

**From the Rev. Alexander F. Mitchell, Professor of Hebrew,
St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.**

ST. ANDREWS, 27th FEBY., 1857.

Mr. John Milne, Preacher of the Gospel, has been well known to me for a number of years, and has always been regarded by me as a young man of superior talents, extensive acquirements, amiable manners and exemplary conduct. He passed his Theological Curriculum in St. Mary's College, and in all his classes received the highest commendations for his unremitting application and distinguished success in the prosecution of his studies. In my own department he always held one of the highest places among those of his standing, and delighted me not less by his ardour and perseverance, than by his great and rapid progress. He gained several high prizes, and during the last year of his course when I had also charge of the Class of Systematic Theology he carried off the highest honors in it. By the attainments he then made in the study of Hebrew, Chaldee and Syriac, he laid a good foundation for more extensive acquirements, and from personal intercourse with him, I have reason to know that he has continued to prosecute with ardour the studies to which he was then addicted and I cannot doubt that he is well qualified to instruct others in them. His minute and accurate acquaintance with Systematic Theology, has supplied him with the best material for useful and instructive discourses, and so far as the matter is concerned I have heard few young men indeed whose discourses were so characterized by sound Theology, accurate thought, elegant composition and strong masculine sense. I have heard him expound one of the most difficult texts in the New Testament, and unravel its difficulties with great felicity.

When I consider the attainments he has already made in the study of the Original Scriptures and of Systematic Theology—the habits of research and application he has formed, and the superior talents he possesses, I cannot doubt that he is well qualified to fill with credit to himself and with benefit to others, the high office for which he is now a candidate, nor can I hesitate cordially to recommend him to the patrons as worthy of all confidence and encouragement.

(Signed,)

ALEX. F. MITCHELL,
Prof. of Hebrew, St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.

From the Rev. Robert Haldane.

ST. ANDREWS, 11th FEBY., 1854.

I hereby certify that Mr. John Milne was an occasional Student of Divinity in St. Mary's College during Session 1850-'51 and a regular Student during Sessions 1851-'52, 1852-'53, and is giving regular attendance during the current Session; that he has delivered in the Divinity Hall with much approbation all the exercises prescribed by Acts of Assembly, viz: an Exegesis, a Homily, an Exercise and Addition, a Hebrew Critical Discourse, a Lecture and a Popular Sermon—that throughout his whole course he has been most punctual in his attendance, most correct and exemplary in his whole deportment; and has exhibited most satisfactory proofs of excellent talent and distinguished proficiency as a Theological Student.

(Signed)

ROBT. HALDANE,
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