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FOR the second time in its history the American Association for the Advancement of Science held a meeting in Wisconsin. The first meeting in Wisconsin was held in Madison from August 17 to August 22, 1893; the recent meeting in Milwaukee was held from June 19 to June 24, 1939. The proximity of Milwaukee to Chicago with its several great educational institutions and its unsurpassed accessibility by railroads has obviously prevented its being selected hitherto as a meeting place for the association. It is delightfully located, however, on the shores of Lake Michigan and has ample facilities for a very large convention.

In 1893, at the time of the meeting in Madison, there were 1,982 members of the association; at the time of the meeting in Milwaukee there were 20,310 members.

The attendance at the meeting in Madison was 290; at Milwaukee, about 700. There were 168 papers presented at Madison, and 264 papers and addresses at Milwaukee. In comparing these statistics of attendance and papers it should be remembered that the regular annual meeting of the association was held at Madison, while only a summer meeting was held in Milwaukee.

Although many of the programs presented in Milwaukee were of a very high order of excellence, the attendance was low, only about a third of that at the meeting in Ottawa a year ago. It is a question whether there are not so many meetings of scientists that general summer meetings of the association fail to justify their cost in effort and money. Possibly the association

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