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IN connection with the work of the committee appointed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the establishment of Convocation Week, it seemed desirable to gather some more accurate impression as to the periods of vacation now in vogue at our universities and colleges. It is very difficult from the reading of catalogues or even by the tabulation of days to gather a clear impression of the differences in the academic calendars of various institutions, so that, almost necessarily, resort was taken to a graphic representation of the facts. The accompanying diagram is perhaps sufficient to indicate the main conditions. In this diagram each vertical column represents the calendar year of one institution. The horizontal lines indicate divisions by weeks. The dotted lines indicate the first day of each month of the academic year from September 1, 1901, to August 31, 1902. In each vertical column the black spaces correspond to term time and the white spaces to vacations. As in every case Christmas falls in vacation time, its position is marked by a black line crossing each column. Fifteen institutions are represented in the chart; twelve universities and three technological schools. The selection has been made so as to have as representative a variety as possible.

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