The first meeting of the Section was called to order by Vice-President David Starr Jordan, on Monday, August 26, at 11:30 a.m., when the Section was organized with the following officers:

Vice President, David Starr Jordan.
Secretary, Henry B. Ward.
Member of Council, C. H. Eigenmann.
Member of General Committee, W. L. Kellogg.

The report from the Committee on Variation was read, and on motion the Section voted to recommend the granting of the funds requested for prosecuting the work. The report is as follows:

The grant of one hundred dollars to this committee was used to help defray the expenses of Mr. C. C. Adams incurred in collecting for study molluscs of the genus *Jo*, found in the headwaters of the Tennessee River. A preliminary report has been made by Mr. Adams, and this was printed in the *Proceedings* of the Association for 1900. Mr. Adams submits at this time a second report covering the results of study on the material collected last summer, but prefers to postpone further publication until after his final expedition which he is