

Note of Appreciation

The conception of this quarterly journal, *Mathematical Tables and Other Aids to Computation (MTAC)* stemmed from the fertile mind of R. C. ARCHIBALD and its establishment was largely due to his initiative and perseverance. As its editor from its first issue in January, 1943, to the close of 1949, he has given freely of his time and effort. Its success in becoming a useful and often indispensable tool of reference for those concerned with computational problems is due largely to his unflagging interest and untiring efforts in an activity that claimed his well-nigh full-time devotion. The 28 issues published under his editorship will ever stand as a monument to his achievement.

On behalf of the National Research Council, I wish to record its thanks and appreciation to Dr. Archibald for the significant contribution he has made to a field that is of great interest throughout the Council.

As he lays down his editorial responsibilities, his many friends and colleagues extend to Dr. Archibald their warmest felicitations and, with his freedom from "copy deadlines," they wish for him opportunity to spend many years in the pursuit of his avocational interests.

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RAYMOND CLARE ARCHIBALD, Professor of Mathematics, retiring chairman of the Committee on Mathematical Tables and Other Aids to Computation, 1939-49, founder and editor of *Mathematical Tables and Other Aids to Computation* of the National Research Council, 1943-49, is well known to the mathematicians of America. Born October 7, 1875 in South Branch, Stewiacke, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, he was a student in Sackville, New Brunswick, at Mt. Allison Academy (1885-89), University (1889-95, A.B. '94), and Ladies' College (1889-95, violin diplomas '94 and '95), where he developed marked ability in mathematics and the violin. He returned to the Ladies' College and from 1900-1907 was Professor of Violin, Harmony, History of Music, and Mathematics, while also serving as Librarian. Between 1895 and 1900 he studied at Harvard, where he received his bachelor's (1896) and master's (1897) degrees, at Berlin, and at the University of Strassburg where he was awarded his doctorate. After a year as Professor of Mathematics and chairman of the department at Acadia University, Professor Archibald came to Brown University in 1908, with which he has been associated ever since and where he is now Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus. He has been appointed delegate to many international congresses, mathematical and of wider scope; he has served as president of the Mathematical Association of America, of which he was a charter member, was twice vice-president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (for Section A and for Section L respectively); was Librarian of the American