

## NOTES

The Association for Symbolic Logic is now publishing a quarterly journal entitled *The Journal of Symbolic Logic*, the first number of which appeared in May. The editors are Professors Alonzo Church, of Princeton University, and C. H. Langford, of the University of Michigan.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science has appointed Professor Oswald Veblen, of the Institute for Advanced Study, as its representative at the International Congress of Mathematicians at Oslo, July 13–18.

The regular spring meeting of the American Physical Society was held in Washington, April 30–May 2, following the meeting of the National Academy of Sciences.

The National Academy of Sciences held its annual meeting in Washington, April 27–29. Four papers in mathematics were presented. Professor Edward Kasner, of Columbia University, spoke on *Conformal and equilateral symmetry*; Professor Marston Morse, of the Institute for Advanced Study, on *Abstract equilibrium theory*; Professor G. D. Birkhoff, of Harvard University, on *The problem of stability in dynamics*; and Professor Dunham Jackson, of the University of Minnesota, on *Problems of closest approximation in two variables*.

The Joseph Henry Lecture of the Philosophical Society of Washington was given on February 1, 1936, by Dr. Herbert Dingle, assistant professor of astrophysics at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London. His subject was *The physical universe*.

Professor Oskar Bolza of the University of Freiburg, who taught most inspiringly in this country at Johns Hopkins University, Clark University, and the University of Chicago, took his doctor's degree at the University of Göttingen on June 28, 1886, fifty years ago. Congratulations were forwarded to him by the Deutsche Mathematiker-Vereinigung, by the American Mathematical Society, and doubtless by other learned societies. Many of his former students in this country have taken occasion to write appreciatively to him at this time.

On Thursday evening May 14, Dr. Henry Seeley White, professor emeritus of mathematics at Vassar College and past president of this Society, was honored by a dinner given by members of the Vassar faculty. About ninety guests were present at the dinner. Professor White has been chairman of the department of mathematics since 1905, and, although he became professor emeritus in 1933, the trustees have regarded his services so highly that for these last three years they have retained him as Senior Lecturer. His work as teacher ends in June, 1936, but his friends know that for him leisure will not mean inactivity but more time for the problems on which he has been working for years. President H. N. MacCracken as toastmaster introduced the following after dinner speakers: Dr. Grace Macurdy of the department of Greek; Dr. H.