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The third annual meeting of the Association was held at the University of Chicago on Friday, December 27, 1918, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society, which was held on Friday and Saturday of that week. There were 86 in attendance at the sessions, including 73 members of the Association.

Professor Crathorne reported that at the University of Illinois some 2100 students were registered in trigonometry which was given in two courses, one three hours a week for the non-engineering S. A. T. C. [Student Army Training Corps –Eds.] students and one four hours a week for the S. A. T. C. students registered in the College of Engineering. The extra hour in the latter course was devoted to the slide rule and the applications of trigonometry to military and nautical problems, given to the student in sheet and pamphlet form. The military authorities arranged the supervised study; this was not wholly a success due to the discomforts and noise in the barracks. The conflicts of military duties with academic studies together with the influenza epidemic caused a great many cuts from classes. Many students were absent for weeks at a time and naturally became discouraged. To help out in this situation a week's review was given about the middle of the term and much private help afforded to students asking it.

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