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INTRODUCTION

St. Louis, the great central metropolis, as host will welcome the association on Monday, December 30, for its ninety-seventh meeting. The programs of the various sections and societies, which are outlined in their main features in this preliminary announcement, not only fill the entire week but even in a few cases anticipate the official opening of the sessions. A complete record of events will be given in the official programs distributed to members and guests on registering in St. Louis. The interest and importance of the meeting is clearly evidenced in the outline of events given herein.

The association has already held three conspicuously successful meetings in St. Louis. The first, in August, 1878, was the twenty-seventh meeting of the association and represented also the second time during thirty years of association history that it had ventured west of the Mississippi River. That season was one of unprecedented heat," and also a time of sensational reports regarding the spread up river of an epidemic of yellow fever then increasing in the southern states. The secretary of that first St. Louis meeting reported that the health of the city was unusually good and not a single case of illness was reported among the members and guests in attendance. One hundred and thirty-four signed the register and 218 new members were elected. One hundred and three papers were presented...