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On Friday, December 27, there was held at the University of Pennsylvania the meeting of Section A of the Association for the Advancement of Science. At that time Professor Marston Morse of the Institute for Advanced Study gave his address as retiring Chairman of the Section. He spoke on *A mathematical theory of equilibrium with applications to minimal surfaces*. By special invitation Dr. C. G. Rossby of the United States Weather Bureau addressed the Section on *The mathematical problems in meteorology*. Papers read before Section A at these meetings were, by special arrangement, regarded as having been read before the Society by title. In this manner papers 61, 62, 84 and 90 of the report of the annual meeting were presented. About one hundred persons were present at the meetings.

Stanford University is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary during the year 1941. In this connection a larger than usual summer quarter program is planned. Professor G. T. Whyburn from the University of Virginia will give a course on Combinatorial Topology, Professor Einar Hille from Yale University a course on Selected Topics in Theory of Functions. During the summer, presumably in the first part of August, a two-day symposium is planned with conferences on Topology, Calculus of Probability and Statistics, Theory of Functions, and general subjects. The following speakers have been secured so far: E. T. Bell, H. F. Blichfeldt, Einar Hille, A. D. Michal, Jerzy Neyman, George Polya, G. T. Whyburn, Antoni Zygmund. The program will be announced later.

The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics held its twenty-first annual meeting in Atlantic City on February 21–22, 1941. Details of the program and places of meeting are given in the February issue of *The Mathematics Teacher*.

A Survey of Methods of Apportionment in Congress by Professor E. V. Huntington has recently been published. Copies can be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. for ten cents each.

A plaque has recently been presented to Washington University by the United States Naval Academy in honor of William Chauvenet who was appointed professor of mathematics and astronomy at this University in 1852 and chancellor in 1862. The plaque is a replica of one at the Academy and it bears the inscription: "William Chauvenet,