

Professor R. von Mises, of Harvard University "On the Foundations of Probability and Statistics"; on Thursday morning there will be addresses by Professor J. Neyman, of the University of California, on the "Estimation by Intervals as a Problem in Classical Probability" and by Dr. J. F. Daly, of the Catholic University, on "Statistical Estimation in Large Samples."

The Mathematical Association will hold two sessions on Thursday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

A joint dinner of the societies will be held on Tuesday evening at seven o'clock in Thayer Hall. On Monday evening at 8 o'clock there will be an entertainment in Dartmouth Hall, followed by an open house. During the evening there will be an exhibition of a collection of string models of ruled surfaces constructed by Professor Robin Robinson.

On Wednesday afternoon there will be an excursion to Franconia Notch in the White Mountains. Busses will leave Massachusetts Row at 1:30 P.M. It is expected that the busses will return to Hanover between 8 and 9 P.M. A picnic lunch *en route* is planned.

RECENT DEATHS

DR. CHARLES PURYEAR, dean emeritus of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, died on July 11. He was seventy-nine years old. Dr. Puryear was professor of mathematics at the college from 1890 to 1932.

ARTHUR HOLMES HOWELL, senior biologist of the

Bureau of Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, now a division of the Fish and Wild Life Service, died on July 10 at the age of sixty-eight years. Mr. Howell became a member of the staff of the Biological Survey in 1895.

DR. ALVAH HORTON SABIN, consulting chemical engineer of the National Lead Company, died on July 8 at the age of eighty-nine years.

DR. JOSEPH WILLIAMS SCHERESCHEWSKY, medical officer in charge of cancer investigations of the U. S. Public Health Service, associate in preventive medicine and hygiene at the Harvard Medical School, died on July 9. He was sixty-seven years old.

THE death is announced of Dr. Hans Virchow, professor of anatomy at the University of Berlin.

Nature records the death of Sir Thomas Hudson Beare, regius professor of engineering in the University of Edinburgh, on June 10, aged eighty years; of Oliver Gatty, research chemist, aged thirty-two years, and A. S. Chessum, research engineer, aged twenty-seven years, during an experiment in connection with air-raid precautions, on June 5; of Sir Jocelyn Thorpe, emeritus professor of organic chemistry of the University of London and in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, on June 10, aged sixty-seven years. Sir Arnold Wilson, distinguished for his administrative work in India and Persia, chairman of the British Industrial Health Research Board from 1926 to 1933, has been reported by the War Office as missing.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. RICHARD C. TOLMAN, of the California Institute of Technology, has been elected vice-chairman of the Defense Research Committee recently appointed by President Roosevelt with Dr. Vannevar Bush, president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, as chairman. Brigadier General G. V. Strong, assistant chief of staff of the Army, and Rear Admiral Harold G. Bowen, director of the Naval Research Laboratory, have been assigned to this committee as representatives, respectively, of the War and Navy Departments. Other members of the committee are: President Karl T. Compton, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; President James B. Conant, of Harvard University; Dr. Frank B. Jewett, president of the National Academy of Sciences, and Commissioner of Patents Conway P. Coe.

THE new laboratory of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, at Moffett Field, Calif., will be named for President Emeritus J. S. Ames, of the Johns Hopkins University, who was chairman of the

committee for twenty years before his retirement last autumn.

HAROLD EARLE THOMPSON, vice-president and chief engineer of the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corporation, New York, N. Y., received the degree of doctor of science from West Virginia University at its commencement exercises in recognition of "outstanding contributions to the fields of engineering and chemistry and his part in the development of the chemical industry of the Kanawha Valley."

COLGATE UNIVERSITY has conferred the doctorate of science on Charles Edward Wilson, president of the General Electric Company, and on Dr. Richard H. Hutchings, retired superintendent of the Marcy State Hospital at Utica.

IN addition to the awards in Group I for exhibits of individual investigation, which are judged on the basis of originality and excellence of presentation, made at the recent meeting in New York City of the