

## THE THIRTY-SIXTH SUMMER MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

The thirty-sixth summer meeting and fourteenth colloquium of the Society were held at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, from Tuesday to Friday, September 9–12, 1930, preceded by the summer meeting of the Mathematical Association of America.

This was the second meeting of the Society held at Brown University, the first being in the summer of 1914 on the occasion of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the institution. Of the fifty members in attendance at that meeting, nineteen were present this year. It is worthy of note that the number of members present sets a record nearly fifty percent higher than that of any previous summer meeting.

The colloquium lectures by Professor Solomon Lefschetz were delivered on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Wednesday and Friday mornings with one hundred fifty one members in attendance; these lectures will appear in book form within a few months. By invitation of the Committee on Program, Professors T. H. Hildebrandt and J. D. Tamarkin gave addresses entitled *Linear transformations in general spaces*, and *Distribution of characteristic values of linear integral equations*. Sectional sessions for Analysis were held on Tuesday afternoon and Thursday and Friday mornings; for Geometry, for Foundations, and Point Sets on Tuesday afternoon; for Algebra on Thursday morning; for Applied Mathematics on Friday morning.

During the latter part of Monday afternoon Mr. Norman Isham, Providence architect and a recognized authority on colonial architecture and furniture, led a group of visiting mathematicians and their friends on a walk through the old part of Providence to observe some of the more interesting examples of colonial architecture. On Monday evening President and Mrs. Barbour of Brown University tendered a reception to the guests in Alumnæ Hall. Wednesday afternoon was devoted to an excursion to Newport where the visitors availed themselves of the various opportunities for sight seeing and where a Rhode Island shore dinner was served.