

Secretary, P. S. Dwyer, in the November mailing to the membership. It is hoped that many of our members will make use of this opportunity.

With the new constitutions of the American Statistical Association and the Institute of Mathematical Statistics adopted, the way is cleared for the consideration of possible federation plans of the various statistical organizations by the Inter-Society Committee on Federation. J. H. Curtiss and P. S. Olmstead continued to serve as our representatives on the aforementioned committee during 1948. W. Feller was our representative on the Policy Committee for Mathematics, and F. C. Mosteller and S. S. Wilks represented the Institute on the Joint Committee for the Development of Statistical Application in Engineering and Manufacturing. W. Bartky was reappointed for a three-year term as our representative to the Division of the Physical Sciences of the National Research Council, and H. Hotelling was our representative to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all committee members and others who participated in the work of the Institute during the past year. The heaviest burden falls, of course, on the Secretary and it is hard to express adequately our appreciation for his unselfish efforts and devotion. The smooth and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Institute is largely due to his work.

ABRAHAM WALD  
*President, 1948*

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### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE INSTITUTE FOR 1948<sup>1</sup>

At the beginning of 1948 the Institute had 1037 members and during the period covered by this report 126 new members (13 of whom begin their membership with 1949) joined the Institute and two members were re-instated. During 1948 the Institute lost 64 members of which 24 were by resignation, 38 by suspension for non-payment of dues and 2 by death. Judging from the information available at this date, the Institute will have 1101 members as it starts 1949.

Deceased during the year were Dr. Otis A. Pope and H. M. Tompkins.

Meetings of the Institute held during 1948 included those at Columbia University on April 14–15, at the Berkeley campus of the University of California on June 22–24, at the University of Wisconsin on September 6–10, at the University of Washington on November 26–27, and at Cleveland on December 26–30. The Secretary wishes to call attention to the excellent work of the members who served as assistant secretaries at these meetings: Professor Littauer at New York, Professor Arnold at Madison, Professor Birnbaum at Seattle and Professor Van Voorhis at Cleveland.

<sup>1</sup> This report covers the period January 1, 1948 to December 20, 1948 as the books were closed on December 20, 1948 so that the report could be made at the annual meeting.