THE SIR EDMUND WHITTAKER
MEMORIAL PRIZE

A special meeting of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society was held in the Mathematical Institute, Edinburgh, on Friday, 17th May 1957, to commemorate Sir Edmund Whittaker's work. Present at this meeting were Sir Edmund's widow, Lady Whittaker, and members of her family.

Dr J. M. Whittaker, F.R.S., on behalf of Lady Whittaker and family, asked the Society to accept the sum of £500 to be used to provide a prize which would be awarded for meritorious work in mathematics by young mathematicians in Scotland. It was suggested that this would be a fitting memorial to Sir Edmund who had always shown a helpful and kindly interest in young mathematicians and who, through the Edinburgh Mathematical Society and in other ways, had done so much to stimulate mathematical research in Scotland. The Committee of the Society was asked to administer the award within these general terms. The President received the cheque on behalf of the Society and expressed the appreciation of the Society for the generous gift.

The following rules governing the award of a prize were formulated by the Committee :

1. Prizes will be awarded for published work of particular merit in pure mathematics, applied mathematics, mathematical statistics, or mathematical physics.

2. The awards will be made by the Committee of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society on the recommendation of a standing Committee (hereinafter the Prize Committee) consisting of the Professors of Mathematics in the four Scottish Universities and the Professor of Mathematics in the Royal College of Science and Technology (*ex officio*). This Committee may seek advice from other persons who by virtue of their special qualifications are competent to judge the merits of a particular piece of work. Members of the Prize Committee will not be eligible for an award.

3. A candidate for an award must be under 35 years of age (a person whose 35th birthday is in the session of the award qualifies) *and* must be in at least one of the following categories :

    (*a*) Graduates of a Scottish University ;

    (*b*) Associates of the Royal College of Science and Technology ;

    (*c*) Persons engaged in post-graduate research in Scotland for at least three years.

4. Normally one or more prizes of at least £50 will be awarded at four-yearly intervals, but if the Prize Committee considers that no work worthy of an award has been published by those eligible at a time when an award falls due, it may withhold its recommendation until such time as suitable work appears.

5. The Committee of the Edinburgh Mathematical Society may, at the request of the Prize Committee, waive any of the above rules in cases which merit special consideration.

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JAMES FULTON
Honorary Secretary

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