

## PROFESSOR R. C. MACLAURIN OF COLUMBIA INSTITUTE'S NEW PRESIDENT

### ACTING-PRESIDENT AND DEAN SPEAK

Both Approve Committee's  
Action In Choosing  
Prof. Maclaurin

### EXCEPTIONALLY FITTED

Columbia Man a Scientist and  
Educator of Experience  
and Talent

#### DR. NOYES

When interviewed in regard to Professor Maclaurin's selection for the office of President of the Institute, Dr. Arthur Amos Noyes, the acting president, said:

"I consider that the Institute is most fortunate in securing Professor Richard C. Maclaurin. He is a man who seems to possess in a remarkable degree the qualities which the position demands. He is a scientist of the first rank. He has had extended experience as a teacher and as a member of university faculties. He has an exceptionally wide knowledge of the systems of higher education in all the leading countries of the world, and has, moreover, shown especial interest in the development of the type of combined liberal and professional education for which the



Acting-President Noyes.

Institute stands. He is, in addition to all this, a man of deliberate judgment, broad cultivation, quiet enthusiasm and attractive personal qualities which have made him a favorite with his associates and students at Columbia."

#### DEAN BURTON

When interviewed in regard to the matter late last evening Dean Alfred E. Burton said, "The faculty are very sorry to lose Dr. Noyes as acting president, but they have known all along that he could not be induced to take the permanent presidency; that his life interests are bound up in his research work in the laboratory of physical chemistry. The period of Dr. Noyes' presidency has been one of the most progressive stages in the educational growth of the Institute.

"If we must have a new man we probably cannot do better than to have Dr. Maclaurin. The personal impression which I received from a few moments conversation with him was

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PROFESSOR RICHARD C. MACLAURIN

(Courtesy of the Boston Post.)

### REPORT OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Institute Corporation held this afternoon, it was voted to appoint, subject to confirmation by the Corporation, Richard C. Maclaurin, now in charge of the Department of Physics at Columbia University, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with the understanding that he will assume the duties of the position as soon as his engagements at Columbia permit. A special meeting of the Corporation is to be held on Monday, November 23rd, to take action with reference to the confirmation of this appointment. Professor Maclaurin has signified his willingness to accept the appointment.

### LIFE AND WORK OF PRESIDENT-ELECT

Professor Richard C. Maclaurin, M.A., LL. D., D.Sc., now at the head of the Physics Department of Columbia University and Professor of Mathematical Physics in that institution, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1870. His early boyhood was spent in New Zealand, whence he returned, however, to complete his preliminary education in the English schools. In 1892 he entered the University of Cambridge, England, where he held a foundation scholarship in St. John's College. He took two degrees while at Cambridge, Bachelor of Arts in 1895 and Master of Arts in 1896. In his work for the latter degree, Mr. Maclaurin took the highest rank in the most advanced mathematical examination, being bracketed with the Senior Wrangler in the first division of the first class in part Two of the Mathematical Tripos. He also received the Smith Prize for the excellence of his thesis in mathematics.

Upon his graduation he was elected a Fellow of St. John's College.

During the years 1896 and 1897 he spent ten months in the United States and Canada, devoting himself to study and to visiting educational institutions of all classes, spending much time at McGill, Toronto, and Leland Stanford Universities.

Returning to England at the end of his American trip, he reentered Cambridge University, this time to study law, and was awarded the McMahon Law Studentship, the most highly valued of its kind in the university. He became a member, at this time, of the Honorable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London. During this period he spent six months, on a leave of absence, in studying in Germany.

In 1898 he was awarded the Yorke Prize by the University of Cambridge for his thesis on "The Title to Realty," a difficult and important topic in Brit-

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### OPINIONS OF MANY NOTED SCIENTISTS

Dr. Maclaurin Given Highest  
Praise by Prominent  
Scholars

### FAME INTERNATIONAL

Qualifications as a Teacher and  
Leader Especially  
Extolled

The following are some of the testimonials which have been written by distinguished English scientists at the time Mr. Maclaurin went to the University of New Zealand, which have been secured by the Executive Committee of the Institute.

Lord Kelvin wrote: "Mr. Maclaurin is a young man from whom much may be expected. He comes of an old family famous in the annals of the intellectual history of Scotland. He has been trained in a school of thoroughness; and, with his businesslike power of seizing on the essentials of a problem and his great energy and determination, he should make a success of anything that he takes in hand."

Sir George Stokes, former President of the Royal Society, says: "I have been attracted alike by the fine character and by the scientific ability of Mr. Maclaurin. His interests are extraordinarily wide, and yet he has the power of concentrating all of his energy—and it is great—on any problem which he has on hand. He will make a success of anything he undertakes, if enthusiasm and effort will avail."

J. A. Iarmor, Fellow and Secretary of the Royal Society, said: "I am able without hesitation to express my judgment that Mr. R. C. Maclaurin is a skillful and profound mathematician, quite of the first rank."

Rev. C. E. Graves, M. A., Fellow and Classical Lecturer at St. John's College Cambridge, says: "Having known Mr. Maclaurin for some years, I may say that he is a man of high character and principle, of much originality and power; earnest, energetic, clearheaded, and sensible—a strong man who can hold his own and see his way, and one who at the same time will be thoroughly genial and reasonable and easy to work with and under."

Information of later date in regard to his work at New Zealand is contained in the following statements:

Sir Robert Stout, Chief Justice of New Zealand and Chancellor of the University, says: "Professor Maclaurin was a distinguished student in New Zealand, and the distinctions he afterwards won in Cambridge prove him to be a man of great intellectual ability. Moreover, he is no pedant, but a man of broad sympathies, clearheaded, and sensible; a good speaker, with a businesslike power of dealing with men. At the same time he is an admirable teacher. I had two sons attending his classes at the university, and I can, therefore, speak of his teaching abilities. They are of very high order."

Rev. W. A. Evans, M. A., Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of New Zealand, says: "Mr. Maclaurin's appointment in this university was more than justified by results. He proved himself to be a true teacher as well as a bright scholar. The influence he exercised over the students was in every way admirable, and he made for himself a unique position as a leader in the intellectual matters throughout the colony. To have had such a man as he is on the staff of the university gave the institution an educational tone that will

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