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The spearhead of these changes were led by reformist university presidents, many of whom were active in the ASSA, especially after 1872. For a quarter of a century, between 1876 and 1899, the ASSA general conference was held almost invariably in Saratoga, a small resort town in upstate New York.

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The means of dissemination was through conferences and to a lesser extent the sponsoring of public lectures and publications. In its earlier days, APSR also covered the personal and personnel items of the profession as had its predecessor, the Proceedings of the APSA.

American social science association

Membership began to increase again, and hovered around 300 thereafter. Howe, Wendell Phillips and William Lloyd Garrison, re-directed their energies and organizing skills to the urban charity movement. Barnard and academics Louis Agassiz and Benjamin Pierce.

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Recognizing that social legislation in the United States tended to happen at the municipal and state level, rather than the federal, the ASSA set up a process for the easier formation of local branches after 1872. By 1908 the association was unable to marshal the strength to hold its annual meeting.

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They disliked the professional character of the AEA and the segregation of economics from the other social sciences. The latter department would later be split into the Department of Social Economy and the Finance Department.

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