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CONVOCATION WEEK.

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THE action of the Association of American Universities recommending the adoption of a 'convocation week' to permit learned societies to hold their meetings at some other period than during the summer vacation has already been reported in these columns. The action was taken in consequence of the request made officially to the Association by the committee appointed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The vote determining the recommendation was unanimous, and has now been reported formally to the fourteen universities which are members of the Association making the recommendation. The next step must be the adoption of the plan by our higher educational institutions. It is therefore desirable that all scientific men should understand the project, which may properly claim universal support.

The week proposed is that in which January 1st falls. In some universities, as for example Yale, this week is already included in the regular vacation, so that for them no change is involved. Many universities have already a vacation beginning just before Christmas and extend-