

lished as *Éléments de la Théorie des Probabilités*, by Émile Borel. (Copyright 1950 by Albin Michel) and is one of the volumes of the *Bibliothèque d'Éducation par la Science*. It contains several new chapters to account for some new developments.

Recently written Textbooks of probability concentrate mainly on the purely mathematical aspects of the theory and ignore its related philosophical problems. This book calls attention to and discusses these often controversial aspects of probability, thus shedding new light on the theory.

In the author's opinion the material in this book should be part of everyone's secondary education and may be considered as an introduction to his treatise (written with several collaborators) on the calculus of probabilities and its applications, which consists of 18 works, in 4 volumes, and a supplementary series of monographs on new developments of the theory.

Miklos Csörgő, McGill University

Linear Sequential Switching Circuits, edited by W.H. Kautz. Holden-Day, Inc., San Francisco, 1965. v + 234 pages. \$6.75.

The subclass of linear sequential circuits of the family of switching circuits is one of the most important from both the theoretical and practical viewpoints. From the theoretical side, it is only for this class that a highly developed theory exists, so that systematic analysis and synthesis can be carried out. The important practical applications are in the design of error-correcting and detecting codes which now figure prominently in many areas of telecommunications. The present volume is a collection of basic papers which have appeared in the past twelve years. The authors are D.A. Huffman (2 papers), B. Elspas, T.Hartmani M. Cohn, C.V. Srinivasan, N. Zierler (2 papers), T.E. Stern and B. Friedland (2 papers). Huffman's paper on the synthesis of linear sequential networks was published in *Information Theory*, the collection of papers presented at the London Symposium on Information Theory (1955). Zierler's papers appeared as a Lincoln Laboratory Technical Report (No. 95, 1955) and in the *S.I.A.M. Journal* (1959), and the paper by Srinivasan appeared in the *Journal of the Franklin Institute* (1962). The remaining papers were all published either in the *I.R.E. Transactions on Circuit Theory* or the *Transactions on Information Theory*. The recent trend towards books of carefully selected reprints on special topics is a commendable one. The present volume is a worthwhile addition, and should be of considerable value to any specialist in this field.

H. Kaufman, McGill University