

It is difficult to put into words that combination of severity and sympathy that enabled Gibb, from a serious experience of life, to give counsel or unobtrusive help to his colleagues. They for their part accorded to him, instinctively, a *patria potestas*. He is remembered as a notable teacher of mathematics in Scotland, but even more as a man of complete and uncompromising integrity, of unstinted devotion to service, grave and severe when necessary but also full of human sympathy and, on occasion, humour. These elements were mingled in him. His death has brought a very great loss to our Society.

## RECORD OF MEETINGS OF THE EDINBURGH MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

Sixty-fourth Session, 1945-46.

*2nd November.*

Presidential lecture, "Sylvester's sythematic totals and Maschke's quartic forms," by W. L. EDGE. *Read by title*:—"The place of Dirac's equation in five-dimensional Riemann geometry," by H. W. HASKEY; "On the limits of oscillation of a function and its Cesàro means," by C. T. RAJAGOPAL; "The configuration determined by five generators of a quadric threefold," by L. M. BROWN.

*8th December.*

"Some remarks on iteration," by A. C. AITKEN; "A note on bi-forms," by H. W. TURNBULL. *Read by title*:—"On isoptic families of curves," by H. W. RICHMOND; "On gamma matrices," by P. VERMER; "On the problem of the electrified disc," by E. T. COPSON.

*18th January.*

"Discussion on "School examination questions in mathematics," held jointly with the Mathematics Section of the Educational Institute of Scotland (Edinburgh District), led by A. F. BUCHAN and T. ELDER.

*1st February.*

"Symbolic representation of the Laplace transform," A. ERDELYI; " $x$  to the power of  $x$  to the power of  $x$  etc. *ad. inf.*," by A. J. MACINTYRE. *Read by title*:—"On compound permutation matrices," by A. C. AITKEN.

*1st March.*

"The classical and real fluids," by E. G. RICHARDSON. *Read by title*:—"On inverse central factorial series," by A. C. AITKEN; "Asymptotic representations of Laplace transforms with an application to inverse factorial series," by A. ERDELYI.

*3rd May.*

Discussion on "Mathematics—what it is, and what it is for," led by Rev A. D. STEELE and Sir EDMUND WHITTAKER.

*1st June, at St Andrews.*

"Difference-differential equations," by E. MAITLAND WRIGHT.

*Informal meeting in Greyfriars Churchyard, 13th June.*

A laurel wreath was laid on the grave of Colin Maclaurin (died 14th June, 1746).