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OF THE
Iowa Academy of Sciences,
FOR
1888.

The annual session for 1888 convened in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, Des Moines, Iowa, on September 5th, with a full attendance of the recognized membership present. After the formal induction into the office of president of the president-elect, Prof. Herbert Osborn, of the Iowa Agricultural College, the Academy listened to the following annual address:

LOCAL PROBLEMS IN SCIENCE.
BY PRESIDENT HERBERT OSBORN.

It may be said, with truth, that science knows no boundaries of geography, politics, sect or race. That if there is to her credit, any characteristic of permanence, it is that of universality. But admitting this cosmopolitan, universal characteristic, we may agree that in every country, State and community, there are scientific questions of special local importance and interest, questions which, while entering into the science of the world, having their relationship of dependence upon, and of support to, allied questions the world over, are still so local in their nature that only local interest is the warrant for their special investigation.

I deem it unnecessary therefore to offer any apology for