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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AND CONVOCATION WEEK.

THE permanent secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has compiled an abstract of the communications printed in SCIENCE early in the year in regard to the meetings of the American Association and the special scientific societies, which is here printed, in order that further discussion may be elicited either in the columns of SCIENCE or at the approaching meeting of the association.

NICHOLS, E. L. (29 Jan., '04, No. 474, p. 192).

The plan of convocation week is a distinct step in advance. * * * The general feeling in the west seems to be for summer meetings; in the east for winter meetings. Many of us would be glad of a choice, with the privilege of attending either or both. Summer meetings should be held in some attractive and accessible resort; in mountains, on lakes or at the seashore. Select earliest possible date after closing of colleges and thus avoid the summer rush to these places. Bringing together of various affiliated societies at a common meeting place helps to mitigate one of the most unfortunate features of modern specialization in science—the separation of men of science into small groups. Question of expense of two meetings a year not worthy of consideration. It is imperative that the association afford those members who can not attend the winter meetings an opportunity for intercourse with kindred spirits at time and place possible to them.

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