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THE MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY
OF NATURALISTS IN CHICAGO DUR-
ING CONVOCATION WEEK.

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FOR the first time in its history the American Society of Naturalists, together with various affiliated societies, will hold its annual meeting in Chicago as guests of the University of Chicago during the week beginning December 30. A cordial invitation has been extended to the several societies by the Naturalists of the Interior and there is every reason to anticipate a large and successful meeting. It is greatly to be desired that naturalists in the east shall make a special effort to attend this meeting, as it is not likely that meetings of the American Society of Naturalists will often be held at a point so distant from the coast.

The American Society of Naturalists of late years has become chiefly a nucleus around which various affiliated societies of a more or less technical character are gathered, and the functions of the parent society have been reduced, to put the matter epigrammatically, to a discussion and a dinner. Those who have watched its progress most carefully believe that this evolution has been natural and logical. The time has clearly gone by when specialists

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