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**THE SEMICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

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The Golden Jubilee of the American Mathematical Society was celebrated at its birthplace, Columbia University, New York City, September 6-9, 1938. In its scientific features as well as in regard to other festivities, the Semicentennial Celebration stands unsurpassed among the meetings of the Society. From the time of the opening of the Celebration on Tuesday evening until the last lecture on Friday at noon, the Society's program proceeded on a very high level. Columbia University possesses admirable facilities for such gatherings and these were put at the disposal of the Society. Its hospitality on this, as on so many previous occasions, was genuine and gracious.

The attendance was large and representative geographically. The only other meeting of the Society which rivaled it in attendance was the Summer Meeting of 1936 held in connection with the Harvard Tercentenary. There were 418 members of the Society who registered and many other members were present. In all, including families, 600 persons registered, and there were probably 100 others who attended one or more sessions. In members registering from 39 states, New York State led with 133, Pennsylvania was second with 38, followed by Massachusetts with 34, New Jersey and Ohio each with 22, Wisconsin with 16. Regions were represented as follows:

New England	65	Pacific and Rocky Mountain	13
North Atlantic	204	Canada	16
Middle Western	78	Foreign	3
Southern	39		

It was interesting to note the array by age groups, there being a considerable number present who attended meetings in the earliest days, as well as numbers of those who joined the Society decade by

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\* Those phases of the gathering which pertain to a usual meeting of the Society have been recorded in the report by Associate Secretary Hollcroft in the November, 1938, issue of this Bulletin. The present report concerns the Semicentennial Celebration only.