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EDITORIAL PREFACE

On March 19, 1937, Professor E. R. Hedrick took office as Vice President of the University of California and Provost of the University of California at Los Angeles, and in consequence found it necessary to resign as editor-in-chief of this BULLETIN, though continuing on the editorial board until the end of the year. In recognition of his extraordinary services to this journal, the present volume is dedicated to him. The Council of the Society also adopted unanimously the following resolution of appreciation, at its March meeting:

WHEREAS, Professor Earle Raymond Hedrick on March 19, 1937, took office as Vice President and Provost of the University of California at Los Angeles and will find it necessary at the end of 1937 to relinquish all connection with our BULLETIN of which he has been an able editor-in-chief for seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades, Professor Hedrick has given abundantly of his time, thought, and effort in the service of the Society, as an elected member of the Council (1905–1907), as Vice President (1916), as Editor (1921–1937), as President and Trustee (1929–1930), and as a member of many important committees; and

WHEREAS, in all of his duties as an officer of our Society, and in many other ways both within and without the Society, Professor Hedrick has labored unceasingly and with conspicuous success to advance the interests and prestige of mathematics and mathematicians, including teachers in all grades and research workers in a variety of fields; and

WHEREAS, in particular, his services as editor-in-chief of the BULLETIN for seventeen years, involving an expenditure of time and energy which only those associated with him in this work can fully appreciate, have greatly contributed to the success of this publication and its usefulness to the members of this Society;

THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED: that the Council of the American Mathematical Society hereby tenders to Professor Hedrick its profound appreciation of his many services to the cause of mathematics,

and its very sincere wishes for success in the great work upon which he has now entered, and instructs the Secretary to send to him a copy of this Resolution.

The retirement of Professor Hedrick is but one of several changes in the editorial staff of the BULLETIN. Professor W. R. Longley also has asked to be relieved, after twelve years of service. His place and that of Professor Hedrick have been filled by the appointment of Professors L. M. Graves and P. A. Smith. During part of the year the latter had served as assistant editor, replacing D. N. Lehmer. He is now succeeded by Professor Tomlinson Fort, who will be in charge of book reviews, formerly handled by Professor Longley. Professor H. L. Rietz has also retired after having served as assistant editor since 1925, and Professor G. A. Hedlund has taken his place.

In accordance with the advice of the Council, the new board of editors is endeavoring to divide editorial work and responsibility as evenly as possible. For the present year Professors Graves and Smith will take charge of contributed papers; manuscripts in Analysis and Algebra should be sent to the former, those in other fields to the latter. Professor Curtiss will continue as managing editor, and will be in charge of the odd-numbered issues, which are devoted to reports of meetings, reviews, notes, abstracts, and new publications.

No major changes as regards either the policy or the contents of the BULLETIN are contemplated. Although extraordinary circumstances have led to the acceptance recently of three papers (not invited addresses) running slightly over the ten page limit which has been in force for several years, it is intended to adhere to the former rule after the next (February) issue. The reader will, however, note a number of minor typographical changes. A few of these have been made with the hope of improving the appearance both of covers and of pages. Others will tend to make styles for the TRANSACTIONS and the BULLETIN more uniform. Another innovation, perhaps less obvious, is the increase in amount of printed matter per page, made possible by smaller margins. This will reduce the number of pages for each volume by about ten per cent.

A large part of the burden of proof-reading formerly borne by editors and referees will now be assumed by the New York office. Certain minor changes in procedure with proofs will result.

We hope that the readers of the BULLETIN will agree with us as to the desirability of these new styles and procedures, and will sympathize with us in our efforts to continue the improvement of this journal so notable under the administration of Professor Hedrick.

THE EDITORS