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The American Journal of Mathematics: Circulation and Community Formation

In 1878, under the auspices of Johns Hopkins University, James Joseph Sylvester founded *The American Journal of Mathematics* as a venue for mathematicians to exchange ideas with the expressed goal of propagating mathematical knowledge in the United States. Nearly half of the contributions during the first decade came from Sylvester and his colleagues at Johns Hopkins, but, over time, both the number of contributors and the size of the readership expanded. This paper will discuss the contents of the journal and examine its role in the development of a mathematical research and publication community.