

The Rev. JOHN COOK, D.D., Quebec, C.E.

QUEBEC, Oct. 23rd, 1851.

* * I cannot entertain a doubt that, from your extensive and various acquirements, your general intellectual ability, your enthusiasm in any branch of study which you have been led to cultivate, and your special zeal in the cause of Education, you would prove a valuable acquisition to the University of Toronto; and I am persuaded that your peculiar tastes and habits of study would particularly fit you to fill the Chair of Civil History and English Literature, for which you are a Candidate. It would give me much pleasure if this testimony, formed on a knowledge of your talents and character, from an intimacy extending now over many years, should be of the smallest service to you.

The Rev. JOHN ROAF, Toronto.

TORONTO, 17th Nov., 1851.

Hearing that you are about offering for one of the new Professorships in the University, I drop a line or two to express my hope that it is true, and if so, my ardent wishes for your success. Not only your literary attainments, but also your zeal in the cause of Education, and your influence over young persons, would render your occupancy of a Chair in the University, very satisfactory to the circle in which I move. I have not heard of any other aspirant for the situation, which it is rumoured you look to, but I much doubt, if Canada has a resident more suited to it than you are; but supposing that your superior should present himself, I am sure that your generosity would view his appointment with pleasure. If you have not decided to offer, let me beg of you to do so; if you have, accept my warmest good wishes for your success.

The Rev. HENRY WILKES, D.D., Zion Church, Montreal.

MONTREAL, Nov. 6th, 1851.

The Rev. Henry Esson, A. M., has informed me that he is a Candidate for the Chair of Civil History and English Literature, in the University of Toronto, and that he desires testimonials from his friends, expressive of their views of his ability to discharge the duties of that important position. It is my conviction, derived from a long personal acquaintance with Mr. Esson in this city, that upon the subjects to which said Chair will be devoted, he is singularly well read and well furnished. Distinguished as an accomplished literary man, I should suppose him admirably qualified to prepare and to deliver various series of lectures, as full of interest as they would be of instruction;