

your Lectures a jejune narration merely—and for investigating thoroughly the questions of Criticism and Belles Lettres, which you will be called to consider. I may add that it is impossible to spend even a short time in your company without observing the Educational and Literary fervour with which you are possessed; a quality which, when united with knowledge and judgment, is of no small value in a Professor.

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**Rev. ALEX. MATHESON, D.D., *St. Andrew's Church, Montreal.***

MONTREAL, Nov. 1st, 1851.

For many years I enjoyed the friendship of the Rev. Henry Esson, and from almost daily intercourse was enabled to form my own judgment of his talents and literary acquirements. These are, in my opinion, of a very high order. Often have I admired the genius displayed in his philosophical speculations, and been much struck with his original views of many doubtful points of history. From the enthusiasm with which he pursued his literary studies, and devoted himself to the instruction of youth, as well as his long experience in teaching the higher branches of Education, I have no doubt that he is well qualified to fill the Chair of Civil History and English Literature in the University of Toronto, for which, I understand, he has been induced to become a Candidate.

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**Rev. ROBERT MCGILL, *St. Paul's Church, Montreal.***

MONTREAL, Nov. 5, 1851.

Having been informed that the Rev. Henry Esson proposes to become a Candidate for the Chair of Civil History and English Literature in the University of Toronto, I am induced to unite with other more competent judges in expressing my conviction of his peculiar and eminent qualifications for that office. The frequent intercourse I had with Mr. Esson in former years, enables me to state that he possesses extensive erudition and singular powers of generalizing and combining his knowledge for the instruction of others, with such skill in the use of the English language, as enables him to express his ideas with uncommon facility in a clear and elegant style. His skill in the learned languages also, and in the Philosophy of Grammar, his practised critical acumen, his habitual enthusiasm in teaching, render him, in my judgment, qualified above most men in this country for that Chair for which he proposes himself a Candidate; and I am well persuaded that his election to it will not only bring honor to the electors, and great advantage to the students who may attend his prelections, but it will afford great satisfaction to many literary men in Canada, who regard Mr. Esson with high estimation on account of his mental energy and varied acquirements.