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### GENERAL FEATURES

In convocation week, from December 26 to December 31, was held at Nashville, Tennessee, the eightyfourth meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the annual meeting for the association year 1927-28. This was the second Nashville meeting, the association having met in that city once before, in August, 1877. The sessions of the association and the associated societies were well accommodated mainly in the buildings of Vanderbilt University, the George Peabody College for Teachers and the Ward-Belmont College for Women.

President A. A. Noyes, eminent leader in chemical research and in chemical instruction, director of the Gates Chemical Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, presided at the meeting and took part in many sessions. The retiring president, Dr. L. H. Bailey, well-known author and editor of articles and standard books on botany, horticulture and rural life, was unable to be present, because of convalescence from a serious illness, but he sent a note of greeting, which was read at the opening session.

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