## OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

## MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

NEW YORK CITY, September 6-9, 1938.

This is the Semicentennial Celebration of the founding of the American Mathematical Society. A brief prospectus appeared in the Bulletin for September, 1937. There will be hour addresses by Professor R. C. Archibald on the history of the Society, by Dean G. D. Birkhoff on a general review of mathematics during the fifty years, and by Professors E. T. Bell, G. C. Evans, E. J. McShane, J. F. Ritt, J. L. Synge, T. Y. Thomas, Norbert Wiener, and R. L. Wilder on work in their own fields. There will be many interesting excursions and other social events. A preliminary notice was mailed to mathematical in Moss. tice was mailed to members early in May.

On account of the magnitude of the task of arranging the program, it is requested that abstracts be sent to the Secretary, R. G. D. Richardson, 531 West 116th Street, New York, N. Y., by July 26, a week earlier than has been usual. Abstracts received not later than July 1 will appear in the July issue of the Bulletin.

NEW YORK CITY, October 29, 1938.

Abstracts must be in the hands of Associate Secretary T. R. Hollcroft, 531 West 116th St., New York, N. Y., not later than October 1. Abstracts received by the Secretaries not later than September 1 will appear in the September issue of the Bulletin. By invitation of the Program Committee, Professor G. A. Hedlund will deliver an address entitled Symbolic and metric dynamics.

R. G. D. RICHARDSON, Secretary of the Society.

Articles for insertion in the BULLETIN should be typewritten, double spaced, and Articles for insertion in the Bulletin should be typewritten, double spaced, and the author should keep a complete copy. Papers in analysis or in algebra should be sent to L. M. Graves, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.; in other fields to P. A. Smith, Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, N. Y. Reviews should be sent to Tomlinson Fort, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., and items for Notes to H. W. Kuhn, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. All other communications to the editors should be addressed to the Managing Editor, D. R. Curtiss, Northwestern University, Eventue Ill. western University, Evanston, Ill.

The initial fees and the annual dues of members of the Society (see this BULLETIN, p. 322, May, 1930; and the List of Officers and Members, September, 1936, p. 67) are payable to the Treasurer of the Society, Professor B. P. Gill, Low Memorial Library, 531 West 116th St., New York, N. Y.

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