

From the Rev. J. Robertson, Minister of Mains and Strathmartin.

I have been acquainted with the Revd. Mr. Milne for a considerable time, during which he has been acting in the capacity of Missionary under the Revd. Dr. Adie, in the East Church Parish, Dundee. In that capacity I have reason to know that he has displayed most commendable diligence and zeal. He has enjoyed and improved an excellent opportunity of gaining experience in the duties of the Pastoral Office. I have never heard him preach, so that I am unable to bear personal testimony to his qualifications in that particular. But he has been in the practice of conducting divine service at a station on the border of this parish, and I know that his ministrations there have been highly valued. In other respects I consider him to be a gentleman of good and well cultivated talent, of sound views and of excellent principle.

(Signed,)

J. ROBERTSON.

Manse of Mains and Strathmartin, 9th April, 1857.

From the Rev. Dr. Ritchie, Minister of Longforgan.

LONGFORGAN MANSE, 23rd MAY, 1856.

I have known the Reverend John Milne for some time. He came within the bounds of our Presbytery recommended by Prof. Mitchell of St. Andrews, and I have had frequent opportunities of marking his conduct, and of hearing of his diligence and success in his present field of labor. I consider him animated by high principle, and have reason to know that his conduct is marked by the strictest propriety. He possesses a vigorous and active mind and his discourses I believe, are both able and instructive, whilst he has been most faithful in his ministrations from house to house—Mr. Milne has officiated several times for me, though I have not had the satisfaction of hearing him. But from all that I know or have heard concerning him, I have no hesitation in expressing my firm persuasion that he will ever prove himself to be an able and useful servant of Christ.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM RITCHIE, D. D.,
Minister of Longforgan.

From the Rev. Robert Stevenson, A. M., Minister of Forfar.

MANSE OF FORFAR, APRIL 8th, 1857.

The Revd. John Milne at present Assistant to the Revd. Dr. Adie of Dundee, has been well known to me for the last thirteen years. He is a native of Forfar, and has uniformly conducted himself so as to secure respect and esteem. He is possessed of undoubted natural talent, his general scholarship is of a high order, and he has devoted particular attention to the study of Hebrew, so much so that his friends best qualified to form an opinion as to this matter, have brought him forward as a candidate for the vacant office of Professor of Hebrew in Queen's College, Canada.

I cannot doubt that Mr. Milne, if appointed to this honorable and respectable charge, will continue to evince in the wider sphere of duty and influence opened up to him, the same estimable qualities by which hitherto he has been characterized; and will uphold and raise the standard of Biblical learning among the aspirants to the office of the ministry in Canada. Without any reservation or qualification then, I have the pleasure of concurring in the recommendation of Mr. Milne as every way suitable, so far as I can judge, for filling the vacant Professorship.

(Signed,)

ROBERT STEVENSON, A. M.,
Minister of Forfar.