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THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

THE annual meetings of the American Philosophical Society, which this year were held April 18 to 20, have now become a permanent feature and are looked forward to by the members as an agreeable occasion for meeting colleagues from various parts of the United States and for listening to papers covering the entire range of scientific investigation. In the latter respect the sessions are unique, and it is perhaps well in these days of extreme specialization that there should be one organization which should not merely cover all the so-called natural sciences but extend its range to history, archeology and philology, as well as literature.

In all five sessions were held for the reading of papers, which left plenty of time for the full presentation of the thirty-five papers that had been announced. The session of Friday morning was rendered particularly interesting by the presence of the Honorable James Bryce, the British Ambassador, who was formally presented to the members and made a happy address. After the luncheon on Friday, Mr. Bryce presented the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society to Professor Ernest W. Brown, in recognition of his important contributions to the problems relative to the motions of the moon.

The sessions were, as far as possible, so arranged as to place papers of the same class together. In accordance with this plan, the papers for Thursday afternoon and part of Friday morning were chiefly