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## THE PACIFIC COAST MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

IN its sixty-seventh year the American Association for the Advancement of Science reached the Pacific coast after wandering in previous years to all the principal cities of the east and central west of the United States and Canada, on one occasion venturing as far west as Denver. The California meeting is thus memorable in itself as marking an epoch in the history of our association as well as for its coincidence with the superb Panama-Pacific Exposition of the practical, educational and artistic development of the world.

It is not too much to say that this meeting of the association was an event of real importance in the scientific development of our country. While the exposition is in a measure a summary of the world's progress in the arts and applied sciences from the time when the great westward migration began from Asia some 25,000 or 30,000 years ago, our association meeting was very wisely planned throughout to bear chiefly a Pacific-coast and Pacific-ocean character. This field in itself is a very large one, and it was broadened by including the relations which the Pacific region in general bears to other parts of the world.

All of the members, and especially those who had not visited the Pacific coast before, arrived with a keen spirit of interest in the scientific wonders of the great state of California, its past history, the records which its very able men of science have established in every branch, the problems which confront the present generation, and