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From June 17 to June 22, inclusive, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Pacific Division of the Association held a joint meeting in Seattle, Washington. This was the one hundred sixth meeting of the association and the twenty-fourth meeting of the Pacific Division. The Pacific Division met in Seattle in June, 1936; this was the first meeting of the association in the state of Washington.

To the residents of the eastern part of the United States, and even to those of the Middle West, Seattle seems to be very remote and not easily accessible. It is indeed distant from these regions, counting distances as they were counted only a few years ago. But ribbons of concrete, streamlined trains and airplanes have reduced distances so much that 89 members from east of the Rocky Mountains registered at the meeting. The attractions were not only a delightful climate and some of the finest scenery in the world but excellent scientific programs.

To expect anything less than a good meeting of the association in Seattle would be to ignore essential factors. Seattle is a city of nearly 400,000 inhabitants; a city which, like ancient Rome, sits on seven hills. The University of Washington has more than 12,000 students. Westerners are used to wide open spaces and are accustomed to travel, as is illustrated...