

NOTES.

A SPECIAL meeting of the NEW YORK MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY for the purpose of giving the members an opportunity of meeting Professor Felix Klein of Göttingen was held Saturday afternoon, September 30, at half past three o'clock, the president, Dr. McClintock, in the chair. The president introduced Professor Klein in a brief address describing Professor Klein's mission to America and paying tribute to him in his different capacities as teacher, investigator, organizer, and editor.

In his address to the Society, Professor Klein described a paper by Dr. Schilling* containing a non-euclidean development of spherical trigonometry in which the fundamental formulæ found a real geometrical interpretation when applied to a generalized spherical triangle whose sides and angles have complex values. Passing from the subject of non-euclidean geometry, he referred to other recent investigations connected with spherical trigonometry, mentioning a paper by himself† and one read by Dr. Study‡ at the Chicago Congress. In concluding he deprecated the opinion obtaining among many persons that the so-called elementary subjects offer to the mathematician no opportunities for investigation.

This address was followed by a general discussion. Several questions were put to Professor Klein, to which he replied at length. After the adjournment of the meeting, those present were individually introduced to Professor Klein, and a general conversation ensued.

DURING the two weeks following the Mathematical Congress at Chicago, Professor Klein (as was announced in the BULLETIN, vol. II. p. 260) held a series of *colloquia* at Northwestern University, Evanston. His addresses at these meetings are in course of publication by Macmillan & Co. in commission for Northwestern University. T. S. F.

A COMPLETE edition of the works and lectures of Weierstrass is in course of preparation. As in the case of Kronecker's works, there will be two series. One of these, consisting of three quarto volumes, similar in style to the edition of Jacobi's works, will comprise all the published memoirs together with a number of papers not previously printed. The other series will contain Weierstrass's lectures, viz. : (1) two courses of

* *Mathematische Annalen*, vol. 39, p. 598.

† *Ibid.*, vol. 37, p. 573.

‡ See this number of the BULLETIN, p. 16.

lectures on elliptic functions, one more elementary, taking the differential equation as a starting point, the other based on the addition theorem; (2) lectures on the applications of the elliptic functions; (3) lectures on hyperelliptic functions; (4) lectures on Abelian functions.

The first volume of the memoirs is now in press. It opens with a paper on the theory of the elliptic functions presented by Weierstrass to the board of examiners of the Münster Academy, in 1841. This volume will probably be followed by the first part of the series of lectures.

AMONG the fall announcements we notice the following:

Ginn & Co. have in press a work by W. E. Byerly of Harvard University on "Fourier's series, and spherical, cylindrical, and ellipsoidal harmonics."

Macmillan & Co. announce of works by American authors: a "History of Mathematics," by Florian Cajori of Colorado College; a "Synthetic solid geometry," by N. F. Dupuis, of Queen's College, Kingston, Canada; a work on the "Resistance of ships and screw propulsion," by D. W. Taylor of the U. S. Navy Yard, Mare Island, California; and the second part (Statics) of A. Ziwet's "Mechanics." They also promise an English translation of Heinrich Hertz's "Researches on the propagation of electrical force," by D. E. Jones; and a new edition, revised and augmented, of J. J. Thomson's "Notes on recent researches in electricity and magnetism,"—the latter to appear early in 1894.

B. G. Teubner's announcements include, besides the edition of Kronecker's papers and lectures, a German translation, by H. Maser, of E. Goursat's lectures on partial differential equations ("Vorlesungen über die Integration der partiellen Differentialgleichungen erster Ordnung, gehalten an der Faculté des sciences zu Paris; bearbeitet von C. Bourlet"), and a work on elementary mathematics by G. Holzmüller ("Methodisches Lehrbuch der Elementar-Mathematik, im engsten Anschluss an die neuen Lehrpläne"), in two parts.

THE second *Jahresbericht der deutschen Mathematiker-Vereinigung*, for the year 1892, has just appeared (Berlin, Reimer). It contains obituary notices on L. Kronecker (by H. Weber), H. Schröter (by Sturm), H. Gretschel (by Papperitz), J. Gierster (by Fricke); abstracts of the papers by Bjerknæs, Fricke, F. Klein, F. Meyer, Schapira, Schlegel, Schumacher, and Study, that were to be read at the Nürnberg meeting planned for last year but abandoned on account of the cholera; finally, a more extensive report, "Die Entwicklung der Lehre vom Erddruck," by F. Kötter of Berlin.

AS announced in the BULLETIN, vol. II, p. 212, the third annual meeting of the *Deutsche Mathematiker-Vereinigung* was held at Munich, September 5th to 10th. The meeting took place in the great hall of the Polytechnic School, Professor Reye of Strassburg presiding. On the opening day there were present 74 members out of a total membership of 233. The exhibition of models, which filled four rooms of the School, was described and explained by its originator, Professor Dyck.

The preliminary announcement comprises two longer reports, viz., "On the theory of algebraic functions," by *Brill* and *Nöther*, and "Special chapters in mechanics," by *Henneberg*; and the following papers:

Bauschinger, Ueber Festigkeitsbestimmungen (mit Demonstrationen im mechanisch-technischen Laboratorium der technischen Hochschule);

H. Brunn, Zur Analysis situs;

K. Döhlemann, Zur Theorie des Nullsystems;

Freyberg, Ueber Töplers Vorlesungs-Apparat zur Statik und Dynamik starrer Körper;

Haas, Ueber einen Präcessionsglobus;

D. Hilbert, Zwei neue Beweise für die Zerlegbarkeit der Zahlen eines Körpers in Primideale;

E. v. Lommel, Zur Demonstration von Magnet-Kraftlinien;

R. Mehmcke, Ueber Rechenmaschinen und Rechenapparate;

F. Meyer, Ueber projective Gruppen der Ebene;

A. Pringsheim, Ueber die Taylor'sche Reihe;

H. Wiener, Weiteres über Grundlagen und Aufbau der Geometrie.

What is remarkable in this provisional programme is the very large share given to applied mathematics. This programme, and the additional fact of the simultaneous exhibition of models, instruments, and apparatus pertaining to pure and applied mathematics, would seem to indicate as the leading feature of the present meeting the great prominence given to the applications. The explanation will be found in the existence, at Munich, of a prosperous Polytechnic School maintaining close relations with the university and counting among its teachers the present energetic and active secretary of the German Mathematical Association, Professor W. Dyck. The coexistence and coöperation in the same city of university and engineering school, such as is found in Munich, is unique in Germany.

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PROFESSOR F. LINDEMANN has been called from the University at Königsberg to Munich.

THE meeting of the French Association for the Advancement

of Science was held this year at Besançon, August 3-13, Dr. Bouchard being president. The meeting next year will be held at Caen, with Mascart as president, and in 1895 at Bordeaux, with Trélat as president.

PROFESSOR E. W. DAVIS has accepted the professorship of mathematics at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.
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- BEAU (O.). Einige Mitteilungen aus dem Gebiete der trigonometrischen Reihen und der Fourierschen Integrale. [Progr.] Sorau, 1893. 4to. 22 pp. Mk. 1.00
- BJÖRLING (C. F. E.). Lärobok i Differentialkalkyl och algebraisk Analysis. 2d ed. Lund, 1893. 8vo. 12 and 366 pp. 1 plate. Mk. 12.00
- BOWSER (E. A.). An elementary treatise on analytic geometry, embracing plane geometry and an introduction to geometry of three dimensions. 17th ed., enlarged. New York, Van Nostrand, 1893. 12mo. Illustrated. Cloth. \$1.75
- BRICKE (F.). Die kürzeste Linie auf dem einschaligen Hyperboloid. [Progr.] Grünberg, 1893. 4to. 16 pp. Mk. 1.00
- CASEY (J.). A treatise on the analytical geometry of the point, line, circle, and conic sections 2d ed., revised and enlarged. 8vo. 584 pp. Dublin, Hodges, 1893. 12s.
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