Win Distinction in Widely Different Fields of Endeavor—Untiring in His Efforts, He Augmented Institute's Fame

THE NEW TECHNOLOGY HIS MONUMENT

Like our other great presidents, Rogers and Walker, Richard C. Maclaurin has given up his life to the great cause of Technology. Assuming the leadership when the Institute consisted of a group of dilapidated buildings scattered all over Boston, with its finances nearly depleted and its Alumni rather indifferent, he tackled the situation in superhuman fashion, decided that it was impossible for the Institute to accomplish its great purpose without new and greater facilities, and set out at once and secured the much needed funds. He had been president but seven years when the new Technology, now a monument, opened its doors. And not buildings alone commemorate his efforts. In the broadened reputation of Technology, in his increased usefulness to the world, are the marks of his workmanship. Every graduate who has gone forth from the Institute in the years since 1912 realizes that the ideals into which she has been molded, and which the world admires, are in large part the ideals of President Maclaurin. All this the world of a decade.

Richard Cockburn Maclaurin, the late President of the Institute, was born in Linlithgow, Scotland on June 6, 1870. He was the son of Robert Campbell Maclaurin, who, like his father, was a great mathematician, and Martha Jane Maclaurin, eldest daughter of John Cockburn, of Linlithgow. When he was 12, his family moved to New Zealand, and it was there that he attended his elementary education. He went to England to continue his preparatory education in English schools, after which he entered Cambridge University. He took two degrees at Cambridge: Bachelor of Arts in 1891 and Master of Arts the following year. His chief aim for the lower degree was an advanced study of mathematics. Upon graduation he was offered the Smith prize in mathematics, but after his first term, he was elected a fellow of St. John's College.

Became Dean of Faculty

In 1894 he left the law school at Cambridge and went to New Zealand to become chairman of the mathematics department at the University of New Zealand. After seven years at that post, he was made Dean of the Faculty of Law. During this time he took an active interest in organized educational institutions in the colony.

In the fall of 1897 he entered the University of Toronto to accept the chair of mathematics and statistics at the University. He accepted and was made head of the Department of Mathematics.

Received Honorary Degrees

In 1898 he had received the degree of Doctor of Science from Cambridge University in recognition of his researches in pure mathematics. In 1898 that institution honored him with the degree of Doctor of Laws for his achievements in the study of law.

For three years the Massachusetts Institute of Technology had been looking for a successor to the late President, the office having been vacated by the resignation of President Eliot. After an open canvass of prominent educators had been held, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was chosen, and in November, 1908 a letter was sent to President Maclaurin inviting him to accept the post of President. He immediately accepted and was confirmed by the Trustees of the Institute, his career at Massachusetts Institute of Technology began in 1909.

Body Lies in State Beneath Dome

At 12:30 the hearse stopped at the foot of the twenty-four foot path cleared through the lofty marble columns, and Major Smith, superintendent of buildings and power, bestowed the group of the oldest caretakers of the property on the pallbearers, who carried the casket into the main lobby to lie in state under the dome. By 1:30 the body had taken its place in the rotunda, and by 2:30 it had passed through the eight doors of the dome, and had reached its place, but to no other vacancy.

Without rival or competitor in any kind, the friends and students were permitted to take their last look, and see their President for the last time, with the reverent tears upon his face, and his body cold in the dignity of his scholarly gown.

Veterans' Guard Body

The body was guarded by H. E. Brown, J. C. Clark, R. F. Schenck, Warner, and J. E. Marion, 20 undergraduates who have seen distinguished service in France.

At 2:30 the line of the veteran class, bearers of the casket, passed down the wide white way which was lined on either side by a triple file of students and friends, who saluted as they passed, as chosen by the Institute Committee, which consisted of the following: J. C. Taft, President of the Senior Class, R. L. Hoge, General Manager of Tech Show, C. B. Conway, General Manager of Tech Show, W. T. Basinger, H. M. Keeney, J. T. Aiken, and W. Aiken, Vice-President of the Senior Class.

Unions Chosen from Faculty

At the Old South Church, the saddened chairs included the heads of the departments, as follows:

Professor G. C. Jackson, E. F. Miller, W. H. Walker, E. B. Williams, H. M. Lawson, H. L. J. M. C. H. O. Pearson, H. W. Tyler, H. D. Goodrich, and Henry Fisk, respectively, of the departments of electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, chemical engineering, mechanical engineering, and electrical engineering. All of these are members of the faculty and have been chosen from the teaching faculty.

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