CHARLESTON EXPOSITION

South Carolina residents crowded the hotels and streets of Charleston at the opening of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian exposition December 2d. There were present also thousands of visitors from both neighboring and distant states. All joined in the addition of the festivities which were held to celebrate the completion of the great undertaking. There were addresses by prominent men, musical numbers, a parade and the raising of the flags. At noon President Roosevelt pressed a button at Washington and Governor Heyward opened the exposition.

The exercises were held in the auditorium of the Charleston hotel. President Roosevelt, in responding to the address of welcome delivered by Governor Heyward, said in part:

"Six years ago, in the city of Omaha, I made a speech in which I said that I believed the time had come when the people of the United States should show their interest in the welfare of their sister republics to the south of us by holding an exposition in one of our southern cities. I am glad to see that my prophecy has been fulfilled. I congratulate you upon the completion of your exposition, and I congratulate the country upon the fact that it has been completed. I congratulate you upon the character of the exhibits, and I congratulate you upon the character of the buildings. I congratulate you upon the fact that you have not only had the exposition, but that you have had it in such a way as to show that you have profited by the lessons taught by the expositions which have preceded yours. I congratulate you upon the fact that you have had the exposition in the right season of the year, and I congratulate you upon the fact that you have had it in the right place. I congratulate you upon the fact that you have had it in a place where the surroundings are so beautiful, and I congratulate you upon the fact that you have had it in a place where the surroundings are so historic.