

From Francis Bowen, LL.D.,

Alford Professor of Moral Philosophy, Harvard University.

Mr. J. G. Hume has been an assiduous and successful student here in the Department of Philosophy during this academic year and obtained at its close the well-merited distinction of a Graduate Fellowship.

It was manifest at the outset that he had much maturity of intellect and had already prosecuted his studies with good results. I think he has the qualifications of critical judgment and original thought which are requisite for success as a teacher of Philosophy, and I confidently commend him as such to any who may have occasion for his services. His demeanor and manners are frank and gentlemanly and he would be sure to win respect and trust from his pupils.

From Dr. Josiah Royce,

Professor of Philosophy, Harvard University.

He has spent the last year here, and in addition to one full College course with me on the Modern History of Nature since Spinoza, he has pursued a special graduate course of Lectures and Theses on Kaut's "Kritik der Keinen Vernunft." This graduate course, adapted as it is to a small company of advanced students, has brought me into pretty close contact with Mr. Hume, so that my opinion of his work is tolerably definite.

Mr. Hume appears to me to have a very strong bent for Philosophical reflection, and a decided constructive and critical talent. He is a progressive man also, with extraordinary powers of work, and has already decidedly high attainments in the History of Philosophy, in Ethics, and in Psychology. In addition to this work with me, Mr. Hume also took a course with Professor James, who is now absent in Europe, but who, from the first, has spoken very highly of Mr. Hume's work with him.

In short, Mr. Hume came amongst us an entire stranger, and has within a year produced a marked impression of his ability and promise, and it is in no perfunctory way that I now recommend him to your most favorable attention as a teacher of Philosophy, who by his views and studies would be likely to continue work in your University along those lines of research which Professor Young specially favored.

[NOTE.—Theses on the following subjects were written during Mr. Hume's residence in Harvard.

FOR PROFESSOR ROYCE:

- "Causation."
- "Evolution."
- "Spinoza's Philosophy and Ethics."
- "Kant's Pre-critical Development."
- "Kant's Theism."

FOR PROFESSOR JAMES:

- "Sensation."

Each was ranked Grade A—over 90 per cent.]

From Francis G. Peabody, LL.D.,

Professor of Ethics, Harvard University.

Mr. Hume studied in the Philosophical courses which I conduct, and distinguished himself as a mature and zealous student, and in my private relations with him I have come to feel great confidence in his character and purposes.

I have no doubt that he will make his way to honorable and useful service.

Few better students have been with me of late years.

From the Rev. Smith Hutcheson,

Mr. Hume's first Pastor.

I firmly believe Mr. Hume would conscientiously discharge the duties of a University teacher with an earnest desire for the welfare and true interests of all students committed to his instruction and care. Mr. Hume joined the membership of Guthrie Church, Oro, while I was Minister there. I am happy to say he is an honor to the church of Christ.

From the Rev. H. M. Parsons,

Pastor of Knox Church, Toronto.

I take great pleasure in commending Mr. James Gibson Hume as a gentleman of unblemished Christian character, and of fine moral reputation. He has been for some years and is still a member of Knox Presbyterian Church.

From the Rev. Alexander Gilray,

Pastor of College Street Presbyterian Church.

From the time Mr. J. G. Hume entered the common school till the present, his course has been one of continued and marked success.

With all his distinguished attainments at home and abroad in the various universities, he has ever borne a character noted for sterling integrity and high moral worth.

Should Mr. Hume receive the position for which he is now an applicant, there is good reason for the confidence that with true independence he will efficiently maintain and advance the work of the late eminent Dr. Young.

The following, among others, have written directly to the Minister of Education:

PROFESSOR WILLIAM JAMES,

Professor of Psychology, Harvard University. Representative of the Psychologists of the United States at the Convention of Psychologists, now being held in Paris, France.

DR. DUREN J. H. WARD,

Professor of History of Philosophy, Harvard University.

J. H. HYSLOP, Ph. D.,

Professor of Philosophy in Columbia College, New York; late Fellow in Johns Hopkins University.

T. M. LOGIE, B.A.,

Late Fellow in Metaphysics and Ethics, and Logic, University of Toronto.

J. C. MORGAN, M.A.,

Inspector of Public Schools for the County of Simcoe.

THE REV. WALTER LAIDLAW, M.A. (Tor.),

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