

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN CAMBRIDGE

The fortieth Annual Meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, from Tuesday to Friday, December 26–29, 1933. The afternoon session on Thursday and the dinner were held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the other sessions in the Alice Mary Longfellow Hall of Radcliffe College. In point of attendance of members and in number of papers offered, it was second only to the Annual Meeting of 1928 in New York City. The arrangements as made by the committee, of which Professor J. L. Walsh was chairman and Mrs. W. C. Graustein and Professors D. J. Struik and D. V. Widder the other local members, were carefully conceived and superbly executed, and the meeting proved to be one of the most interesting and pleasant in the annals of the Society. At the session on Friday morning on motion of Professor W. L. Hart the Society passed a hearty vote of thanks to the committee and the inviting institutions.

The Board of Trustees held a meeting in New York City on December 19; at the meeting called for 6:00 P.M. on December 26 there was no quorum present and adjournment was taken. The Council held a meeting at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday and an adjourned session at the same hour on Friday.

The scientific meetings opened on Tuesday evening with a general session. On Wednesday morning one session was devoted to Analysis and one to a symposium of invited papers on the topic of Probability. At the latter the American Physical Society and Section B were guests; Professor D. J. Struik presided and four invited papers were presented as follows: *Remarks on causality and probability*, by Professor Eberhard Hopf, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; *Foundations of probability in the natural sciences*, by Professor Felix Bernstein, of Columbia University; *The probability of position in a canonical ensemble*, by Professor G. E. Uhlenbeck, of the University of Michigan; and *The Brownian motion*, by Professor Norbert Wiener, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. On account of illness, the fifth paper, on *Some analytical problems relating to probability*, which was to have been given by Dr.