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The American Philosophical Society held its annual meeting in its hall on Independence Square, Philadelphia, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 24, 25, 26. The annual meeting of the council was held on the afternoon and evening preceding the session on Thursday. This was an innovation intended to give more time to the important work of the council than was possible heretofore when it met only at dinner on the evening preceding the executive session. President and Mrs. Morris entertained the council at dinner, which was given this time in the society's hall.

The program on Thursday morning and afternoon included thirteen papers in the physical and biological sciences, abstracts of which are printed below. On Thursday evening, Dr. Hugh S. Taylor, professor of chemistry at Princeton University, gave the Franklin Medal Lecture on “Large Molecules through Atomic Spectacles.” The lecture was illustrated by models, slides and moving pictures showing novel conceptions of the structure of large molecules. The Benjamin Franklin Medal of the society was presented to Professor Taylor at the close of his lecture.

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