

conversant with the languages of Germany, France, and Italy—languages which he had well studied before he entered upon his travels.

Mr Cockburn is not an ordinary scholar, but a thorough philologist—possessing a good insight into the structure, the relations, and affinities subsisting between the ancient and modern languages of Europe. He thoroughly understands the art of communicating to young people information in a clear and lucid manner, and of inciting their minds to independent activity. He unites, in short, in an eminent degree, all the qualities—extensive knowledge, experience, and skill—that ought to recommend a man who proposes to devote himself to the higher departments of education; and I have no hesitation in saying, that if the College at Toronto succeeds in securing the services of Mr Cockburn, it ought to consider itself most singularly fortunate.

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I HAVE no ordinary pleasure in adding my testimony, with reference to Mr COCKBURN's attainments, to the assurances which he will receive from those whose expression of opinion may of itself be regarded as conclusive. My acquaintance with Mr Cockburn commenced in 1852, during the period of my connection with the Greek Class of the University of Edinburgh. I had then frequent occasion to observe the intelligence, zeal, and eminent success with which he devoted himself to the branch of classical study which it was my