The purposes of this society are not new, but they represent an emphasis and direction which have not hitherto received major consideration in psychological science. It seems proper that we should devote some share of our first program meeting to a consideration of our main objectives.

Our main purpose is briefly stated in the subtitle of the new journal, Psychometrika, namely, to encourage the development of psychology as a quantitative rational science. More briefly, this may be called mathematical psychology. We should justify our emphasis upon quantification and upon rationalization in science, as well as our conception of the fundamental nature of science.

I assume that we are in complete agreement that we can not suddenly quantify our comprehension of psycho-

1 Abstract of address by the retiring president of the Psychometric Society at Hanover, N. H., September 4, 1936.
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