

NOTES

The Bubnoff's State University of Leningrad has begun the publication of a new journal: *Annals, Series of Physical Science*, edited by C. E. Frech.

The Seminario Matemático de la Universidad de Varsovia has begun the publication of a new journal, *Acta Arithmetica*, devoted to the theory of numbers and questions relating to this field. The first number was published in February, 1935.

Volume 20 of the Colloquium Publications of the American Mathematical Society, which has recently appeared, is the book by Professor J. L. Walsh, entitled *Interpolation and Approximation by Rational Functions in the Complex Domain*.

The eleventh annual Norman Lockyer Lecture established by the British Science Guild as a means of periodically directing the attention of the public to the influence of science upon human progress, was given by Sir Josiah Stamp, president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, on November 13. The subject of the lecture was *The calculus of plenty*.

The first annual meeting of the Indian Academy of Sciences began on December 18, 1935, and was held at Bombay.

The ninth conference of the Indian Mathematical Society was held on December 19–21, 1935, at Delhi University.

The National Academy of Sciences held its autumn meeting on November 18–20, 1935, at the University of Virginia under the presidency of Dr. F. R. Lillie. At this meeting Professor Edward Kasner, of Columbia University, and Professor G. T. Whyburn, of the University of Virginia, presented papers entitled *Conformal geometry* and *Continuous transformations of certain manifolds*, respectively.

Professor Hermann Weyl, of the Institute for Advanced Study, has been elected a member of the Koninklijke Akademie van Wetenschappen te Amsterdam.

Shortly before his death Simon Newcomb (1835–1909) was by international vote listed as the leading astronomer of the world. On August 30, 1935, the Canadian Government unveiled at his birthplace in Wallace, Nova Scotia, a very fine stone monument with a bronze tablet containing a suitable inscription. One of the two principal addresses was given by Professor R. C. Archibald, of Brown University, who had published a good deal of material about Newcomb's life and work. Two of Newcomb's daughters and four of his grandchildren were present at the exercises. In November, 1935, Newcomb was elected to the Hall of Fame of New York University. He was the second president of the American Mathematical Society (1896–97), professor of mathematics and astronomy at The Johns Hopkins University (1884–94,