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THE SOUTHPORT MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.*

It is just twenty years since the British Association first met at Southport, a comparatively short interval between two successive visits of this peripatetic body to one place. Although Southport in 1883 was a much smaller place than it is now, it was yet able to accommodate in addition to its crowd of summer visitors 2,710 members and associates of the British Association. Since then Southport has considerably extended its bounds and greatly increased its accommodation for holiday-makers, so that if the attendance at the meeting which begins on September 9 be increased in proportion, the second Southport meeting ought to reach the *maximum*. The previous one was above the average, and after all, it is doubtful whether it will be much exceeded on the present occasion. And yet Southport itself has many more summer attractions than the great cities which form the usual places of meeting of the association. Its fine sands, its esplanade and its numerous other open-air attractions may tend, should the weather be favorable, to diminish the attendance at the sectional meetings, especially among that considerable body who, without disrespect, may be called the camp followers

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