scientists, he noted, should consider moving from the transfer and transformation of problems from one form to another.

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