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The twenty-ninth meeting of this Association met at Boston, Mass., on the 25th of August, under the Presidency of Professor Lewis H. Morgan, of Rochester N. Y. It was probably the largest and in many respects the most successful ever held, the membership reaching nearly to a thousand, and the city of Boston, with the educational and other institutions within and near it, having made most liberal promises for the comfort and entertainment of the members.

The Association is divided into two sections, namely :

A.—Mathematics, Astronomy, Chemistry and Mineralogy.

B.—Geology, Zoology, Botany and Anthropology.

These, again, are subdivided, and the late meetings have embraced subsections of Chemistry, Microscopy, Biology and Anthropology. The last though a new department was one of the most popular and energetic, if it may be judged by the crowded audiences and earnest discussions. The other sections were characterised rather by solid papers than by lively discussions. A detailed account of all that was done and said would far exceed the limits of this journal, but we propose to give a few extracts from or abstracts of some of the more important addresses and papers presented during the meeting.

ADDRESS OF PROFESSOR GEORGE F. BARKER, THE RETIRING
PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Professor Barker's able address was upon the all absorbing topic of "Life," and was entitled "Some Modern Aspects of