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The *twenty-first* meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was held at Dubuque, Iowa, in the month of August last, commencing on the 21st and closing on the 27th inst. As regards the attendance and number of papers read, the meeting was certainly quite up to the average, but in scientific interest and value we cannot think it comparable to many in previous years. This deficiency was owing very largely, no doubt, to the change of locality almost at the last moment, viz., from San Francisco to Dubuque—the shores of the Pacific to the banks of the Mississippi. Several leading scientific men in the eastern States, finding the time and expenditure necessarily required for a visit to California beyond what they could well afford, had made other arrangements for the employment of their summer holiday, which the late change of place gave them no opportunity of altering. Others again, notably Prof. Agassiz and his party, were absent from the country, and could not in any case have taken part in the proceedings. Hence the meeting was shorn of many of its usual attractions, and has failed, we think, to leave any very decided mark upon the scientific annals of the country.

While the meeting was thus defective in one point of view, it certainly was a great success in another. *Socially*, it left nothing to be desired. The kindness and hospitality of the good people of Dubuque was so universal and unvaried, that all must have thoroughly enjoyed their visit, even though it was not especially distinguished by gorgeous receptions and gay fashionable entertainments, such as have sometimes rather interrupted the proper proceedings of the Association in cities of greater size and wealth.

We do not propose to give a detailed history of the meeting, or a particular account of the papers read; the former can be obtained by those desiring it in the current issues of many leading newspapers, especially those of Dubuque, Chicago, and New York; and the latter will no doubt be furnished, as usual, in the pages of the excellent *American Naturalist*, as well as in the Annual Transactions of the Association. We shall merely regard the meeting from an Entomological point of view—the most interesting, probably, to the majority of our