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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

EXECUTIVE PROCEEDINGS: REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

THE first meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was held in the City of Philadelphia, September 20th, 1848. There were then 461 members of the Association, but we have no record of the number in attendance. The second Philadelphia meeting was held September 3, 1884. The Association then numbered 1,981 members and the attendance was 1,261, including 303 members of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and nine other foreign guests. The third Philadelphia meeting was held December 27 to 31, 1904. The total membership was nearly 4,000 and the registered attendance numbered 588 members and 104 members of affiliated societies, making a total registered attendance of 692 members. From 200 to 400 did not register, so that we may safely conclude that the total attendance was at least 890, and perhaps very much larger.* The present meeting is, therefore, the third largest in point

* We estimate the number of scientific men in attendance to have been in the neighborhood of 1,200. 240 members of the American Chemical Society were registered, but only 75 for the Chemical Section of the Association. There were nearly 100 members of the American Psychological and Philosophical Associations in attendance, very few of whom registered. The conditions were probably similar in other sciences.—ED.