

THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PITTSBURGH

The forty-first Annual Meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from Thursday to Monday, December 27-31, 1934. The University of Pittsburgh and the Carnegie Institute of Technology acted as hosts. The scientific sessions of the Society were held in the Administration Building of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, while the informal New Year's Eve Party was held in the new Cathedral of Learning of the University of Pittsburgh. The arrangements made by the local committee were excellent, and the meeting proved an extremely interesting and pleasant one. At the session on Monday morning, on motion of Professor R. E. Langer, the Society passed a vote of thanks to the local committee and the inviting institutions for their generous hospitality.

As there was no quorum present at the meeting of the Board of Trustees, which had been called for Thursday, December 27, adjournment was taken and a postponed meeting was held in New York on Wednesday evening, January 2. The Council held a meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M.

The scientific meetings were opened with a general session on Thursday morning. On Thursday afternoon the Society met in three sections, one devoted to Analysis, the second to Algebra and Geometry, and the third to Mathematical Statistics and Applied Mathematics. On Friday morning there were two sectional meetings, one for Analysis and Topology and the other for Algebra.

At a general session on Friday afternoon, Professor A. B. Coble delivered his retiring address as President of the Society. His subject was *The geometry of the Weddle manifold W_p* . Later in the afternoon Professor Albert Einstein of the Institute for Advanced Study delivered the eleventh Josiah Willard Gibbs Lecture, entitled *An elementary proof of the theorem concerning the equivalence of mass and energy*. Both of these addresses will appear in early numbers of the Bulletin.

On Friday evening there was a joint session of the American Mathematical Society, Sections A and K of the American