

TRIBUTE TO MARCONI'S WORK.

Lord Kelvin Says He Hopes to See the Time When Wireless Messages Will Go Around the World.

"We do not unwisely hope to see the time when messages will be sent around the world without the aid of wires," said Lord Kelvin, speaking of Marconi and his work last night at a reception given in honor of his Lordship and Lady Kelvin at Columbia University.

Thomas A. Edison and Nikola Tesla were present among an audience of over 2,000 persons representing Columbia University, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Physical Society, the New York Academy of Sciences, the American Mathematical Society, and the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America.

Lord Kelvin spoke of the Atlantic cable and of the great labor of laying it. He mentioned Marconi as the successor of Cyrus Field in another line. "Marconi's invention," said he, "is a wonderful force. Its value and interest cannot be estimated, even now, when it is available only for comparatively short distances."

President Butler of Columbia followed with an address in which he said that Columbia University was proud to share the honor and the privilege of welcoming "the Dean of living masters of science."

Prof. Elihu Thompson spoke for the American Society of Electrical Engineers, and was followed by Dr. A. G. Webster, who represented the American Physical Society of which Lord Kelvin is an honorary member. Then Dean Robert S. Woodward of the School of Pure Science of Columbia spoke for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Mathematical Society, the New York Academy of Sciences, and the Astronomical and Astrophysical Society of America.

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