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THE FIFTH SUMMER MEETING OF THE
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THE Fifth Summer Meeting of the AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY was held at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass., on Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20, 1898. The Society renewed this year its usual policy of affiliation, so far as concerns the Summer Meeting, with the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This arrangement presents several advantages and involves no sacrifice of independence on either side. A more satisfactory and efficient condition would result if the Association should at some time decide to resolve itself into a federation of scientific societies, a policy which has a strong support. Meanwhile very cordial relations exist between the Society and Section A of the Association. Members of either body were free to attend and participate in the scientific proceedings of the other. The date of the Society's meeting was so chosen as to avoid conflict with that of the Section; and to accommodate those members of the Society who were in attendance on the Colloquium the Section set apart a special day for the reading of its chief mathematical papers.

In attendance and in number of papers presented the Fifth Summer Meeting surpassed any of its predecessors. The total attendance at the three sessions exceeded sixty-five, and included the following fifty-three members of the Society:

Professor A. L. Baker, Dr. C. C. Barnum, Professor M. Bôcher, Professor W. E. Byerly, Professor C. H. Chandler, Professor A. S. Chessin, Dr. J. B. Chittenden, Dr. A. Cohen, Professor F. N. Cole, Professor L. L. Conant, Professor C. L. Doolittle, Professor L. W. Dowling, Professor H. T. Eddy, Professor T. S. Fiske, Dr. A. B. Frizell, Dr. J. W. Glover, Miss Ida Griffiths, Mr. G. H. Hallett, Mr. H.