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THE annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science is the chief scientific event of the year, and the meeting about to open in New York promises to be one of the most important in the history of the Association. This is guaranteed by the fact that some fifteen special scientific societies, a considerably larger number than ever before, meet with the Association, and it is definitely proved by the programs issued in advance by most of the sections and by some of the independent societies. These show that the most active men of science from all parts of the country will be present to report upon the results of their most recent researches and to take part in the discussions. It is certainly not only the duty, but also the privilege of those interested in science to use all possible efforts to be present at the meeting.

Those familiar with the history of modern science will realize the difficulties that must be met by an association seeking the advancement and diffusion of science as a whole. The question was comparatively simple when the Association was organized in 1848. Then and until 1875 the members could meet in one body and in the earlier period at least each could have an intelligent understanding of all the work presented. During this period too there was a general popular interest in science.