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General News.

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The British Association at Exeter. A meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science was held at Exeter in the month of August. The meeting was attended by a large number of scientific men, and was opened with a paper on the subject of the chemical properties of water, by Mr. J. W. M. Lockyer. The paper was received with great interest, and was followed by a discussion on the subject. The meeting was also addressed by Mr. W. H. Perkin, who gave an account of his researches on the properties of coal-tar dyes.