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At a meeting of the Academy of Sciences of the Institute of France on May 17, 1920, (1) a committee of seven (the president of the academy and three representatives each from the divisions of physical and mathematical sciences) was appointed to present a list of candidates for the chair of General History of Sciences in the College de France. (2) Professor L. E. DICKSON, of the University of Chicago, was elected (41 votes out of 45) “correspondant” of the Academy, in the section of geometry. Two votes were cast for G. CASTELNUOVO and two for E. I. FREDHOLM.

By way of celebrating Professor Dickson’s election colleagues and friends in the University of Chicago tendered him a complimentary luncheon. Professor A. A. Michelson [Nobel laureate – Eds.], the only other “correspondant” of the Academy of Sciences at the University, presided.

Professor Dickson’s productive activity during the twenty years of his connection with the mathematics department of the University of Chicago has been notable. In *Publications of the Members of the University 1902-1916* (Chicago, 1917), 6 of his books (one in collaboration with Miller and Blichfeldt) and 123 of his papers are listed. Of his 29 papers published in this MONTHLY 14 only are here mentioned; the others appeared before 1902. Since 1916 have appeared the first two volumes of his monumental *History of the Theory of Numbers*.

Professor Dickson was managing editor of this MONTHLY 1902-1906 and associate editor, 1906-1908. He was associate editor of the *Transactions of the American Mathematical Society*, 1902-1910 and joint editor 1911-1916. He has been president of the American Mathematical Society, is a member of the Division of Physical Sciences of the National Research Council, and is chairman of the American Section of the International Mathematical Union.

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