

## THE VISITING LECTURESHIP OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

At the annual meeting of the Society in Philadelphia last year, the Council approved the plan for creating a Visiting Lectureship of the American Mathematical Society. The primary purpose of the plan is to make available every year lectures by a distinguished mathematician at the mathematical centers which are actively interested. The financial responsibility is to rest upon the colleges and universities concerned, and is to be binding from year to year only. A Committee of the Society, consisting this year of the undersigned, is responsible for the nomination of a lecturer to the Council, for the issuing of the invitation to the Visiting Lecturer after he has been appointed by the Council, and for the oversight of the general arrangements.

By means of this plan it is hoped that knowledge of recent and important mathematical advances can be brought more quickly to the various centers, and that the opportunity for informal contacts will prove of scientific value.

The support of the plan obtained for this year has been notable. Professor Constantin Carathéodory of the University of Munich has accepted the invitation to become the first Visiting Lecturer. He is expected to arrive in America at the beginning of 1928, and to remain through the following summer. He will be on the staff at Harvard University during the entire second semester of this academic year, and on the staff of the University of California during the Summer Session at Berkeley during the summer of 1928. His schedule as Visiting Lecturer is being arranged so as to avoid conflicts with these duties. A schedule of lectures during the month of January, 1928, appears on page 122 of this number of this Bulletin.

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