

distinguished himself also—a thing not ordinarily done by classical scholars of the first rank—in the study of Mathematics. He thus laid the foundation of a wide range of attainments in science as well as literature, which I know, from intercourse with him after he left College, that he continued to improve.

The Parish Schoolmasters of Aberdeen, Banff, and Moray, are, as is well known, men usually of superior education and ability. Mr. Weir, having been appointed to the Parish School of Turriff, soon became conspicuous among them for his zeal and success in the work of Education, and was, partly, I believe, through the influence of the late Professor Menzies, one of the highest Educational authorities in Scotland, promoted to the Rectorship of the Banff Academy. This is an office which, whatever it may be now, was, among teachers at that time, one of proverbial difficulty. Mr. Weir so discharged the duties of that office, while he held it, that for long after he left Scotland, his regime was generally regarded as the Golden Age of that institution.

Of Mr. Weir's professional standing since, others can speak better than myself; I can only say that any students from Kingston that I have met, have spoken of Professor Weir with much affection and respect.

Considering Professor Weir's broad and well-balanced mental culture, his professional enthusiasm and success, and his administrative vigor and independence, I judge him eminently qualified for the office of Inspector of Schools; and I should think, too, that the patrons of the office in question will be fortunate above the common lot, if they find a candidate better able to fill it than Professor Weir.

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