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THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

The American Meteorological Society, which celebrated its tenth birthday last December, is not American in the sense of being exclusively "United Statesean" nor is it meteorological in the sense of limiting its membership to professional meteorologists. It has a fairly large quota of Canadian members and several members in Latin America. Its president is, at present, the director of the meteorological service of Canada, and the director of the meteorological service of Brazil is one of its councilors. Its membership, which has ranged from 600 to 900, has been about equally divided between professionals and amateurs. Anybody who takes an interest in the study of weather may become a member.

The founding of the society grew out of a plan urged by Sergeant P. W. Etkes, one of the young men trained as meteorologists for service in the Signal Corps of the Army during the World War, that a "meteorological institute" should be organized to promote the study and teaching of meteorology, but the actual founder was Prof. Charles F. Brooks, now of Clark University, who was an instructor at the Signal Service School of Meteorology. Professor Brooks has been the leading spirit in the society ever since it was organized.

The society has held two or three meetings a year in various parts of the United States and met once at Toronto. It publishes a monthly Bulletin, comprising about 200 pages a year.

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