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GENERAL FEATURES

THE fifth Boston meeting was the ninety-third meeting of the association. It extended from Wednesday, December 27, 1933, to Tuesday, January 2, 1934, inclusive. Owing to circumstances practically all the events were scheduled in the first four days, with the result that the program was unusually crowded. Nevertheless, it was, according to many, one of the most successful events in the record of the association.

Although technically this is listed as the fifth Boston meeting, it may properly be regarded as the sixth, since the second meeting of the association was held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1849. This seems to have been regarded at the time as a joint enterprise, since the local committee which provided for the Cam-

bridge meeting had seven out of twelve members listed as from Boston. The occasion designated in the old list as the first Boston meeting was the twenty-ninth meeting of the association, held in 1880. The second Boston meeting, held in 1898, was the forty-seventh meeting of the association; like all meetings preceding, it was held in the summer. The third Boston meeting, or the sixty-first of the association, was held in 1909, and the fourth, the seventy-sixth in the association record, in 1922. Both the third and the fourth Boston meetings, like the fifth just closed, were held in midwinter.

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