

NOTES

A Florida Academy of Science has been founded by members of the University of Florida, the Florida State College for Women, and the University of Miami. A charter was applied for and granted in February. Professor J. H. Kusner, of the University of Florida, was elected secretary of the organization.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada on January 14, 1936 Professor William Findlay, of McMaster University, was elected vice-president.

A semi-popular symposium on mathematics was held at the University of Cincinnati under the auspices of the Taft Memorial Fund on February 29, 1936, with about two hundred fifty persons in attendance from the University of Cincinnati and neighboring institutions. Professor Boris Podolsky, of the University of Cincinnati, spoke on *The reasons for relativity and quantum mechanics*; Dean G. D. Birkhoff, of Harvard University, on *The logical basis of quantum mechanics*; and Professor L. H. Thomas, of Ohio State University, on *The assumptions of quantum statistics*. About seventy persons attended a dinner held at the Sinton Hotel, at which Dean Birkhoff gave an address on *The spirit of scholarship*.

Seminars in economics and in mathematical statistics will be held under the auspices of the Cowles Commission for Research in Economics at Colorado Springs from July 6 to August 8. Information can be secured by addressing the Commission at Colorado Springs.

At meetings of Section A of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, on Thursday morning and afternoon, June 18, in Rochester, New York, the following papers will be presented by invitation of the program committee: *The role of infinity in the cosmology of Epicurus*, by C. J. Keyser; *Mathematics—a science and a fine art*, by W. A. Hurwitz; *Curves on algebraic surfaces*, by T. R. Hollcroft; *Convergence in the mean*, by R. T. Agnew. Dean A. S. Gale of the University of Rochester will act as Secretary of the Section and as Chairman of the program committee.

The Adams Smith prize at Cambridge has been awarded to V. K. R. K. Rao, of Gonville and Caius College. The prize is offered annually for an essay on some unsettled question in economic science or in some branch of economic history or statistics subsequent to the year 1800.

The Council of the British Institution of Chemical Engineers has awarded the Moulton Gold Medal for 1935 to R. W. Powell and Dr. Ezer Griffiths for their paper on *The evaporation of water from plane and cylindrical surfaces*.

The Royal Academy of Belgium has awarded prizes for the year 1935 to Professor B. Segre, of the University of Bologna, for a memoir entitled *Quelques résultats nouveaux dans la géométrie sur une V_3 algébrique*, and jointly to M. J. Van Mieghem and M. F. Bureau, for their memoirs on the theory of Huygen's principle.