

CLOSING SPEECH OF THE PRESIDENT:

When the Board of our Faculty decided to arrange an international scientific session in honour of Roland Eötvös and the principal topic of the session should be connected with Eötvös' work in the field of gravimetry and geomagnetism, we were worried about the problem whether these were a satisfactory base for a whole scientific session. It is known that Roland Eötvös has dealt with but four or five topics all his life and these were elucidated by him to such a degree that there was nothing to add to or take off them.

The Session, however, relieved us of our doubts appreciating in a worthy manner Eötvös' life work. At the same time, the results became manifest which developed from a foundation harder than granite created and laid down by him. Physics developing in an absolutely new space and time, as well as the secrets of Earth and Solar system, none the less than the foundation of oil industry may take their source in Eötvös' work.

Taking into consideration the high standard and deep philosophical and physical contents of the lectures read in the course of the Session we may rest assured that Eötvös' memory was worthily honoured.

Now, thanking our honoured guests to have promoted by their lectures the success of our Session I hope that at the same time they have enjoyed their stay in Hungary and return home with the conviction that our small country contributed in an essential manner to build the palace of Science!

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