

# James McMahon

Professor of Mathematics

1865 — June 1, 1922

Our highly esteemed friend and honored colleague, Professor James McMahon, has suddenly gone from among us. He died on the morning of June 1st, 1922, in his sixty-seventh year, after an illness of only a few hours. We the Trustees and Faculty of the University wish to record on our minutes our feeling of grief and our sense of the great loss that has come to us because of his death. We cannot yet fully realize that we shall see him no more in this life.

In our resolutions on Professor McMahon's retirement from active service in May, 1921, mention was made of his inspiring and helpful influence on the generations of students who have passed through his class-room during the many years of his service at Cornell, of his fine spirit of cooperation in the work of his colleagues in the application of Mathematics to problems in other fields, and of his wise though quiet influence in the larger affairs of national scientific organizations; but all of these outstanding merits of the man are completely overshadowed by the profound sense of our personal loss of an especially valued friend.

Modest of his own high attainments, generous of his time and counsel in assisting others to win success and renown, utterly unselfish and living a most exemplary Christian life, his going from among us is an irreparable loss—a loss commensurate with the inspiration and blessing that have come to us here at Cornell because of his many years of life and service among us.

*Source: Fac. Rec. 1210, 1289 Resolutions Adopted By The Trustees And Faculty Of Cornell University June, Nineteen Hundred And Twenty-Two*

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