

## NOTES

A Conference in Topology will be held at the University of Michigan June 24–July 6, 1940.

Mr. L. L. Locke has placed his collection of old calculating machines in the Smithsonian Institution. This collection contains many unique and interesting machines, among them the first two machines made in the United States and the first direct multiplication machine.

A mathematics teaching seminar on a post-doctoral level is being conducted this year at Reed College, with Professor F. L. Griffin in charge. The four fellows who are participating are: Mr. H. E. Goheen, Dr. L. Louise Johnson, Mr. R. A. Rosenbaum, and Dr. Henry Scheffé.

Professor P. A. M. Dirac of the University of Cambridge has been awarded a medal by the Royal Society, London, for his work in the new quantum mechanics.

The University of London has conferred the degree of doctor of science on Dr. Niels Bohr, director of the Institute of Theoretical Physics at the University of Copenhagen.

Professor V. V. Narlikar of Benares Hindu University has been elected a fellow of the National Institute of Sciences of India.

The Institute of Mathematical Statistics has elected Associate Professor S. S. Wilks of Princeton University as president, Associate Professor A. T. Craig of the University of Iowa and Associate Professor C. C. Craig of the University of Michigan as vice presidents, and Professor P. R. Rider of Washington University as secretary-treasurer.

Professor A. B. Coble of the University of Illinois has been elected vice president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Professor J. L. Walsh of Harvard University has been elected a member of the Sectional Committee for Mathematics.

Professor L. E. Dickson of the University of Chicago has been named Eliakim Hastings Moore Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Mathematics.

Professor William Gillespie of Princeton University has been given the title of professor emeritus.

Professor Gabriele Mammana of the University of Naples and Pro-

fessor Luigi Sobrero of the University of Rome have been appointed to professorships at the University of Rio de Janeiro.

Assistant Professor R. V. Blair of Vanderbilt University has been promoted to an associate professorship.

Associate Professor E. R. Breslich of the University of Chicago has retired.

Assistant Professor R. C. Bullock of North Carolina State College has been promoted to an associate professorship.

Dr. A. S. Gale of the University of Rochester has resigned as dean of the College for Men. He will continue as chairman of the department of mathematics.

Associate Professor A. E. Gault of Bradley Polytechnic Institute has been promoted to a professorship.

Mr. Coleman Herpel of Pennsylvania State College at Hazleton has been promoted to an assistant professorship.

Dr. W. A. Patterson of Fenn College has been promoted to an assistant professorship.

Professor G. Y. Rainich of the University of Michigan will be on leave for the second semester.

Professor T. M. Simpson of the University of Florida has been appointed acting dean of the graduate school.

Reverend J. P. Smith of St. Peters College, Jersey City, has been appointed to an associate professorship at Georgetown University.

The following appointments to instructorships are announced: University of California: Dr. J. L. Brenner; University of Detroit: Dr. Alvin Sugar; Georgia School of Technology: Dr. Nelson Robinson; University of Illinois: Dr. I. M. Niven; Johns Hopkins University: Dr. Herbert Busemann; University of Maine: Mr. A. W. Jones; University of Maryland: Dr. F. J. Weyl; Scranton-Keystone Junior College: Mr. B. J. Trapani; Wayne University: Mr. Morris Friedman, Mr. Joseph Levin.

Professor Basilio Manià of the University of Milan died September 26, 1939.

The death of Gaetano Bernardino Scorza, an editor of *Annali di Matematica Pura ed Applicata*, has been announced.

The death of Dr. H. T. Burgess has been reported. He had been a member of the Society since 1909.

Dr. S. C. Harry of Baltimore, Maryland, died September 19, 1939.

The death of Reverend Albert O'Brien has been reported. He had been a member of the Society since 1922.

Professor Emeritus F. N. Willson of Princeton University died on November 15, 1939, at the age of eighty-three years. He joined the Society in 1891.

The death of Professor Emeritus Ruth G. Wood of Smith College has been reported. She had been a member of the Society since 1899.