

## THE DECEMBER MEETING AT DES MOINES

The two hundred seventy-sixth regular meeting of the Society was held at Des Moines on Monday and Tuesday, December 30–31, 1929, in conjunction with the meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Mathematical Association of America. The meetings and dinner were held in the Hotel Fort Des Moines.

On Monday morning, after a general session of the Society, two sessions, one on algebra and number theory and one on applied mathematics, were held.

On Monday afternoon the Society met in a joint session with Section A of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. At this meeting Professor R. C. Archibald gave his retiring address as Vice-President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Chairman of Section A on *Mathematics before the Greeks*. This was followed by an address given on invitation of the Program Committee by Professor O. D. Kellogg on *An unsolved problem in potential theory*. It is not expected that the address of Professor Kellogg will be published. An abstract which furnishes references where most of the material of his address may be found appears on p. 201 as Abstract No. 36–3–133.

On Tuesday morning the Society met in three sections. One section met with Section K of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for papers on mathematical statistics; another was devoted to analysis; and the third, to geometry.

Tuesday afternoon the Society met jointly with the Mathematical Association of America and listened to an address, given on the invitation of the Program Committees of both organizations, by Professor L. L. Dines on *Linear inequalities and some related properties of functions*. This address will appear in an early issue of this Bulletin.

Later in the same afternoon Professor Irving Fisher delivered the seventh Josiah Willard Gibbs lecture under the joint auspices of the Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His address was on *The applications*