

In Memoriam

MICHAEL I. PUPIN

Dr. Michael Idvorsky Pupin, an Honorary Member of the Institute, and its thirty-eighth president, died on March 12, 1935, in his seventy-seventh year.

Coming to the United States alone at the age of fifteen, he devoted all possible time to studies while earning his living at various types of work. His unusual ability and his determination to secure a good education enabled him to enter Columbia University in 1879 and to graduate in 1883. After pursuing advanced study in mathematics and physics at the University of Cambridge and in thermodynamics at the University of Berlin, he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the latter in 1889.

Upon returning to the United States, he became a member of the faculty of Columbia University, entering upon a long career which was to bring him world-wide fame as educator, scientist, engineer, inventor, and author, and many high honors from governments, universities, and scientific bodies.

Gifted with a thorough understanding of human nature, he ever stood firmly in opposition to those who tried to create a breach in the relations of science and religion.

Dr. Pupin joined the Institute in 1890, was transferred to the grade of Fellow in 1915, and was elected an Honorary Member in 1928. He served on various committees, as Director 1892-95, as Vice-President 1895-97 and 1901-03, and as President 1925-26. He received the Edison Medal in 1920, the Washington Award in 1928, the John Fritz Medal in 1932, and other medals.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That, upon behalf of the membership of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Executive Committee hereby expresses its sincere regret at the death of Dr. Pupin and its appreciation of the important contributions he made to the development of the Institute and of the fields of engineering and science; and be it further

RESOLVED: That these resolutions be entered in the minutes and transmitted to the members of Dr. Pupin's family.

Adopted by the Executive Committee of the
American Institute of Electrical Engineers,
March 29, 1935

National Secretary