

NOTES.

UNIVERSITY OF BERLIN. During the coming winter semester the following mathematical courses will be offered: By Professor FUCHS: Theory of the partial differential equations; Theory of hyperelliptic functions. By Professor SCHWARZ: Integral calculus; Selected chapters from theory of analytical functions; Theory of elliptic functions; Mathematical colloquium. Professor FROBENIUS: Analytical geometry; Theory of numbers. Professor HELMERT: Method of least squares. Professor HETTNER: Calculus of probabilities and theory of errors. Professor KNOBLAUCH: Differential calculus; Theory of partial differential equations with application to theory of surfaces and mechanics; Exercises in differential calculus. Professor HENSEL: Algebra; Theory of algebraic functions of one variable and Abelian integrals; Analytical introduction to the theory of Abelian integrals. Professor LEHMANN-FILHÉS: Problem of three bodies; Method of least squares. DR. HOPPE: Analytical geometry (by text-book); Differential calculus and series (by text-book).

AMONG B. G. Teubner's recent announcements of forthcoming books the most important is that of the "Encyclopädie der mathematischen Wissenschaften, mit Einschluss der Anwendungen" (see BULLETIN OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY, 2d Series, Vol. 3, p. 356), edited, with the aid of the academies of sciences of Munich, Vienna, and Göttingen, by Professors H. BURKHARDT and W. F. MEYER. The object of this work is to give, in a form at once concise and convenient for reference, but with the greatest possible completeness, a comprehensive presentation of the mathematical sciences in their present *results*, and at the same time, by means of careful references, an historical survey of the development of mathematical *methods* since the beginning of the 19th century. The applications to mechanics, physics, astronomy, geodesy, the engineering sciences will be included so that, on the one hand, the mathematician may readily see what questions are put to him by the applied sciences, while, on the other, the astronomer, the physicist, the engineer will be able to find the answer given by mathematics to his questions. The arrangement of the matter will be by subjects in the first five volumes; the sixth and last will provide an exhaustive alphabetical index. The editors will be assisted by a com-

mittee representing the three academies interested and consisting of Professors W. Dyck (Munich), G. von Escherich and L. Boltzmann (Vienna), F. Klein (Göttingen), and H. Weber (Strassburg).

THE same firm has in preparation the second and last volume of M. Krause's "Theorie der doppelt-periodischen Funktionen einer veränderlichen Grösse," and a German translation, by A. Schepp, of E. J. Routh's "Rigid Dynamics," in two volumes, with a preface by Professor Klein; finally two volumes entitled "Urkunden zur Geschichte der nichteuklidischen Geometrie," by Professors Engel and Stäckel. The last work is devoted to Lobachevsky and the Bolyais, father and son; besides biographies of these men, the work will contain translations from the Russian of Lobachevsky's "On the foundations of geometry" and "New elements of geometry with a complete theory of parallels," not hitherto translated, W. Bolyai's "Theoria parallelarum" (1804), J. Bolyai's "Appendix" and parts of the "Tentamen."

LITHOGRAPHIC copies of Professor Felix Klein's lectures at the University of Göttingen have been obtainable for several years from Dr. Fr. Schilling, Karlsruhe, Baden. Since our former note some additions have been made to the set, which has also been revised by the substitution of recent lectures for earlier ones on the same subjects, and now consists of the following six volumes, covering the period 1889-1896: I. Ausgewählte Kapitel aus der Zahlentheorie, two parts, 1895-6 (Mk. 12.00); II. Lineare Differentialgleichungen der zweiten Ordnung, 1894 (Mk. 7.00); III. Ueber die hypergeometrische Funktion, 1893-4 (Mk. 7.50); IV. Höhere Geometrie, two parts, 1892-3 (Mk. 12.50); V. Riemann'sche Flächen, two parts, 1891-2 (Mk. 10.00); VI. Nicht-Euklidische Geometrie, two parts, 1889-90 (Mk. 11.50). A summary of contents of the several lectures is found in Professor Klein's notices in vols. 45, 46 and 48 of the *Mathematische Annalen*. The lithographed volumes are still furnished by Dr. Schilling at the prices annexed above. In a short time, however, the firm of B. G. Teubner will take charge of their issue, and the prices will be increased.

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY, of New York, have in press a translation, by Professor Holgate, of Reyé's "Geometrie der Lage," part I.

MR. WILLIAM ESSON has been appointed Savilian professor of mathematics at Oxford, to succeed the late Professor J. J. Sylvester.

DR. LUDWIG SCHLESINGER, who was recently called from Berlin to an associate professorship at the University of Bonn, has been appointed professor of mathematics at the University of Klausenburg, in Transylvania, to succeed the late Professor Ludwig Martin.

DR. ARTEMAS MARTIN, of Washington, D. C., has been recently promoted to be chief of the Library and Archives Division in the office of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

MR. P. A. LAMBERT has been promoted to an assistant professorship of mathematics at Lehigh University.

AMONG recent academic appointments are the following: —LEONARD E. DICKSON, Ph.D. (Chicago), to an instructorship in mathematics at the University of California; CHAS. EDWARD ST. JOHN, Ph.D. (Harvard), to an associate professorship of physics and mathematics at Oberlin College; MILTON BROCKETT PORTER, Ph.D. (Harvard), to an instructorship of mathematics at the University of Texas; EDWARD V. HUNTINGDON, Ph.D. (Harvard), to an instructorship in mathematics at Williams College.

MR. JOSEPH COTTIER, fellow in mechanics at Columbia University, died in Paris, France, August 17th, of typhoid fever.