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ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS¹

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AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

Mr. President of the Republic, Mr. Minister of Culture and Public Instruction, Officers of Embassy, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our first duty is to those members of the congress whose decease we record with profound regret. The roll includes our able and warm-hearted president at the Cambridge Congress of 1928, General Vacchelli, a vice-president of the union, whose loss is deeply felt by all, but especially by his close associates in the executive committee of the union, and Miss Marion Newbigin, devoted and able editor of *The Scottish Geographical Magazine*.

The congress will also wish to pay its tribute to the late William Morris Davis, in earlier years an

active participant and leader in international geographical excursions and congresses whose professional interests and friendships recognized no national bounds.

In opening the sessions of the fourteenth International Geographical Congress, I wish first of all to thank our hosts for the invitation they so hospitably extended six years ago at Cambridge and which was renewed at the Congress of Paris in 1931. I should like to comment also upon the excellence of the arrangements that have been provided and that reflect both devotion and intelligent care on the part of Professor Romer, Professor Pawlowski and their associates upon the Polish National Committee. May we through them thank the Government of Poland for the interest which has been shown and for the gener-

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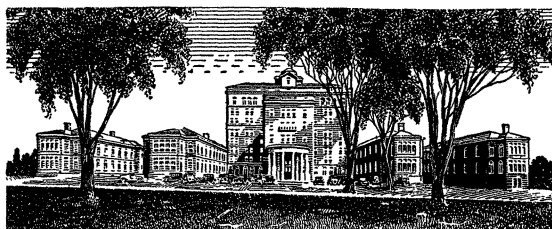
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