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A new organization, known as the American Documentation Institute, has been incorporated on behalf of leading national scholarly, scientific, and informational societies to develop and operate facilities that are expected to promote research and knowledge in various intellectual fields. A first objective will be to develop and apply the new technique of microphotography to library, scholarly, scientific, and other material. The board of trustees elected consists of: Dr. R. C. Binkley, Western Reserve University; Dr. S. J. Buck, Director of Publications, National Archives; Watson Davis, Director, Science Service; Dr. J. T. Gerould, Librarian, Princeton University Library; Dr. Ludvig Hektoen, Chairman, National Research Council.

The *Revista de Ciencias*, official journal of the Faculty of Biological, Physical, and Mathematical Sciences of the University of San Marcos, Lima, invites American mathematicians to submit papers for publication.

The engineer N. Malaxa, of Bucharest, has presented a periodical award of 500 lei for the mathematical and physical sciences. The prize will be awarded by an international committee with headquarters at the N. Malaxa Institute in the science department of the University of Bucharest. The award will be made for the first time in June, 1938, and will be given to the young scientist who, in the opinion of the committee, has made the most important contribution to the problem of the resolution of equations in the period from January 1, 1934 to January 1, 1938.

The Royal Society of Edinburgh has awarded the Gunning Victoria Jubilee Prize for the period 1932-36 to Professor C. J. Darwin, master of Christ's College, Cambridge, formerly Tait professor of natural philosophy in the University of Edinburgh, for his "distinguished contributions in mathematical physics."

Professor John von Neumann, of the Institute for Advanced Study, has been elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences, and Professor Oswald Veblen, also of the Institute for Advanced Study, has been elected a member of the council.

Dr. M. M. Slotnick, of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, Houston, Texas, has been elected Editor of *Geophysics*, the journal of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

Dr. Witold Hurewicz, of Amsterdam, has been appointed professor of mathematics at the National University of Peking, Peiping, China.

Dr. Rudolph Peierls, at present assistant-in-research at the Mond Laboratory of the Royal Society at Cambridge, has been appointed to the newly established chair of applied mathematics at the University of Birmingham.