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GENERAL REPORTS OF THE FIFTH NEW YORK MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES

## GENERAL FEATURES

CONVOCATION week of 1928-29 will long be remembered for the great New York meeting of the American Association and associated organizations. This was the eighty-fifth meeting of the association and the fifth meeting held in New York. The preliminary announcement of this meeting appeared in SCIENCE for November 30, 1928. It contains much interesting information about the New York arrangements, which were carried out as there announced, with but very few minor changes. The sessions of the association and the associated societies were very satisfactorily accommodated in the buildings of Columbia University, the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the United Engineering Societies and the American Geographical Society.

The president for this meeting was Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History. Professor Osborn's name is well known to all who are interested in science both in America and abroad. His many years of scientific work have been devoted to research and interpretation in the fields of zoology and paleontology. His indefatigable work as an educator and organizer is represented by the great American Museum of Natural History as it stands to-day, an example of the finest and most progressive of public museums. Many of the generally attractive features of the eighty-fifth meeting were due to President Osborn's enthusiastic interest and to his loyal service to the association.

The retiring president for the fifth New York meeting was Dr. Arthur A. Noyes, director of the Gates Chemical Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, eminent leader in chemical research and chemical teaching and in the organization of American scientific research in general. Dr. Noyes's retiring presidential address, on "The Story of the Chemical Elements," was one of the most

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