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### MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

#### NEW YORK CITY, February 21–22, 1941.

Abstracts must have been in the hands of Associate Secretary, T. R. Hollcroft, 531 West 116th St., New York, N. Y., not later than January 25, 1941. The meeting will open Friday afternoon with a symposium on applied mathematics. By invitation of the Program Committee, the following addresses will be given: Friday afternoon, Mathematical statistics in mass production by Dr. W. A. Shewhart, and Mathematical problems connected with the bending and buckling of elastic plates by Professor J. J. Stoker; Saturday afternoon, Partially ordered linear spaces by Professor H. F. Bohnenblust.

#### STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA, April 5, 1941.

Abstracts must be in the hands of Associate Secretary T. M. Putnam, University of California, Berkeley, Calif., not later than March 8. Abstracts received by February 1 will appear in the March issue of this BULLETIN.

#### CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, April 11–12, 1941.

Abstracts must be in the hands of Associate Secretary W. L. Ayres, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., not later than March 14. Abstracts received by February 1 will appear in the March issue of this BULLETIN. Professor M. R. Hestenes will deliver the symposium address entitled *The problem of Bolza in the calculus of variations*.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2-3, 1941.

Abstracts must be in the hands of Associate Secretary T. R. Hollcroft, 531 West 116th St., New York, N. Y., not later than April 3. Abstracts received by April 1 will appear in the May issue of this BULLETIN. By invitation of the Program Committee, two addresses will be given: Professor F. J. Murray, *The analysis of linear transformations*; Professor I. M. Sheffer, *Some applications of certain polynomial classes*. There will also be a symposium on the Rayleigh-Ritz method and its applications.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, September 2-6, 1941.

NEW YORK CITY, October 25, 1941.

MANHATTAN, KANSAS, November 21–22, 1941.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, November 22, 1941.

ANNUAL MEETING: BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA, December 30, 1941–January 1, 1942.

ITHACA, NEW YORK, September, 1942.

ANNUAL MEETING: NEW YORK CITY, December, 1942.

J. R. KLINE, Secretary of the Society.

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