The life of Carl Friedrich Gauss has been sketched repeatedly, yet, in view of the interest attached to every bit of new information concerning men of genius, we venture to touch upon a few events of his later life and to speak of his descendants.

The 16th of July, 1899, will be the 100th anniversary of Gauss's graduation with the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. The 50th anniversary was a day of celebration at Göttingen. Gauss was still in full possession of his powers and was greatly admired and beloved. His daughter Theresa describes the memorable day in a letter, dated December 5, 1850, and written to her brother Eugene in St. Charles, Mo. In translation the passage is as follows:

"I cannot tell you much of our quiet life; one day and one year is always very much like another. But they are contented days and years, as father even now in his advanced age still possesses unimpaired health and an always cheerful disposition. A year and a half ago, in July, '49, he celebrated his '50-jähriges Doctorjubiläum'—or rather the University and the city celebrated it for him with general love and sympathy. He himself was very much opposed to having this day noticed, but, without his knowledge, everything had been prepared for it. From near and far the University had invited strangers; father's friends and eminent scholars came, many delegations from other cities, who brought him congratulations, honorary doctor's diplomas and three new orders. From Braunschweig and Göttingen he received honorary citizenship; from the King, con-
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