

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY.

THE Seventh Annual Meeting of the AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY was held in New York City on Friday, December 28, 1900. An important feature of the occasion was the election of officers and other members of the Council, at which recently adopted amendments of the Constitution went into effect. The term of office of the President, who must have served previously, but with a year's interval, as Vice-President, is now increased to two years. Both Presidents and Vice-Presidents are made ineligible for immediate reëlection. Four members of the Council, instead of three, are now elected annually. This provision and the permanent membership of the ex-Presidents increases the number of seats in the Council to twenty-four at present. The growth of the Society has been such that the numerical basis of representation of the Council is almost precisely the same as that of six years ago, when the Society was reorganized as a national body.

At the close of the century a brief recapitulation of the advance of the Society during these six years is not inappropriate. The record reveals in the past a happy and substantial augury for the future. The membership has grown from 244 in September, 1894, to 357 on January 1, 1901. In 1894 the number of papers read at the meetings was 24 ; in 1900 it was 112. This expansion in numbers and output has had for one valuable result the creation, in 1898, of the Chicago Section of the Society, an event which has proved not only a great benefit to many members to whom the New York meetings are practically inaccessible, but a source of strength to the Society as a whole. The demand for improved facilities for publication, occasioned by the great increase in productive activity of the members, has had for its outcome the founding of the *Transactions*, which has now successfully completed its first year of existence as the official organ of the Society for the publication of important original papers read before it. Meanwhile the BULLETIN has been considerably increased in size, although confining itself more strictly than before to the historical and critical field for which it was originally designed. A gratifying recognition of the usefulness and efficiency of the Society is evidenced by the liberal financial coöperation of ten leading universities of the country in the publication of the