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THE RELATION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS TO OTHER SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.*

WITH the first year of the new century new conditions have arisen which profoundly affect all problems of cooperation between the national scientific societies. The project which emanated from the American Association for the Advancement of Science to establish Convocation Week has made, as you all know, so great progress that we are now meeting for the first time in this week set apart by the action of numerous universities for the purpose. The Association also has sought to establish wider and more numerous affiliations, such as long existed between it and several important national societies. For many years it has been the rôle of the Society of Naturalists to act as the organ of affiliation for societies which are concerned with the various branches of natural history, and which have been accustomed to meet during the Christmas recess. But the Association is now intending to meet at this period and we may safely entrust the function of establishing affiliation between the representatives of the various sciences in America to this larger body which can include all the branches of science.

A few words as to the history of our

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