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THE PITTSBURGH MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

The American Association for the Advancement of Science will hold its fifty-
first annual meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa., from June 29 to July 3, and the several
scientific societies affiliated with it will hold their meetings at the same place and at
about the same time. The Association has never before held a meeting at Pittsburgh,
but that city is so easily reached from all parts of the country and is a center for so
much of scientific interest that the meeting may be expected to be one of the largest
and most successful in the history of the Association. The preliminary announce-
ment, now in press and about to be issued to members, shows that the local arrange-
ments have been made with great care, and that everything possible has been done to
insure the success of the meeting. Dr. W. J. Holland, director of the Carnegie
Museum, is chairman of the local executive committee, and Mr. George A. Wardlaw,
P. 0. Box 78, Station A, Pittsburgh, is the local secretary.

From the advance sheets of the announcement we take the following facts: The
council will meet at Hotel Schenley at noon on Saturday, June 28, and the open-
ing session of the Association will be held at 10 o'clock A.M., on Monday, June 30,
in the Music Hall of the Carnegie Institute.