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To Professor Emerson
with the respect and
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THE one hundred and twenty-third anniversary of American independence occurred during the session of the International Conference at The Hague, called on the initiative of His Majesty, the Emperor of Russia, for the purpose of discussing various questions of international law, having, as their particular object, the peaceable solution of international difficulties.

The Commission appointed by the President of the United States of America to represent the country at this Conference, consisted of Messrs. Andrew D. White, United States Ambassador to the German Empire; Dr. Seth Low, President

of Columbia University, New York; Stanford Newel of Minnesota, United States Minister to the Netherlands; Captain Alfred T. Mahan, U. S. N.; Captain William Crozier, U. S. A.; and Frederick W. Holls, of New York, Secretary.

In pursuance of instructions received from the Secretary of State, the United States Commission availed themselves of the occasion for the usual celebration of their national holiday, to invite their colleagues of the Peace Conference, as well as the members of the Dutch Government, and other distinguished personages, including the Deans of the Law Faculties of the Universities of Leyden, Utrecht, Amsterdam and Groningen, and the Burgomaster and other city authorities of Delft, to the ceremony of laying a wreath upon the tomb of Hugo Grotius in the Nieuwe Kerk in the city of Delft, and to a luncheon in the city hall immediately afterwards.

The wreath, which was made by Eugene Marcus, Court Jeweler, Berlin, is twenty-eight inches in diameter; — the leaves, of frosted silver, on one side being of oak, with acorns in silver gilt, and on the other of laurel, with berries in silver gilt. The stems at the base are held together by a large ribbon and bow of silver gilt, and on this the inscription is placed in blue enamel. Attached

to this ribbon and bow, and held together by it, are shields of silver gilt, bearing in enamel, on the right side the arms of the Netherlands, and, on the left, those of the United States of America. The inscription on the ribbon is as follows:

"To the Memory of Hugo Grotius / In
Reverence and Gratitude / From the United
States of America / on the occasion
of the International Peace Conference of
The Hague / July 4th, 1899."

The celebration was held in the apse of the great church, in front of the monument of Grotius, the tomb of William the Silent being immediately adjoining. A platform had been erected between one of the great pillars of the church and the tomb of William the Silent, upon which the presiding officer and speakers were seated. A choir of one hundred voices, carefully selected from among the best singers of the Hague, all of whom had volunteered their services, was placed at the end of the apse on a slight elevation. The choir was under the direction of Mr. Arnold Spoel, Professor at the Royal Conservatory of Music in the Hague.

Although the weather was extremely inclement

— one of the severest rain storms of the season raging all the morning — nearly all the invited guests, including all the members of the Conference, with very few exceptions, were present; and at eleven o'clock, which was the hour set for the commencement of the exercises, the apse and the greater part of the body of the church were well filled. All the Ministers of the Government of the Netherlands were present, as well as nearly all the members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to The Hague.

Among the members of the Conference who were present were noticed Their Excellencies the Honorary President, W. H. de Beaufort, who accepted the tribute on behalf of Dutch Government; the President, Baron De Staal, and the Vice-President, Jonkheer A. P. C. van Karnebeek, who presided; also, all the Secretaries of the Conference. Among the delegates present were, Their Excellencies, Count Welsersheimb, of Austria, M. Leon Bourgeois of France, Sir Julian Pauncefote and Sir Henry Howard, of Great Britain, Count Nigra of Italy, Baron Hayashi of Japan, Phya Suriya of Siam, Baron De Bildt of Sweden, with Baron De Stengel of Munich, Prof. Dr. Zorn of Königsberg, Col. De Gross De Schwarzhoff, and Captain Siegel of Germany, M.