

recently recognized. In the course of years the prejudices engendered by inherited customs will be greatly modified, and the masses will gradually have their minds familiarized with new ideas. It is a significant fact that the principles of the new system should be unanimously recommended by delegates from all civilized nations. I do not doubt that the several peoples they represent will sooner or later understand that one uniform reckoning of time for every purpose throughout the globe is the only rational system, and the one notation which in coming years will properly meet the necessities and requirements of mankind.

In these remarks I have narrated the events which have taken place on both sides of the Atlantic to influence and determine the conclusions which, a few weeks back, the President submitted to the Congress of the United States.

On this occasion I cannot think that I am entirely wrong when I venture to congratulate the Canadian Institute on the part which it has taken in the solution of this problem. It stands among the Societies who first considered this comparatively new question. Indeed, it may be claimed that the Institute is to some extent the pioneer Society in awakening the world to the advantages to be derived from the establishment of Cosmic Time..

In conclusion, I will avail myself of the words of an early President of the of the Institute, whose portrait for more than thirty years has adorned the hall in which we are now assembled. Referring to the results already effected in Time-reform and the prospects for the future, General Sir Henry Lefroy, in his address at the late meeting of the British Association in Montreal, remarked: "Whether we conceive its educational tendency or its influence on future intercourse of unborn millions, it is a somewhat remarkable evidence that agreement upon questions of general concern is not that unattainable thing which we are apt to consider it."

Questions as to the effect of the proposed change were put by Mr. Notman, Mr. Murray and Mr. Macdougall, and answered by Mr. Fleming. Mr. Carpmael referred to the Spanish translation of Mr. Fleming's previous papers. Dr. Meredith congratulated the Institute on its having taken the initial proceedings. The President also made some remarks on the subject.