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I SHOULD be glad if anything I can say would be of advantage to Mr. W. S. Milner in his application for the chair of Latin in University College. Our acquaintance has been of long standing, but has been most continuous since his appointment as Lecturer in Latin, four years ago. It may not be out of place to say that I was an unsuccessful applicant for that position, and that there was no other rival in whose selection I could so readily acquiesce. Mr. Milner's appointment has been proved by four years' experience to have been a wise one. In various capacities I have had many opportunities of seeing his work, both before and behind the scenes, and it has been uniformly successful and of an enduring character.

I have heard of no other applicant as yet that in suitability for this particular chair equals Mr. Milner on the score of either attainments or promise. With others, of course, one cannot compare him, but in one respect his qualifications are unique. No other man has so intimate a knowledge of the character of the work now done in Latin in the University, of his predecessor's aims and ideals, and the scope of the new curriculum (which has made a great advance in the Latin department), or is so likely to be able to guide the work of that department smoothly and successfully for the next two or three years. It is quite true that others may be found who promise in the course of a few years to be equally successful, but I see no reason for expecting that they would be more so, while there will always be the danger of ultimate failure, in addition to the shortcomings and dangers of the transition or journeyman period.

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