ENDOWMENT FUND

In 1923 an Endowment Fund was collected to meet the greater demands on the publication program of the Society, these demands caused by the ever-increasing number of important mathematical memoirs. Of this fund, which amounted to approximately $94,000 in 1960, a considerable proportion was contributed by members of the Society. In 1961, upon the death of the last legatees under the will of the late Robert Henderson—for many years a Trustee of the Society—the entire principal of the estate was received by the Society, thereby bringing the total of the Endowment Fund to approximately $648,000.

PRIZE FUNDS

The Bôcher Memorial Prize

This prize was founded in memory of Professor Maxime Bôcher with an original endowment of $1,450. It is awarded every five years for a notable research memoir in analysis which has appeared during the past five years. Either the recipient is a member of the Society or the Memoir is published in a recognized North American journal; this provision, introduced in 1971, is a liberalization of the terms of the award.

First (preliminary) award, 1923: To G. D. Birkhoff for his memoir, *Dynamical systems with two degrees of freedom*, published in the Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, volume 18 (1917), pp. 199–300.

Second award, 1924: To E. T. Bell for his memoir, *Arithmetical paraphrases*. I, II, published in the Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, volume 22 (1921), pp. 1–30, 198–219; and to Solomon Lefschetz for his memoir, *On certain numerical invariants with applications to Abelian varieties*, published in the Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, volume 22 (1921), pp. 407–482.

Third award, 1928: To J. W. Alexander for his memoir, *Combinatorial analysis situs*, published in the Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, volume 28 (1926), pp. 301–329.

Fourth award, 1933: To Marston Morse for his memoir, *The foundations of a theory of the calculus of variations in the large in m-space*, published in the Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, volume 31 (1929), pp. 379–404; and to Norbert Wiener for his memoir, *Tauberian theorems*, published in the Annals of Mathematics, volume 33 (1932), pp. 1–100.

Fifth award, 1938: To John von Neumann for his memoir, *Almost periodic functions and groups*. I, II, published in the Transactions of the American Mathematical Society, volume 36 (1934), pp. 445–492, and volume 37 (1935), pp. 21–50.

Sixth award, 1943: To Jesse Douglas for his memoirs, *Green's function and the problem of Plateau*, American Journal of Mathematics, volume 61 (1939), pp. 545–589; *The most general form of the problem of Plateau*, American Journal of Mathematics, volume 61 (1939), pp. 590–608; and *Solution of the inverse problem of the calculus of variations*, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, volume 25 (1939), pp. 631–637.

Seventh award, 1948: To A. C. Schaeffer and D. C. Spencer for their memoir, *Coefficients of schlicht functions*. I, II, III, IV, published in the Duke Mathematical Journal, volume 10 (1943), pp. 611–635, volume 12 (1945), pp. 107–125, and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, volume 32 (1946), pp. 111–116, volume 35 (1949), pp. 143–150.