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## THE BUDAPEST CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL GEODETIC ASSOCIATION.

THIS account of the recent meeting of the International Geodetic Association is necessarily unbalanced and incomplete. It must be brief. The formal minutes of the meeting were not available for use while preparing the report. It is not easy for one to appreciate fully all that occurs in a meeting in which the proceedings are carried on in three languages. Nevertheless, it is believed that a prompt report, calling attention to some of the more important features of the meeting will be of value, even if the report has defects.

The Fifteenth General Conference of the International Geodetic Association was held at Budapest, September 20-28, 1906. Such conferences of the association are, in general, held at intervals of three years.

There were present 61 delegates, representing 18 nations. Nearly every part of Europe was represented, as well as Japan, Mexico, the United States and Argentina. Argentina was represented in the association for the first time at this meeting.

The United States was represented by the undersigned.

The activities of the conference may conveniently be grouped in four classes and such grouping is favorable to a clear understanding of the purpose and effect of the conference. The activities were: (1) The presentation by the representatives of the different countries of reports of the progress in geodetic operations during the