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A SCIENTIFIC session of the National Academy of Sciences was held at Columbia University, New York, on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 17th and 18th, and a business meeting was held on November 18th to consider the report of the President of the Academy to Congress. The President of the Academy, Prof. Wolcott Gibbs, was prevented by illness from being present, and the sessions were presided over by President F. A. Walker, the Vice-President of the Academy. The following members were present: Henry L. Abbot, J. A. Allen, George F. Barker, Carl Barus, John S. Billings, Henry P. Bowditch, William H. Brewer, Charles F. Chandler, Cyrus B. Comstock, Edward D. Cope, Edward S. Dana, Samuel F. Emmons, Benjamin A. Gould, Arnold Hague, Asaph Hall, Charles S. Hastings, George W. Hill, Joseph Le Conte, O. C. Marsh, Alfred M. Mayer, Richmond Mayo-Smith, T. C. Mendenhall, Arthur Michael, A. A. Michelson, S. Weir Mitchell, Simon Newcomb, A. S. Packard, Charles S. Pierce, Ira Remsen, Ogden N. Rood, Henry A. Rowland, Charles S. Sargent, A. E. Verrill, Francis A. Walker, William H. Welch, R. S. Woodward. There were thirty-six members in attendance, seven more than at the corresponding meeting a year ago at Philadelphia. The following papers were entered to be read :