

Mr. Esson highly qualified to fill the Chair of Civil History and English Literature, in the Toronto University, for which I understand he is a Candidate, and should rejoice in his appointment, believing that he would be an ornament to the University, and eminently successful in imparting a correct knowledge of History and English Literature, to such as might attend on his instructions, and that he would inspire the youth, who might have the benefit of his varied and extensive knowledge in the above departments of education, with a share of that rare ardour for useful knowledge, which the Rev. Mr. Esson himself so abundantly possesses.

The Rev. M. Y. STARK, Dundas, C. W.

DUNDAS, November 7th, 1851.

* * * I most cordially give my testimony in your favour, as I feel convinced in my own mind, from my knowledge of your high and varied Classical and Literary attainments, your taste and judgment, and your indefatigable ardour and zeal in the cause of instruction, that your appointment to the Chair of Civil History and English Literature, would not only be a benefit to the public at large, but to our own Students in especial, even though your services might thus be withdrawn from Knox's College. I write in haste, heartily wishing that I could do anything to promote your success.

The Rev. G. P. YOUNG, A. M., Edinburgh College, and Minister of Knox's Church, Hamilton, C. W.

I am happy to express my conviction, founded upon personal intercourse, and upon the concurring voices of all from whom I have heard an opinion regarding your qualifications, that you would fill the Chair of Civil History and English Literature in the University of Toronto, in a very efficient manner. Even before I became personally acquainted with you, I had understood from those who had had the best opportunities of judging, that your prelections were distinguished by learning and profundity of thought; and that you entered with singular enthusiasm into every subject which you took up, imparting your own zeal (like a live coal kindling whatever it is in contact with) to the minds of your Students. The interviews which I have myself enjoyed with you have confirmed the statements of others. I have been struck especially with your taste for Mental Philosophy, and with the correct views (as I consider them) which you entertain as to the importance and proper objects of that noble and fundamental science; nor can I doubt, should you be appointed to the Chair for which you are a Candidate, that your enquiries in this field will be found to have prepared you both for treating History in a reflective manner—not making