

If the opinions of those best qualified to judge are to be accepted, Mr. McEvoy is an exceptionally promising and brilliant young man in his department; and his appointment as a successor to Prof. Ashley would, I believe, be acceptable to the university public, and result in the future development of the important department with which he is connected.

ALFRED BAKER,

AUGUST 16th, 1892.

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From MAURICE HUTTON, M.A., Professor of Greek in University College, Toronto:

Mr. McEvoy has asked me to state what I know of his qualifications for the post of Professor of Political Science.

In a matter of this sort, which stands so far outside my own department and my means of forming a sound judgment, my tendency would be to remain silent; but as I happen to know the opinion entertained of Mr. McEvoy by the person best qualified, in my opinion, to recommend for this appointment (Professor Ashley), I may, perhaps, without impropriety, communicate his opinion, and ask that it be accepted provisionally, until Professor Ashley has had time to write.

Professor Ashley, then, has on more than one occasion expressed to me, in the very strongest terms, his appreciation of Mr. McEvoy's assistance, and his confidence in his mastery of his subject and his great ability.

As recently as last March, in speaking of the financial straits of the University, he remarked that he in particular deplored them, because he foresaw that they would interfere with a deeply cherished wish of his own—the wish to secure Mr. McEvoy as a permanent member of the staff. Nothing, he said, would reconcile him to the loss of such a coadjutor, and he was prepared to urge his appointment, when the proper time arrived, with all the energy of which he was capable.

It does not follow, of course, that Professor Ashley considers Mr. McEvoy the best successor attainable from the world-wide field; on that question I must leave Professor Ashley's own testimonial to throw light.

But I venture to express a very confident conviction, based on my conversations with Professor Ashley, that he will regard Mr. McEvoy's candidature with entire favor, if it is only to be compared with that of the other two gentlemen who alone, at present, as I understand, have sent in applications; I am persuaded that under such conditions, at any rate, Professor Ashley's choice would fall upon Mr. McEvoy as the most capable successor to his chair.

MAURICE HUTTON,

JULY, 1892.

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From JOHN SQUAIR, B.A., Lecturer in French, University College:

I have known Mr. J. M. McEvoy, B.A., LL.B., for the past five or six years. During his undergraduate course he was a student in my classes and I then formed the opinion that he was a diligent, serious-minded young man of good abilities.

Since graduation he has been Fellow in the Department of Political Science, and I have heard from Professor Ashley and others, that he has discharged his duties therein with success.

J. SQUAIR.

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