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MY DEAR MACGREGOR:

You ask me to say something in support of your application for the new Professorship of Physics in Montreal; and though I feel that nothing that I can say can be of much use to one whose scientific work has become so well known, I gladly add my testimony from personal knowledge.

Since we worked together in Professor Tait's Laboratory and I learned much from your habits of painstaking accuracy, I have always followed with interest the progress of your experimental researches. These researches have been carried on under considerable difficulties, but have led to most valuable results, and have shewn marked evidence of experimental skill and of that determined following up of apparently trivial deviations from expected results which is the essential characteristic of a successful investigator. Knowing from my own experience how little time your teaching can leave you for research, I often wonder how you are able to produce so much original work, while the quality of this work makes one wish that you had greater facilities for carrying it on.

Of your published work on Kinematics and Dynamics it is quite unnecessary for me to write; but I cannot refrain from saying that I welcomed its appearance as a most valuable help both to Professors and students, and that I have found it more than equal to my expectations.

I would only say in conclusion that I will consider McGill College extremely fortunate if it secures your services.

Yours very sincerely,

C. MICHIE SMITH,

CAMBRIDGE,
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