

*From George Irvine, Esq.*

21 DALHOUSIE ST. LANE, 31st August, 1842.

MY DEAR SIR,

Having understood that you are an applicant for a Professorship in the McGill College, I hope you will permit me to bear testimony to your high fitness, in my humble opinion, for the office.

Since I had the pleasure of making your acquaintance in 1836, the period at which you opened the Classical School in Quebec, I, as a parent of two boys who have been at the School, have had much reason to congratulate myself, that they should have had the good fortune to have been placed under your tuition, from the kind manner, ability, and zeal with which you discharged the important trust confided in you, not only towards my sons, but generally to all the boys, and the great progress they have made proves that your labour and arduous duty has not been in vain.

While I hope you may attain the Chair to which you aspire, and from your ability and qualifications I know not of any person who can produce so strong a claim, I cannot withhold expressing my regret that the community will meet with a loss in you as an Instructor of youth, that I fear that we shall never be able to replace. For your uniform kind attention to the improvement in the education of my sons,—be assured I cannot feel otherwise but most grateful, and wherever your future lot in this world may be cast, and whether you succeed or fail in your present object,—you will carry with you my warmest wishes for your prosperity and happiness, and with real esteem, pray,

Believe me,

Yours most truly,

(Signed,)

J. G. IRVINE.

The Reverend F. J. Lundy.