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GENERAL FEATURES

BETWEEN Monday, December 27, 1926, and Saturday, January 1, 1927, at Philadelphia and mainly in the halls of the University of Pennsylvania occurred the eighty-third meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Associated Societies. It was the annual meeting for the association year 1926-27. It was the fifth Philadelphia meeting, at which the association returned to the place of its organization; the history of the association begins with the first Philadelphia meeting, of September, 1848.

President L. H. Bailey, eminent plant scientist, author and editor, of Ithaca, New York, presided at this meeting and took active part in many sessions. The retiring president was Dr. Michael I. Pupin, professor of electromechanics in Columbia University, and Dr. Pupin's retiring presidential address was delivered before a crowded audience in Drexel Hall on the opening evening, Monday, December 27. Thoughts and aspirations aroused by this address, on "Fifty Years' Progress in Electrical Communications," will occupy many minds for many hours in the new year just begun. The address has been printed in SCIENCE for December 31, 1926.

Besides the fifteen sections of the American Association, forty-three independent organizations of science workers met with the association at Philadelphia. Most of these are officially *associated* societies, the majority of which are officially *affiliated*. Associated organizations are approved by the council of the association, by which they are admitted to official association. The council has elected many associated organizations to official affiliation with the association, and these have representation in the council and thus take part in directing the affairs of the association. Affiliated organizations each name one council member and those that have on their respective membership lists one hundred or more fellows of the association each name an additional council member. There are now one hundred and twelve associated organiza-

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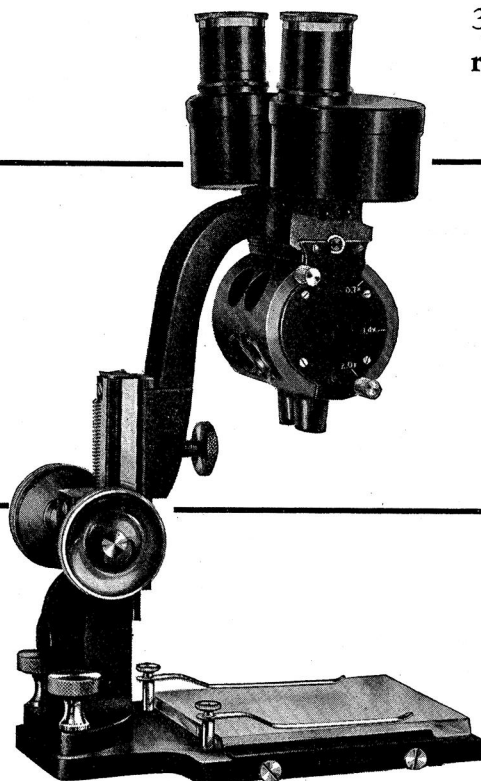
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