

PRINCIPALSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ST. ANDREWS.

MEMORIAL FROM REPRESENTATIVE CHEMISTS (limited to
Fellows of the Royal Society) IN SUPPORT OF
PROFESSOR J. C. IRVINE.

TO:- The Right Honourable
ROBERT MUNRO, P.C.
HIS MAJESTY'S SECRETARY FOR SCOTLAND.

Sir,

We understand that the name of Professor J.C. Irvine has been submitted in connection with the vacant office of Principal of the University of St. Andrews, and the suggestion has been made that an expression of the regard in which his scientific work is held by his brother chemists would not be out of place.

The original and exhaustive investigations conducted with so great assiduity and success by Professor Irvine and his students in the course of the past twenty years in the domain of sugars and carbohydrates are known and appreciated in chemical circles throughout the world. Amongst his most notable achievements are the use he has made of methylated sugars in relation to problems of constitution, the conversion of glucosamine into glucose and mannose, the synthesis of amino-glucosides, and his various studies on mutarotation.

Moreover, he shares with Emil Fischer the credit of the discovery of the new types of reactive sugars, certainly one of the most important and far-reaching advances made in Organic Chemistry during the past decade.

By such researches, conducted practically entirely with post-graduate workers of the University, Professor Irvine has firmly established a School of Research in his Alma Mater.

We wish to state our view that, if Professor Irvine is appointed to the Principalship, the University of St. Andrews will be guided by a man who is held in very high esteem indeed as a scientist. An investigator or himself, he would have the outlook of the investigator.

We have the honour to be,

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