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THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PACIFIC DIVISION

By Dr. J. MURRAY LUCK, Secretary

THE sixteenth annual meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Associated Societies was held from June 15 to 18, in Pullman, Washington, where the division was entertained by the State College of Washington. Though far from the larger centers of population in the West, the meeting was exceptionally well attended and of high quality throughout. Of the total registration of 510, 200 were from outside of Washington and Idaho.

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area of great fertility interrupted by regions of marked geological and scenic interest.

The sessions commenced on the afternoon of June 15 with reviews of the scientific contributions of the past year. The purpose of these surveys, now adopted as a recognized part of the divisional program, is to describe the scientific researches in progress in the universities of the West, in the light of their relationship to the engrossing problems of current interest within the sciences at large.

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