

THE WINTER MEETING OF THE CHICAGO SECTION.

THE twenty-fourth regular meeting of the Chicago Section of the AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY was held at the University of Chicago on Friday and Saturday, January 1-2, 1909, extending through three sessions. The total attendance was fifty, including the following forty-three members of the Society :

Mr. W. H. Bates, Professor G. A. Bliss, Dr. G. D. Birkhoff, Mr. H. E. Buchanan, Mr. Thomas Buck, Professor W. H. Butts, Professor H. E. Cobb, Dr. A. R. Crathorne, Professor D. R. Curtiss, Professor L. E. Dickson, Dr. E. L. Dodd, Mr. Arnold Dresden, Professor A. B. Frizell, Professor J. W. Glover, Professor A. G. Hall, Mr. T. H. Hildebrandt, Professor T. F. Holgate, Professor O. D. Kellogg, Dr. A. C. Lunn, Dr. E. B. Lytle, Mr. H. F. MacNeish, Dr. W. D. MacMillan, Professor J. L. Markley, Mr. E. J. Miles, Professor G. A. Miller, Professor E. H. Moore, Dr. R. L. Moore, Professor F. R. Moulton, Dr. L. I. Neikirk, Professor Alexander Pell, Mrs. Anna Pell, Professor C. A. Proctor, Mr. A. R. Schweitzer, Miss Ida M. Schottenfels, Professor G. H. Scott, Professor J. B. Shaw, Mr. C. G. Simpson, Professor H. E. Slaughter, Dr. A. L. Underhill, Professor E. B. Van Vleck, Professor E. J. Wilczynski, Professor J. W. Young, Professor J. W. A. Young.

The chairman of the Section, Professor G. A. Miller, presided at the afternoon sessions on Friday and Saturday, and Professor E. B. Van Vleck, Vice-President of the Society, at the session on Saturday morning. The session on Saturday afternoon extended to a late hour in order to complete the reading of the papers. The Section has now found it necessary to devote two full days to its regular meetings, and the dinner on the evening of the first day has become an important feature, not only for the promotion of acquaintance, but also as affording an opportunity for the informal discussion of topics indirectly related to the interests of mathematicians.

On this occasion the subject was "The methods of appointment of university professors in foreign countries." The dis-