

MEMORANDUM

WITH REFERENCE TO E. M. BEST ESQ.

400 Convent Ave., New York.

January 27th 1920.

Major Best was born in Ontario, and after a somewhat extended experience in business, entered the Springfield College where he followed a course of study extending over three years and graduated in 1911 with the Degree of B.H. (Bachelor of Humanities). I understand that before entering the Springfield College he qualified for and obtained a Teacher's Certificate in the Province of Manitoba. Having graduated from Springfield, he then went to New York University, where he studied two and one half years and obtained the Degree of M.P.D. (Master of Pedagogy).

He then enlisted with the Canadian Y.M.C.A. and went to the front, and eventually had the direction of the entire work of the Canadian Y.M.C.A. in France. Upon the conclusion of the work of the Y.M.C.A. Overseas, Major Best returned to New York University and resumed his studies. He will graduate with the Degree of Doctor of Pedagogy at the conclusion of the session 1919-1920.

While following his course at New York University, he also took courses of study at the Union Theological Seminary of New York. These courses of study comprised Religious Education, etc.

After graduating at Springfield, he was appointed to a position on the Teaching staff there as Professor of Religious Education, and taught for some time. He is still attached to Springfield College with this title and the authorities of Springfield College hope to induce him to return and resume active teaching work when he obtains his Doctor's Degree, at the close of the present session.

Major Best has given me the names of the following gentlemen, as persons who are well acquainted with his studies and attainments, and who would be in a position to give me further information with reference to him, if I desire to write to them:

Dr. Coll, Union Theological Seminary
Dr. H.H. Horn, New York University.