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At the recent meeting of the Ohio Association of Mathematics and Science Teachers, a number of teachers of mathematics discussed the advisability of forming a mathematics section under the Ohio Academy of Sciences. Another suggestion was that the group of teachers concerned petition the council of the American Mathematical Society, of which many of them are members, for permission to organize a Junior Section of the Society for the purpose of conducting meetings at which papers of less formal character and of more direct bearing on mathematical teaching than is usual at regular meetings of the Society could be presented and discussed. Such meetings would be of value both to those who find it too expensive and inconvenient to attend regular meetings of the Society as now constituted, and to those whose interests lie chiefly in the field of mathematical teaching. It was further suggested that notices and reports might be published in the AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL MONTHLY, and that this journal might be made an official organ of such junior sections in case the plan were eventually recognized and approved by the Society.

[The Mathematical Association of America was founded shortly thereafter. -Eds.]

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