

REPORT OF THE SYDNEY BRANCH FOR THE YEAR 1926.

THE membership now stands at 28 full members, and 80 associate members. The work of distribution of the *Gazette* among the associate members has proceeded satisfactorily.

There have been two meetings of the Association during the year. At the first meeting, Mr. Colville gave an interesting address on "Some Experiences in Teaching the Early Work in Algebra." This was much appreciated, but unfortunately no discussion could take place, because of lack of time. At the same meeting Prof. Wellish spoke on "Vector Methods," and showed how these could be used with advantage in certain parts of geometry and mechanics, with the students doing higher work.

At the Annual Meeting, Dr. Brose spoke on "Some Aspects of Relativity." Dr. Brose is an old Rhodes scholar of Adelaide, who has become well known as the translator of some of Einstein's and Weyl's works, as well as for his own writings; and his presence in Sydney for this year gave the Association an opportunity of hearing him. His address was much appreciated.

The Office-Bearers for 1927 were elected as follows:

President, Prof. H. S. Carslaw; *Honorary Treasurer*, Mr. A. C. Nairn; *Joint Honorary Secretaries*, Miss J. Brown and Mr. H. J. Meldrum.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An Introduction to Mechanics. By J. P. Clatworthy.

DEAR SIR,

I very much regret that one of the statements in my review of the above book (see *Gazette*, No. 185, Dec. 1926, p. 254) is incorrect; namely that "In Part I., p. 102, Ex. 1, the positions of the forces on the rod are not stated, and have to be inferred from the figure and the proof." As a matter of fact there is a reference in the example to Fig. 62 on p. 100, which belongs to another example on the same rod where the positions of the forces are stated.

J. W. HARMER.

THE LIBRARY.

160 CASTLE HILL, READING.

ADDITIONS.

The Librarian reports gifts as follows:

From Miss **M. H. Greaves** and from Miss **I. M. Lewis**, collections of back numbers of the *Gazette*.

From the Misses **Johnston**, offprints of two papers on quaternions by the late Professor W. J. Johnston.

From Prof. **H. F. Newall**:

A. S. EDDINGTON Internal Constitution of the Stars - - - - 1926

From Mr. **Frank Robbins**:

EARL OF ROSSE Scientific Papers - - - - 1926

The papers and addresses of the third earl, who died in 1867, together with accounts by T. R. Robinson of work with the Parsonstown reflector.

From Prof. **W. M. Roberts**, a collection of volumes and numbers of the *Proceedings of the L.M.S.* Of the original series of these *Proceedings*, which ended in 1903, the Library now lacks only Vols. 25-27. Towards the cost of these, or in part exchange, there are for disposal duplicate copies of Vols. 32-33.

From the Secretary of the Yorkshire Branch, copies of the Branch Bulletin for the years 1924-5, 1925-6; other Branch Secretaries please imitate.