

ROGERS, PRESIDENT

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two members of the old Geological Society were still alive and five of the original members of the newer society. Within a fortnight before the meeting, one of the two older ones, Dr. Hall of Albany, died, his companion, Boye, surviving till within a few months of the present meeting. Since the meeting in 1898 all of the original members have passed away.

"The meeting of 1849, the second one of the association as at present constituted, was held in Cambridge; the meeting of 1880 was in Boston and likewise that of 1898. For the third time, only, in sixty-two years the association is here. The meeting of 1880 is still fresh in the memories of those who are still doing their fair share of the world's work in research and up to its time it was the most interesting gathering in the history of American science. Graham Bell with his telephone was a feature of the meeting, and most wonderful to relate, established a group of telephones distributed over the building connected with a "central" for the building, the most novel arrangement that one could imagine. Such, with scores of papers, social occasions, outings and a free-for-all trip to the White Mountains, was the meeting of 1880.

The second coming of the Association to Boston was an occasion of such interest that one of the hottest weeks of the hottest kind of a New England August passed by almost unnoticed in its extreme of temperature. The gathering, like the previous one, was at the Institute of Technology, the attendance was one-half larger, and as before, the hospitality of the citizens was most cordial towards the visitors. More than four hundred papers were on the list to be read, with receptions, exhibitions and excursions galore. A most inter-

esting social occasion was when Mrs. W. B. Rogers, widow of the great moving spirit of the Association's earliest days, threw open her house and welcomed the visitors. The scientific feature of the meeting was the announcement by Professor Charles F. Brush, of a new gas, etherion. At this meeting, the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the society, Professor F. W. Putnam, for a quarter of a century the permanent secretary, retired from this position, being honored by the society by election to the office of president.

With another gap of eleven years, the minute subdivision of scientific investigation is the more evident, and the coming meeting will be a highly specialized one. Another and a practical difference will be in the fact that it is a winter assembling. For many seasons, notably that of the dispersion in who for msolargeaportionof taioi oinn summer of the teachers and professors who form so large a portion of the membership, to all quarters of the globe, the August meetings became more and more difficult."

CATHOLIC CLUB

Dr. J. A. Horgan of the State Industrial Board will address the Catholic Club to-night at the last meeting before the Christmas vacation. The subject about which Dr. Horgan is to speak, "The Significance of Christmas Charities," is very appropriate to the season and it is one which the speaker is well acquainted with, he coming in daily contact with the class of people who need charity.

The committee which was appointed to see about making arrangements for giving a dance in the near future will make its report. This meeting will be held in 32 Pierce, instead of in the Union as heretofore.

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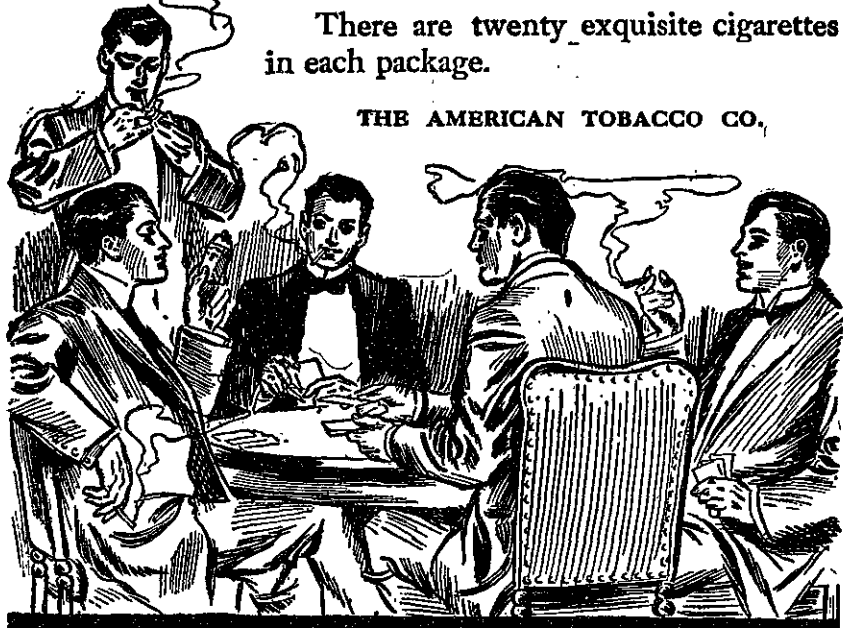


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