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From the concensus of opinion, it is more than evident that the Corporation made a happy choice in settling on Dean West of Princeton as the man most fitted to be the successor of President Pritchett. Recognized as an exceptional organizer, as a scholar, as an author, as an authority on educational matters, as an executive officer of exceptional ability, and more than all, as a man of magnetic personality and force of character, he will come to us at a crucial time. Several weighty questions, all bearing on the future of the Institute, are to be decided.

Being a man of originality and force, we cannot doubt that his presence will be marked by the infusion of new life into the effort so warmly advocated by President Pritchett to broaden and advance the scope of Technology's work. The inspiration that comes from working under one so well known in the college and outside world as Dr. West is something, the value of which is inestimable.

With that instructive accuracy with which a body of young men will recognize a strong man for what he is, the students of Princeton have recognized in Dr. West a character for whom their love and respect could hardly be stated in words too strong. A natural leader, he has penetrated to the very heart of the University life. So strongly have his wide sympathies and interests made themselves evident that they have attracted the admiration and respect even of those students who have never had the privilege of knowing him personally.

As striking evidences of his versatility and wide attainments, he is the only member of the Science Club who is not a professor of science rather than a literary man.

The universal respect and high esteem in which college men hold Dr. West is best evidenced by the following editorial from the *Daily Princetonian*:

The announcement that Dr. Andrew F. West, Ph.D., LL.D. Hon. D.Litt., Oxon., has been invited to accept the presidency of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology comes as a great cause of anxiety to all Princeton men. The

mere thought of what the loss of such a man would mean to the University is appalling. There is probably no member of the Faculty whose powers have been so actively engaged in such a wide range of activities as Dean West. As a member of the Classical Department he has been connected with the University for nearly twenty-five years, and today ranks among the foremost Latin scholars of America. He is the only member of the Faculty, holding an honorary degree from Oxford University, England, where he has a large acquaintance in university and literary circles. In this country, also, he enjoys a remarkable reputation as an authority on educational matters, and is very well known for his papers and discussions on University questions.

The Graduate School at Merwick, of which he is the Dean, and which was established last year, is the result of ten years of untiring effort on his part to establish a graduate residence college in this country after the model of Oxford and Cambridge. In addition to his activity in this direction, he has gained great fame for Princeton by his addresses on the Preceptorial System in various parts of the United States, and it is largely through his explanations that the importance of this system has become generally recognized. Dr. West's energies have not been confined to Princeton alone, however, for as chairman of the Executive Committee of the American School at Rome he has probably been more influential than any other one man to establish the school upon so firm a basis.

And yet, aside from all he has done for Princeton, aside from his great reputation as a scholar, the loss of the man himself to the University and to the community would strike deep into the hearts of the undergraduates. His magnetic personality and force of character would be sadly missed, and the University would suffer an irreparable loss.

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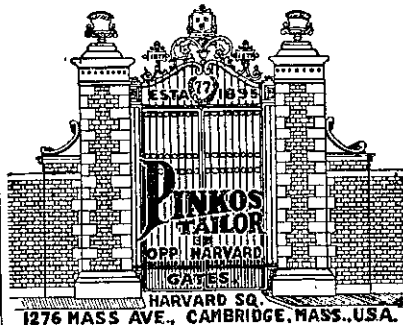
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