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General Features
The eighty-ninth meeting of the American Association and associated societies at New Orleans, Louisiana, from December 28, 1931, to January 2, 1932, will undoubtedly go down in history as one of the major meetings of the association. Over 1,300 papers, many of which were of fundamental importance, were read. Scientists came from 46 states and several foreign countries. A number of societies and sections united in important symposia which should result in great scientific advances. A preliminary announcement of the meeting appeared in Science for November 27, 1931.

The local committee, headed by Dr. D. S. Elliott, of Tulane University, gave much attention to the meeting and as a result the details were competently worked out. The sessions of the association and associated societies were very satisfactorily accommodated in the buildings of Tulane University, the Municipal Auditorium and the convention rooms of the various hotels which served as headquarters for the association and the associated societies.

The president for this meeting was Professor Franz Boas, of Columbia University. Professor Boas is known throughout the world for his important contributions to anthropology and is frequently called the dean of American anthropologists. Professor Boas gave much time and care to arranging an important symposium on “Growth” (see Section H reports) and expected to lead it, but a serious illness prevented him from attending the meeting. In the absence of Professor Boas, the senior vice-president, Dr. E. D. Merrill, of the New York Botanical Garden, became the presiding officer.