Gesammelte Abhandlungen by H. Minkowski. Chelsea
Publishing Co., New York, 1967. xxxi + 371 + iv + 465 pages and
two portraits of the author.

The first edition of Minkowski's Collected Works (two volumes)
was published by D. Hilbert, A. Speiser, and H. Weyl in 1911, two
years after Minkowski's death. Although some of his papers have
been republished in book-form (mainly those dealing with relativity)
others appeared in periodicals which are not so easily accessible now.
Thus the reproduction of his works in one volume at a relatively low
price will be welcome to many mathematicians as well as to new
mathematical libraries.

It cannot be the purpose of this note to report on the content
of all the papers of Minkowski many of which are now considered as
classics. He was one of those few who helped to perpetuate the fame
of the Mathematics Department of the University of Göttingen. An
excellent, more or less popular report on Minkowski himself as
well as on his scientific activity has been given by Hilbert in his
commemorative address delivered before the Royal Society of Sciences
at Göttingen soon after Minkowski had died. This address has been
reprinted on pp. v - xxxi of the present volume; it describes in a
convincing manner the endearing character of Minkowski as well as
the importance of his many works for the further development of
Mathematics.

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Collected Papers of G. H. Hardy, Volume 2. Edited by a
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