

Prior to 1908 congresses of a scientific character had been held at irregular intervals at which only representatives of the Latin-American republics were present, but in that year the first Pan-American scientific congress assembled at Santiago, Chile, at which nineteen republics, including the United States, were represented. The second congress was held at Washington in 1915-16, at which delegates from all the American republics were in attendance.

The scientific congresses have been instrumental in bringing together the leaders of scientific and educational thought of the republics of the American continent. The interchange of views and opinions which takes place at these meetings and the contacts established between the scientists and educators of the American republics are of great importance in the development of closer cultural and economic ties between the countries of the western hemisphere.

Reports received from Lima indicate that the forthcoming congress will be fully as important as its two predecessors. At the meeting held at Santiago, in 1908, ten associations and institutions of the United States sent delegates to the congress and in all probability as large a delegation will go to Lima in December.

The work of the congress will be sub-divided into sections devoted to anthropology and history; physics and mathematics; mining, metallurgy and applied chemistry; engineering; medicine and sanitation; biology and agriculture; private, public and international law; economics and sociology, and education.

GEOLOGY AT THE TORONTO MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

AMONG overseas geologists who will be present at the Toronto meeting of the British Association are the following:

President of Section C—W. W. Watts, D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S., professor of geology, Imperial College of Science and Technology and foreign secretary of the Mineralogical Society, London. Will speak on some phase of economic geology.

Vice-President—Gertrude Elles, D.Sc., Newnham College, Cambridge, former president of Section C, Liverpool meeting.

Recorder—W. T. Gordon, M.A., D.Sc., F.G.S., professor of geology, King's College, London.

F. A. Bather, M.A., D.Sc., F.G.S., F.R.S., head of the department of geology, British Museum.

P. G. H. Boswell, O.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., professor of geology in the University of Liverpool.

Arthur Hubert Cox, professor of geology in University College, Cardiff.

J. S. Flett, O.B.E., M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S., director of the geological survey of Great Britain and the Museum of Practical Geology.

H. L. Hawkins, D.Sc., F.G.S., professor of geology, University College, Reading.

G. Hickling, D.Sc., F.G.S., professor of geology and botany, Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Sir Thomas Holland, F.G.S., F.R.S., rector of the Imperial College of Science, London. Delivers one of the evening discourses, during the meeting, on the subject, "The formation and destruction of mineral deposits."

Owen Thomas Jones, D.Sc., professor of geology in the University of Manchester; formerly of the geological survey of Great Britain.

Sidney Hugh Reynolds, Sc.D., professor of geology in the University of Bristol.

William Johnson Sollas, D.Sc., F.R.S., professor of geology and paleontology in the University of Oxford, and ex-president of the geological society of London.

L. J. Spencer, D.Sc., of the British Museum (Natural History), editor of *Transactions* of the mineralogical society of London.

W. B. Wright, of the Manchester branch of the geological survey of England.

GIFTS TO HARVARD UNIVERSITY

SUPPLEMENTING the report of Bishop Lawrence made to the alumni of Harvard at their annual meeting in which gifts of \$9,289,595 to the university were announced, gifts which had come as the result of the university's drive to add to its equipment, President Lowell has announced other bequests to the university amounting to \$5,158,000. These include:

An anonymous gift of \$50,000 for the Arnold Arboretum.

From the same donor to found a George Lincoln Goodale Fund in memory of Professor Goodale, to be used for the current expenses of the Botanical Museum, making from that donor \$100,000.

From the estate of William Brewster, \$60,000, three quarters of it to be used for the payment of the salary of a competent ornithologist and the remainder for the renewal and repair of cases of birds in the museum.

From the estate of Harry Butler, \$100,000.

From the Class of 1903, on account of its 25th Anniversary Fund in the future, \$34,500.

From the estate of Joseph R. DeLamar for the Medical School (an additional) \$100,000.

From the General Education Board for the Medical School for the endowment of the department of psychiatry and neuropathology, \$386,000.

From the estate of A. Paul Keith, unrestricted (an additional) \$1,964,000.

From Mr. and Mrs. George A. McKinlock toward the dormitory to be named in memory of their son, George A. McKinlock, Jr. (additional) \$55,000.

From the estate of Hiram F. Mills for investigation of cancer, \$103,000.

From the estate of William F. Milton \$1,030,000.

From Miss Susan Minns, the income to be used for the Botanical Museum, \$50,000.

A bequest from Mrs. Lewis H. Plympton, \$50,000.