

REPORT OF THE HANOVER MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE

The sixth meeting of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics was held at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, Tuesday to Thursday, September 10 to 12, 1940, in conjunction with meetings of the American Mathematical Society and of the Mathematical Association of America. The following forty-two members of the Institute attended the meeting:

H. E. Arnold, Felix Bernstein, G. W. Brown, J. H. Bushey, B. H. Camp, A. T. Craig, A. R. Crathorne, J. H. Curtiss, J. F. Daly, W. E. Deming, J. L. Doob, Churchill Eisenhart, M. L. Elveback, C. H. Fischer, M. M. Flood, R. M. Foster, T. C. Fry, H. P. Geiringer, Robert Henderson, E. H. C. Hildebrandt, G. M. Hopper, Harold Hotelling, E. V. Huntington, M. H. Ingraham, Dunham Jackson, W. L. Kichline, L. F. Knudsen, B. A. Lengyel, W. G. Madow, J. W. Mauchly, Richard von Mises, E. B. Mode, Jerzy Neyman, P. S. Olmstead, Oystein Ore, M. M. Sandomire, L. W. Shaw, F. F. Stephan, A. G. Swanson, Abraham Wald, S. S. Wilks, Jacob Wolfowitz.

The meeting of the Institute consisted of four sessions. At the first session, which was held on Tuesday morning, Professor Harold Hotelling of Columbia University delivered an address on *The Teaching of Statistics*. This address was followed by considerable discussion on the various aspects of the teaching of statistics.¹ Preceding Professor Hotelling's address a short paper on an *Empirical Comparison of the "Smooth" test for goodness of fit with Pearson's Chi-Square test* was presented by Professor J. Neyman of the University of California.

Following Professor Hotelling's address a business meeting of the Institute was held. At this time resolutions on the teaching of statistics were approved (see p. 472). The President reported that a War Preparedness Committee had been appointed in the summer to study the matter of the Institute's participation in the national defense program.² The Chairman of this Committee submitted a preliminary report which met the approval of the Institute. A plan was approved for completing the report and circularizing it with a minimum of delay.

The matter of the organization of local sections or chapters of the Institute was discussed but no action was taken.

¹ Professor Hotelling's address and three resolutions regarding the teaching of Statistics which were adopted by the Institute at a business meeting following the address are published in the present issue of the *Annals of Mathematical Statistics*, pp. 457-472.

² The membership of the Committee is as follows:

Professor Churchill Eisenhart (Chairman), University of Wisconsin.

Professor A. T. Craig, University of Iowa.

Professor E. G. Olds, Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Captain Leslie E. Simon, Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Mr. Ralph E. Wareham, General Electric Company.