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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

The forty-eighth meeting of this Association was held at Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 21-26th, last.

The Canadians who attended it were Rev. Louis C. Wurtele and J. Hunter Wurtele, of Actonvale, P. Q., Mrs. A. H. Moore, of Sawyerville, P. Q., Dr. W. Saunders, (of the Experimental Farm,) A. P. Saunders, F. A. Saunders, and J. F. Whiteaves (of the Geological Survey Department), Ottawa.

At the opening general meeting, the President, Dr. Edward Orton, State Geologist, made the following graceful and kindly reference to the Canadian visitors:

No organization ever visits an American city that has a better claim on the appreciation and respect of all its people. In the first place, you can hardly expect to entertain an organization of larger range, so far at least as its name is concerned. It is the *American Association*. It transcends not only all state limits, but national boundaries as well. An organization that represents the United States takes in a respectable part of the land areas of the planet; but this