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NINETY-TWO years ago, on September 20, 1848, the American Association for the Advancement of Science was organized and held its first meeting in Philadelphia. Five times since that date the association has held meetings in the place of its birth—in 1884, 1904, 1914, 1926, and 1940. With the exception of the meeting held in 1904, each of these meetings has been larger than its predecessor. A total of 1,449 addresses and papers were on the programs of the meeting of 1926, and there were 2,164 on the programs of the recent meeting, held 14 years later. This increase of 50 per cent. in papers presented has been almost paralleled by the increase in the membership of the association, from 14,366 to 21,067.

REGISTRATION

The registration for the meeting at Philadelphia by states and foreign countries was as follows: Alabama,

21; Alaska, 1; Arizona, 2; Arkansas, 2; California, 56; Colorado, 7; Connecticut, 106; Delaware, 15; District of Columbia, 153; Florida, 22; Georgia, 20; Hawaii, 1; Illinois, 140; Indiana, 6; Iowa, 44; Kansas, 19; Kentucky, 16; Louisiana, 14; Maine, 31; Maryland, 155; Massachusetts, 226; Michigan, 75; Minnesota, 36; Mississippi, 4; Missouri, 41; Nebraska, 5; Nevada, 1; New Hampshire, 26; New Jersey, 201; New Mexico, 1; New York, 639; North Carolina, 67; North Dakota, 3; Ohio, 114; Oklahoma, 10; Oregon, 6; Pennsylvania, 664; Puerto Rico, 4; Rhode Island, 26; South Carolina, 20; Tennessee, 20; Texas, 35; Utah, 3; Vermont, 20; Virginia, 108; Washington, 2; West Virginia, 25; Wisconsin, 30; Wyoming, 1; foreign countries, 37 (Canada, 26; Canal Zone, 2; Chile, 1; Costa Rica, 1; England, 1; Guatemala, 1; New Zealand, 2; Philippine Islands, 2; Switzerland, 1), a total of 3,339. No previous meeting of the association

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