

Report to the American Metrological Society, above alluded to, would shortly be issued. Accordingly, advance copies were obtained from New York, and, together with additional papers issued by this Institute,* they were transmitted by His Excellency to the following European Societies, and the special attention of their members was directed to the documents themselves :

1. The Institut de France Paris.
2. Société de Géographie Paris.
3. Société Belge de Géographie... Brussels.
4. Königlische Preussische Akademie der Wissenschaften. Berlin.
5. Gesellschaft für Erdkunde Berlin.
6. Kaiserliche Akademie der Wissenschaften..... Vienna.
7. K. K. Geographische Gesellschaft..... Vienna.
8. Nicolaevskaia Glavnaia Observatoria Pulkowa.
9. Imper. Rousskae Geograficheskoe Obschestvo St. Petersburg.
10. Imper. Akademia Nauk St. Petersburg.
11. Société de Géographie..... Geneva.

By this means attention was obtained for the subject in Europe, and when I submit evidence of the fact, I think you will agree with me, that no little of the success which has attended the movement is owing to our late Governor-General. We must all acknowledge how much we are indebted to him for the great personal interest he has always shown on the subject. We are certainly warranted in forming the opinion, that the dissemination of these papers, under such distinguished auspices, awakened attention to the arguments they contain, and prepared the way for the subsequent action taken at the International Geographical Congress at Venice, at the Geodetic Congress at Rome, and more recently at the Conference at Washington.

Mr. Wilhelm Förster, director of the Berlin Observatory, enters into the subject at length in a paper "Zur Beurtheilung Einiger Zeitfragen, insbesondere gegen die Einführung einer deutschen Normalzeit." [A Review of some considerations on Time, especially against the introduction of German National Uniform Time].

Mr. Förster proceeds to say : The British Government is now transmitting, through its representatives, although at the same time it declares itself neutral, a proposition which has been published by a society of scientific men in Canada, which aims at the establishment

* See Communications printed with this.