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ELABORATE ceremonies attended by the king and queen of Norway, a dinner given by the city of Oslo, an open house and tea in the royal palace were a few of the honors accorded the 750 representatives to the International Congress of Mathematicians which was attended last summer by Miss Maria Roberts, professor of mathematics at Iowa State College.

The convention was opened at a general reception in the principal building of the University of Norway, Festival Hall. The next morning it was formally opened before King Haakon in the same hall. That afternoon the king and his queen, Maude, daughter of the late Edward VII, King of Great Britain and Ireland, held open house and served tea in the palace.

King Haakon, apparently capable of speaking almost any language, met and spoke to each representative personally during the open house. A very popular man, King Haakon has been reigning since 1905. He and his brother, the king of Denmark, are both very democratic, commanding the respect and love of their subjects. The king of Denmark holds open house at his palace every other Monday, the public being invited to attend. Both men are very tall: Haakon is 6 ft. 6 in. and his brother is 6 ft. 6 in.

The Honorary President of the congress was H.R.H., The Crown Prince of Norway, who has a major in mathematics from the University of Norway.

The third day a dinner was given by the city of Oslo to the members of the congress at Hotel Bristol. Speeches in various languages were given, and responses were made by representatives of those countries. Five courses were served—and there were four wines.

An excursion on the Oslo-fjord by the steamer, “Stavangerfjord,” the largest steamer of the Norwegian-American Steamship Company was the entertainment for the fourth day. The crown prince and princess arrived at 4:00 p.m., while the members of the congress were requested to be onboard at 3:45 p.m.