

permanent bureau. Some questions are better left undecided. International agreement is not wanted on all points; international rivalry and emulation still have their part to play, helped by the international friendships that are promoted by such gatherings as these international congresses.

In conclusion, I must express my thanks to many of those whose names appear in this report for the assistance I have received from them in its preparation.

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THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE AD- VANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

THE forty-ninth annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was held at Columbia University June 23-30, was from the point of view of scientific work one of the most successful in the history of the Association. Sixteen affiliated societies met with the Association and contributed greatly to the importance and interest of the meeting. Two of these, the American Mathematical Society and the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society, held joint sessions with Section A.

The next meeting of the Association will be held in Denver during the last week of August, 1901, under the presidency of Professor Minot of the Harvard Medical School. Professor James McMahon, Cornell University, will be vice-president of Section A, and Professor H. C. Lord, Ohio State University, will be secretary. Forty-one out of the total number of forty-nine annual meetings of the Association have been held during the month of August, while the recent New York meeting was the first that was held in June. The next meeting will be farther west than hitherto, but it seemed to be the general opinion that this was desirable in order to extend the influence of the Association. Pittsburg was recommended as the place of meeting in 1902.

The meetings of the section of mathematics and astronomy were well attended. The officers of this section were: vice-president, Asaph Hall, Jr.; secretary, W. M. Strong; coun-