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J. D. McLaren, M. D.,

315 West 116th Street, New York.

7 July 1903

President Wm. J. Kerr,

Agricultural College  
Logan, Utah.

Dear Sir:

The inclosed biography will acquaint you with my qualifications for teaching the Biological work of advanced schools, especially in Zoology and Botany, Physiology and Psychology, or in Pathology and Bacteriology, and preferably in the Medical, Normal or other Applied Science schools in universities. For the position of Medical Officer to Faculty and Students, I am well prepared.

My training in research, in teaching, and in executive work has enabled me to adapt myself to the varying needs of several colleges, and long experience has made such work most congenial. The income from my medical practice here would enable me to renew such duties at any time, and to make especial preparation for any specified position promising to become my life work.

You may write concerning me to the persons named in the biography, and to Librarian J. H. Canfield, Columbia University, New York; Director H. J. Patterson, College Park, Md.; Honorable Glen Miller, Salt Lake, Utah; Director B. C. Buffum, State University, Laramie, Wyo.; President R. L. Slagle, School of Mines, Rapid City, S. D.; Director E. A. Burnett, State University, Lincoln, Neb.; Professor V. L. Kellogg, Leland Stanford University, Cal. *Hon. W. F. Morgan, Topeka, Kansas, Prof. E. E. Slosson, Laramie, Wyo.*

Kindly write me of any prospective positions known to you. Please file these papers for reference. By acknowledging receipt, you will greatly oblige,

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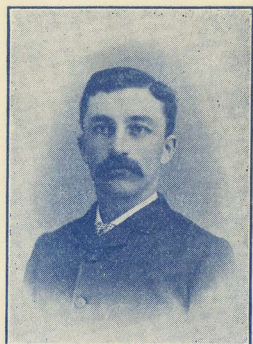
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## BIOGRAPHY.



John Dice McLaren, M. Sc. (Kansas), M. D. (Columbia), was born near Toronto, Canada, in 1860, and removed with his father to Delphos, Kansas, in 1870. Educated in the public schools, he won the highest county teacher's certificate in 1876, began to teach and has since earned his income. When principal of a village school, with five assistants, and a conductor of summer normal schools for teachers, he won by examination, a teacher's life diploma from the State of Kansas.

Then Judge W. A. Johnston, Supreme Court, Topeka, Kansas, wrote: I have known Professor J. D. McLaren for more than ten years, and have watched his career as a student and teacher with more than ordinary interest. By his industry and application he has overcome all obstacles, and his success cannot be doubted.

He graduated from the Natural History Course, and the Philosophy Course of Kansas State University with the degrees of B. Sc. 1886, Bachelor of Didactics 1886, and Master of Science 1889. Of this work Chancellor F. H. Snow wrote: Mr. J. D. McLaren has taken a special course in Natural History under my personal direction and has been a very diligent and proficient student. He is a man of rare capacity, having general qualifications, combined with a pleasing address which will make his services especially valuable.

He prepared monographs on *Pogonomyrmex occidentalis*, *Unio laevis*, and *Zea mays*, of which Professor L. L. Dyche wrote: Mr. J. D. McLaren has been with me in the Snow Zoological Laboratory for two years. He is one of my best students and one of the best in the University. He has won honors in various literary and scientific contests.

For two years he was principal of the Adams School in Kansas City, under Superintendent J. M. Greenwood who wrote: Mr. J. D. McLaren is an excellent teacher, and a gentleman of irreproachable character. I have good opportunities to witness his methods of instruction in the classroom and also before large bodies of teachers.

For two years he studied a Pre-Medical and Graduate Course in Biology at Johns Hopkins University, and in Pathology at Johns Hopkins Hospital before the Medical School was opened. Of this work, Professor H. Newell Martin wrote: I believe Mr. J. D. McLaren to be a man of more than ordinary gifts and knowledge. His Biological work has been very satisfactory. He came here with an excellent training in Biological subjects from Kansas State University.

For one year he was Professor of Natural History in Maryland Agricultural College under Major Henry M. Alvord now of the United States Department of Agriculture, and studied that summer at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Cold Spring Harbor, under Dr. Bashford Dean now of Columbia University.



In 1891, he became Director of the Wyoming Experiment Station and Professor of Agriculture and Zoology in the Wyoming State University, of which successful work, Secretary Grace Raymond Hebard wrote him: Permit us to thank you for the efficient work you have done for the University, and to express our hearty appreciation on behalf of the Board of Trustees, for the praiseworthy manner in which you have helped to establish the Experiment Station, and the Agricultural College which we placed to such a large degree under your care.

He resigned to become Associate Editor of the American Agriculturist in New York City under Dr. F. M. Hexamer who wrote: Dr. J. D. McLaren has been Associate Editor of the American Agriculturist for nearly three years. He has shown excellent qualifications for general as well as special editorial work in the various departments connected with the Orange Judd Company books and periodicals. He possesses a remarkable degree of general scientific and industrial knowledge, and is well versed in the progress and methods of the present day; moreover he is a thoroughly honorable and reliable gentleman.

He also did work for Editor Russell Hinman of the American Book Company, and for Dr. Frank P. Foster of the New York Medical Journal. Of his ability, Professor E. L. Nichols of Cornell University wrote: Dr. J. D. McLaren has shown enthusiasm for and a clear understanding of scientific subjects, and a decided spirit of investigation. Combined with a readiness of address he possesses that earnestness of purpose and diligence which will enable him to carry out with credit whatever he may undertake.

In 1896 he graduated as Doctor of Medicine from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, but the prevailing financial crisis made him Professor of Physiology, Entomology and Zoology in the South Dakota Agricultural College and Experiment Station, where he was Acting President during the interval between President Lewis McLouth and President John W. Heston, and then Vice-President. For the successful management of the College the Trustees rewarded him with a six months' leave of absence with full salary, which was used in research at the Bacteriological Laboratory of the Minnesota State Board of Health and State University Medical School under Professor F. F. Westbrook and Dr. Louis B. Wilson.

After firmly establishing the Department of Zoology and Animal Pathology in the South Dakota College, Experiment Station and School of Pharmacy, the Regents reluctantly released him that he might return to the practice of medicine in New York City. In the intervals of a paying practice he has kept abreast of the world's progress in science and art, especially in the lines of Biology and Psychology, aided by attendance upon various societies and the summer sessions of Columbia University.



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July 13, 1903.

Dr. J. D. McLaren,  
315 West 116th Street, New York.

Dear Sir:--

Replying to your favor of the 7th inst., will say that there is at present no vacancy in the department of Zoology in this institution. Your communication will be placed on file, and should any vacancies occur in the future I shall be glad to correspond with you.

Yours truly,

W. J. Kerr, President.

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