

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTIC CITY AND PRINCETON

The thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held at Atlantic City and Princeton, New Jersey, from Tuesday to Friday, December 27–30, 1932. The sessions of the Society, Tuesday to Thursday inclusive, were held in the Hotel Morton in Atlantic City; the events on Friday took place at Princeton University. The arrangements as made by the committee, of which Professor J. R. Kline was chairman, were excellent and the meeting proved to be exceptionally interesting and pleasant.

The meeting opened on Tuesday morning with a joint session of the Society, Sections A and K of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Econometric Society. At this session, which was devoted to mathematical statistics, Dr. W. A. Shewhart delivered an invited address on *Probability as a basis for action*. This was discussed by Professors E. V. Huntington and Harold Hotelling. Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning were devoted to sessions of the Mathematical Association of America.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday afternoon. The Council met on Wednesday afternoon and on Thursday evening.

Tuesday evening and Thursday morning were devoted to sectional sessions. On Wednesday afternoon, at a joint session with Section A of the A.A.A.S. and the Mathematical Association of America, Dean L. P. Eisenhart delivered his retiring address as President of the Society, entitled *Some recent developments in differential geometry*, which will appear in an early issue of this Bulletin; and Professor E. R. Hedrick, as retiring Vice-President of Section A, spoke on *Tendencies in the logic of mathematics*; this paper will appear in Science.

The annual dinner of the mathematical organizations on Wednesday evening was held in the Hotel Morton, 235 being present and President Eisenhart acting as toastmaster. Professor Oswald Veblen spoke on the new Institute for Advanced Study; Professor Virgil Snyder on the demise of the International Mathematical Union; Professor R. C. Archibald read ex-