KINSAKU TAKANO 1915-1958

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Kinsaku Takano, a member of the Institute, died at his home in Tokyo on August 6, 1958 at the age of 43. He was born in Miyakonozyo, a town in Kyushu, in 1915 and graduated from Tokyo Higher Normal School in 1937. After four year teaching at Matue and Kagosima High Schools he entered Osaka University and graduated from it in 1945. He stayed there one more year for study, and then became again a teacher at Nobeoka and Miyakonozyo High Schools. In 1948 he joined the Institute of Statistical Mathematics and began his research life.

His interest was mostly in probability theory, and wrote interesting papers (see the bibliography). His work as to limit theorems in which he seemed especially interested can be seen in [19]. One of his earlier works, a refinement of the Berry's result concerning the bound of normal approximation [5] is very useful in statistical applications. Lately his interest was directed to information theory, and wrote paper [22].

Besides research he gave series of lectures at the Training School of the Institute. He has always been a leading worker in probability theory and has studied very hard and sincerely, which will be remembered for a long time.

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