

THE BÔCHER MEMORIAL PRIZE

The establishment of the Bôcher Memorial Prize is a noteworthy departure in American Mathematical polity. It is believed that this is the first mathematical prize in our country to be given at regular intervals for research in pure mathematics.

The inception of the prize was due to Professor T. S. Fiske who, after the death of Maxime Bôcher in 1918, raised a voluntary fund for a permanent memorial of his work and services. This fund was turned over to the American Mathematical Society, and a special committee consisting of T. S. Fiske, C. N. Haskins, Dunham Jackson, O. D. Kellogg, and E. B. Van Vleck was appointed to consider its disposition. This committee reported to the Council the following resolutions which were adopted:

1. A prize of \$100 (later a larger sum) shall be awarded once in every five years for a notable research-memoir, published in the Transactions of the American Mathematical Society during the preceding five years by a resident of the United States or Canada. The prize shall be known as the Bôcher Memorial Prize.

2. Such interest of the Memorial Fund as is not used for the prize shall be added to the principal.

3. The age of the recipient of the prize shall not be over forty years, and the prize shall not be awarded twice to the same person.

4. The first award of \$100 shall be made by a Committee of the Council for a memoir published during the period 1918-1922, and shall be conferred at the annual or other designated meeting of the Society in 1923.

The suitability of the memorial will be apparent to all who are conversant with the history of American mathematics. Before many of the older generation imagined any immediate possibility of developing American mathematics to a perma-