

**PRESIDENT M'CLURE.**

In 1891-92, when President Roberts resigned from the Lake Forest University, the Editor of the NEWS, then Editor of the Lake County Post, wrote a series of articles on the situation at the University, suggesting, and urging indeed, the election of Dr. McClure to the vacant Presidency, as the providential and divinely ordained solution of the college problem then confronting the board of University trustees. We urged Dr. McClure then because he was so manifestly endowed and trained for the place. His large good sense; his broad, Catholic, whole souled, and wholesome Christian spirit; his extended, varied, and ripe scholarship, as well as his scholarly atmosphere; his cultured, refined and affable manner, his magnetic power of reaching young persons and attaching them to himself, and especially to his ideas and ideals—all these and more, fitted him in a pre-eminent degree for the vacant presidency. We urged all this, to the best of our ability, till some of those good Presbyterians of the Forest, like James Anderson and others, called us down, saying, "You are all right brother Hibbard, in what you say, but Dr. McClure can't be spared from the church. He is one man of a thousand for such a cosmopolitan church as ours; and if you don't stop your talking and writing, he will be elected president." Well, we stopped, and he was not elected, and the University has needed him until this hour, and we wish at this time to congratulate the trustees in coming, even at this late day to our old position of half a dozen years ago. We claim no glory as pioneers in this work; we only stop to shake hands with the University on this its good fortune, with the trustees on their practical wisdom; the friends of the school of every class and kind, and above all the young men and women, who, in successive classes, shall come under the healthful, helpful and inspiring influence of President J. G. K. McClure. And we beg leave also to assure him and all in any way connected with the University, that they will have no more devoted, loyal and outspoken friend and ally than the Highland-Park NEWS.

Mr. Patrick, the tonsorialist who has been assisting John H. Mohr in his west side barber shop through the summer, left this week for Dubuque, Iowa, where he is to join a party of friends in a sailing trip down the Mississippi, probably to New Orleans.

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