

ANNUAL MEETING, 1956

The Annual Meeting of the Mathematical Association will be held at King's College, London, on April 5th and 6th, 1956.

FOR SALE

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CORRESPONDENCE

THE LETTER OF THE 23 SCHOOLMASTERS

Dear Sir,—The famous letter of the 23 schoolmasters that was written to the British Association Committee in December 1901 was reprinted in the *Mathematical Gazette* of January 1902. It has frequently been pointed out that there are only 22 names attached to the letter in the *Gazette*.

I have just found a copy of the original letter and it is signed by 23 schoolmasters. The name of S. T. H. Saunders, Merchant Taylors' School, is left out in the *Gazette*.

Yours truly, A. W. Siddons.

NOTE 2502

Dear Sir,—I find that the words “ of that kind ” have been omitted after “ polyhedra ” in the last line of my note. The words omitted referred to polyhedra obtained by way of regular spherical polygons which covered the surface of the sphere once.

The point of my note was that it furnishes a proof of the existence of the five Platonic regular polyhedra without making use of the unsound Euler formula, thereby avoiding the error made by Schläfli of denying the existence of other regular polyhedra. It is now, of course, commonly known that there are the four Kepler-Poinsot star polyhedra as well as the regular compounds.

Yours truly, G. Braithwaite.

TEACHING COMMITTEE

At their meeting in Leicester in April the Teaching Committee considered that it might be desirable to make a compilation of the subjects in which Mathematics is used today, making the uses of Mathematics in those subjects as precise as possible. A Sub-Committee was set up to survey the field and to collect samples ; Mr. R. Walker of Stowe School was appointed Convener of the Sub-Committee. Their work will be both lightened and made more valuable if any members of the Association who have instances to suggest will send details to him at Chackmore Lodge, Buckingham. Applications suggested should require a standard not lower than that of ordinary level at G.C.E.

REPORT OF THE CARDIFF BRANCH, SESSION 1954–55

Monday, 18th October, 1954. Officers for the session were elected : Miss M. Brooks, B.Sc., *President* ; Mr. R. A. Jones, *Treasurer* ; Mr. W. H. Williams, *Secretary*. The retiring president, Mr. A. H. Pope, M.Sc., then gave his address