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Last February a circular letter was sent to 51 mineralogists in this country and Canada, inviting them to unite as charter members in the organization of a Mineralogical Society of America. To date 35 replies have been received and the following tabulation indicates their character:

Unqualifiedly yes	23
Yes, but wait	6
Doubtful	2
No	<u>4</u>
	35
Not answering	16
Total	51

Of the 35 replies received, 29 were favorable, Two others must be considered as doubtful for the present but in all probability could be counted upon if the society is organized. To these 29 favorable replies, there must, of course, be added the six names which appeared on the circular letter, so that about 35 are at this time in favor of the organization. This number could undoubtedly be increased to about 40 if it is definitely decided to proceed with the formation of the society.

On account of the very unsettled conditions at present, it has been thought wise to hold the whole matter in abeyance, but to urge those who receive this letter to attend, if possible, the meetings of the Geological Society of America, which will be held in St. Louis in December. At that time all interested can get together for further discussion, and perhaps preliminary organization.

This letter is being mailed to those who look with favor upon the organization of the Society.

Very truly yours,

Thomas H. Kears.