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GENERAL FEATURES

THE Des Moines meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was held from Friday, December 27, 1929, to Thursday, January 2, 1930. This was the eighty-sixth meeting of the association and the second one to be held in the state of Iowa, the first having occurred at Dubuque in August, 1872. The preliminary announcement of the Des Moines meeting appeared in a special issue of SCIENCE for November 29, 1929. The sessions of the association and the associated societies were nearly all accommodated in hotels and other down-town buildings, all within a few blocks of one another. There was no snow and the weather throughout convocation week was uniformly fine and unusually warm for the season. Arrangements and facilities were generally unsurpassed and the meeting was successful in every way.

The president for this meeting was Robert A. Millikan, director of the Norman Bridge Physical Laboratory, of the California Institute of Technology, at Pasadena. As most readers know, President Millikan is one of the greatest leaders in physical research and in the advance of science and education. On Sunday afternoon he delivered a remarkably valuable and inspiring address on the importance of science to humanity. It was given in the Shrine Temple auditorium, before a very large audience. This address appears in the February issue of *Scribner's Magazine*.

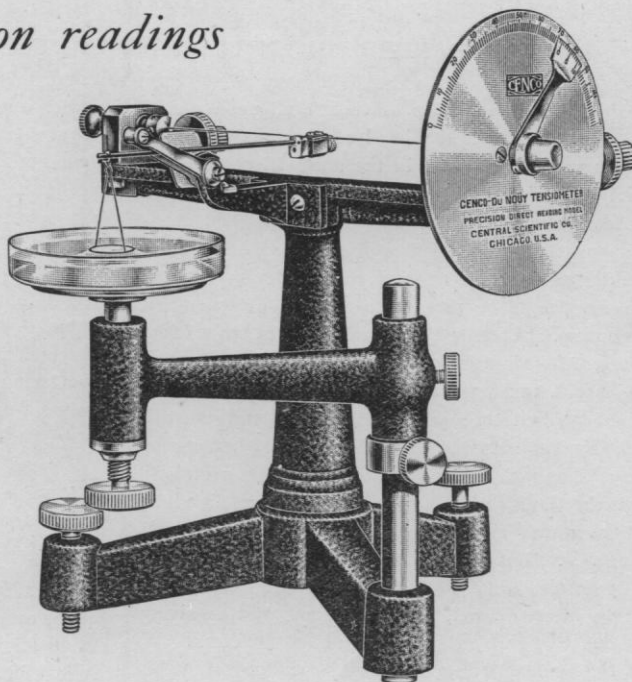
REGISTRATION

Eighteen hundred and eighty persons registered at the Des Moines meeting, but the actual attendance was much larger. The residence distribution of those who registered is shown in the accompanying list. Altogether, about one hundred and ninety scientific

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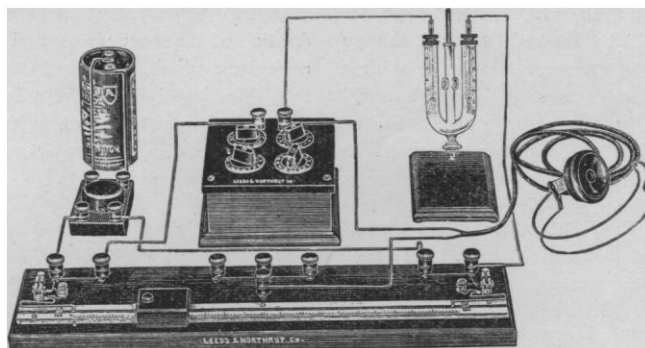
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