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THE CHICAGO MEETING.

The meetings of the American Society of Naturalists and of the affiliated societies held last week in Chicago were not only important for the scientific work presented, but were also noteworthy as marking an epoch in the organization of science in America. The nineteenth century is regarded on all sides as the era of science. It was also an era of individualism in science, as in business and in political insti-Historical developments do not usually occur to fit the calendar, but it has so happened that the first year of the present century has witnessed in America an extraordinary advance toward that organization of science and that cooperation among scientific men, which will probably be typical of the century.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science met last August in Denver, passing for the first time beyond the banks of the Mississippi, and becoming national in fact as well as in name. Association also became at the Denver meeting truly representative, not only of the whole country, but also of all the sciences.