

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTE

During 1943, the second war year in which a regular annual meeting of the Institute was not held, the business of the Institute was necessarily largely conducted by mail. As reported in the March issue of the *Annals*, the Secretary, the Editor of the *Annals*, and I met in Pittsburgh in January for discussion of the Institute's affairs. Since three members of the Board of Directors do not constitute a quorum, certain proposals arising from this informal meeting were submitted by mail to the whole Board for action. At the fall meeting of the Institute held in New Brunswick a quorum of the Board was present, Hotelling, Wald, Wilks, Craig, and action was taken on certain matters. The chief subject for consideration was future meetings of the Institute. It was agreed that again in accordance with the request of the O.D.T. no annual meeting should be planned for 1943. Because of the success of local meetings held in New York City in May and in Washington in June, it was voted to repeat these in 1944. The New Brunswick meeting was also very successful, and it is hoped that we may again hold our fall meeting in conjunction with those of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America in 1944. The desirability of other local meetings in addition to those in New York and Washington was recognized but, so far, I know of no plans for any in 1944.

During the year two local chapters of the Institute were organized in Pittsburgh and Washington in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board of Directors, and these were recognized by the Board. The sponsor for the Pittsburgh group is E. G. Olds, and W. G. Madow has the same responsibility for the Washington chapter.

The Membership Committee for 1943 consisted of Vice-President Deming, Chairman, W. G. Cochran, P. S. Dwyer, and A. J. Lotka. As the result of their recommendation the following eighteen new Fellows of the Institute were elected by the Board of Directors: A. H. Copeland, J. H. Curtiss, J. F. Daly, C. E. Dieulefait, H. F. Dodge, Churchill Eisenhart, Will Feller, Milton Friedman, M. A. Girschick, M. H. Hansen, P. G. Hoel, Tjalling Koopmans, A. M. Mood, L. J. Reed, L. E. Simon, F. F. Stephan, W. R. Thompson, and Jacob Wolfowitz.

W. D. Baten, L. A. Aroian, I. W. Burr, and H. F. Dodge, at the request of the Board, continued to serve as a committee for securing additional library subscriptions to the *Annals*. Programs for the New York and New Brunswick meetings were in charge of Vice-President Wald, and that for the Washington meeting was arranged by W. G. Madow.

A proposal originating with Harold Hotelling that the Institute consider petitioning the Federal Government that the W. P. A. Computing Project be made a permanent computing group for the service of scientific research in the construction of important numerical tables, was referred to a committee consisting of A. R. Crathorne, Chairman, P. S. Dwyer, and Will Feller. As a result of their report, the Board appointed the following permanent committee on tabular computation, P. S. Dwyer, Chairman, Churchill Eisenhart, and Will Feller. It