

NOTES

The Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education will hold its 48th Annual Meeting at the University of California in Berkeley, June 24 to June 28.

The Francoeur Prize of the French Academy of Sciences has been awarded to Professor Brelot of the University of Bordeaux for his work on harmonic functions.

The Petit D'Ormy Prize of the French Academy of Sciences has been awarded to Professor G. Valiron of the University of Paris for his work in mathematics.

Mr. C. E. Shannon, assistant in mathematics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been awarded the Alfred Noble Prize of \$500 by the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Professor J. L. Coolidge of Harvard University will retire on September 1, 1940, with the title Professor of Mathematics Emeritus and Master of Lowell House Emeritus. Professor Coolidge has been a member of the department of mathematics for forty years and master of Lowell House for ten years.

Professor Arnold Emch of the University of Illinois, whose retirement was announced on page 22 of the current volume of this Bulletin, has been given the title of professor emeritus.

The School of Mathematics of the Institute for Advanced Study is building up its own library in the fields of mathematics and theoretical physics. Any offers of secondhand books or sets of periodicals from private owners or of duplicates from libraries, addressed to the Librarian, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J., will receive careful consideration.

The following ninety-nine doctorates, with mathematics or mathematical physics as a major subject, were conferred during 1939 in universities in the United States and Canada; the major subject is mathematics unless otherwise specified. The university, month in which the degree was conferred, minor subject (other than mathematics), and the title of the dissertation are given in each case if available.

H. W. Alexander, Princeton, June, *The rôle of the mean curvature in the immersion theory of surfaces.*