

1913, together with a silver replica and also a cheque for £105-7-1 (approximately \$512⁰⁰).

The cheque was an agreeable surprise to Dr. Bell who had no idea that a cash premium accompanied the medal.

Dr. Bell Elected Honorary Member of the B.I.E.E.

On December 5, 1913, Dr. Bell received a cablegram announcing his election as an Honorary Member of the British Institution of Electrical Engineers, to which he replied as follows:-

Cablegram

Washington, Dec 5, 1913.

To Voltampere,
London, England.

Please express my thanks to the Council of British Institution of Electrical Engineers for electing me an Honorary Member.

Graham Bell.

Dr. Montessori's Visit to America

Early in the morning of December 4, 1913, Dr. Maria Montessori, Miss George and Mr. S. S. McClure arrived in Washington from New York, where Dr. Montessori had landed the day before.

Dr. Montessori stayed at 1331 Connecticut Avenue as

the guest of Mrs. Bell.

In the afternoon Dr. Bell took Dr. Montessori, Mrs. Rice and Mr. S. S. McClure to the Volta Bureau, and on their return to Connecticut Avenue the Italian Ambassador called and conferred with Dr. Montessori for an hour.

On the evening of December 6, 1913, Dr. Montessori gave a lecture at the Masonic Temple. Dr. Bell opened the proceedings by making a few remarks about the American Montessori Educational Association and then introduced Mr. S.S.McClure. At the conclusion of his address Dr. Bell introduced Dr. Montessori, who made an address in Italian which was interpreted by Miss George.

After the meeting Dr. Montessori hurried back to Connecticut Avenue to be present at the reception given by Mrs. Bell in her honor. The receiving line was as follows:- Mrs. Bell; Miss Wilson, daughter of President Wilson; Dr. Maria Montessori; Miss Bateson, General Secretary of the American Montessori Educational Association, who acted as interpreter; Mrs. Lane, wife of the Secretary of the Interior Dr. P.P.Claxton, Vice-President of the American Montessori Educational Association, and U.S. Commissioner of Education.

The reception was attended by about 700 persons.

Dr. Montessori, Miss George and Mr. McClure left Washington the next day (Dec 7, 1913) for New York.

