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Professor J. M. TAYLOR, of Colgate University, recently completed fifty years as a teacher of mathematics at that institution. It was most fitting, therefore, that he should be selected as the one to be honored by the university in connection with its centennial celebration held in October, 1919. Only two honorary degrees were conferred on this occasion, namely Doctor of Science on Professor Taylor and Doctor of Laws on Elihu Root. Professor Taylor is the author of a series of mathematical texts for schools and colleges which have been widely used. Professor H. E. SLAUGHT reports that the calculus text of the series was being tried out in manuscript form when he was a sophomore at Colgate in 1881, and he wishes to testify that much of his inspiration and enthusiasm in mathematics may be traced to that course and others under Professor Taylor.

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