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## THE BALTIMORE MEETING

The Baltimore meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the affiliated national scientific societies has never been equalled in size and importance by any gathering of scientific men in this country or indeed elsewhere. It might have been expected that the meetings held in the great centers of population last year and the year before would have set the high water mark of attendance for some years, but the registration at Baltimore was even larger than at New York or Chicago, and the percentage not registering was greater than ever before. Registration can only be regarded as a habit or duty, as it confers no privilege, the list not even being printed. Of the 300 chemists at the New York meeting only 106 registered; at Baltimore, where the chemists met in a distant part of the city with an attendance of about 400, perhaps not more than 50 registered. The actual registration of members of the association was 1088; the attendance at the meeting can only be guessed, but it may have been in excess of 2,500.

Size is not in itself significant; it may be an advantage or it may be a nuisance. But in so far as the growth of the convocation week meetings means an increased number of scientific workers in this country and a willingness on their part to cooperate, it is grati-