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## THE BOSTON MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

THE Fiftieth Anniversary of the American Association might well have been celebrated a year ago and, most fittingly, in Bos-ton, for it was there, in 1847, that the Association of American Geologists deter-mined to abandon the name and organiza-tion of a society which had enjoyed a prosperous existence for seven or eight years and by enlarging its scope and mem-bership create the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In refer-ence to this act, *Silliman's Journal*, in its first issue after the meeting, says: "The most important step taken at this meeting was the enlargement of the sphere of oper-ations in this Association and a corre-sponding change of name, 'The American Association for the Promotion of Science,' is hereafter to be its designation, and it is designed to embrace all laborers in Physical Science and Natural History. Hitherto but few papers have been read on Chemis-try, Natural Philosophy and General Zoology, the title of the Association ap-pearing to many to exclude these topics. A corresponding increase of valuable papers