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SPRINGFIELD, August 2, 1859

The thirteenth annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science commences in this city to-morrow forenoon. Already a very large number of members have arrived from all parts of the country, and the meeting promises to be the most interesting that the Association have ever held. Several of the most prominent of our scientific celebrities are already here, and their number is augmented by the arrival of every train.

The local committee, with Hon. George Bliss as chairman, and Dr. George A. Otis, Jr., secretary, consists of R. A. Chapman, Esq., Rev. Francis Tiffany, Geo. M. Atwater, Capt. James Barnes, Samuel Bowles, Ansel Phelps, Jr., Esq., Hon. C. C. Chaffee, Chester W. Chapin, Col. J. M. Thompson, George Walker, Esq., John S. King, Gen. James S. Whitney, Ethan S. Chapin, Josiah Hooker, Esq., and A. D. Griggs, and these gentlemen have been quite busy in completing the arrangements for the successful accomplishment of the objects of the Association.

The meetings, general and sectional, will be held in the different rooms of the City Hall, at 10 o'clock, and these will be continued for a week. A great amount of business will come before the Association, and numerous notices of intentions to read papers have already been given, but the arrangements are so well made that the least possible time will be wasted; indeed, the main object of the Secretary seems to be to keep the members employed while they are here.

The officers of the association for the present year are as follows:--Prof. Stephen Alexander of Princeton College, President; Prof. Edward Hitchcock of Amherst College, Vice President; Prof. Joseph Lovering of Harvard College, Permanent Secretary, and Prof. William Chauvenet of the Naval College at Annapolis, General Secretary.

Every exertion has been made for the comfort of members, but it is a matter of some doubt whether the hotels will be of sufficient capacity to accommodate all the late arrivals; however, should any be so "shut out," Springfield is a good sized place, and its citizens have the reputation of being hospitable to a fault.

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