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THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND THE COLLEGES OF THE UNITED STATES.

The National Academy of Sciences was incorporated by an Act of Congress in the year 1863. It consists of 88 members at present, and adds to its numbers annually seldom more than five members, and often none.

The following interesting table shows how its members are distributed among the faculties of the various Colleges in the United States, according to the data available in the Lick Observatory. As our set of college catalogues is not complete a few errors may remain in this list. Professor Hilgard has been kind enough to revise the table before printing. Names in square brackets belong, officially, in another category also.

Albany: Union College (The Dudley Observatory), (1): L. Boss.
Berkeley: The University of California, (4): G. Davidson, E. W. Hilgard, E. S. Holden, Joseph Le Conte.
Cambridge: Harvard University, (11): A. Agassiz, H. P. Bowditch, W. G. Farlow,