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Queen's University at Kingston

George Paxton Young says :

" I have a high opinion of Mr. Hume's capacity for the study of Philosophy. His course under me has been purely theoretical. The practical work done in Johns Hopkins will be new to him, but I shall be disappointed if he does not take to it zealously, intelligently, and with results satisfactory to his instructors."

**From Maurice Hutton, M.A.**

Professor of Classics, University of Toronto.

Mr. Hume attended my classes throughout his course, in connection with his classes in Philosophy, and although the task of reading for double honours presents such difficulties that it is now rarely attempted, and although Classics were not his principal subject, he qualified himself for a classical degree with honours. His success in the Department of Philosophy is a sufficient guarantee of his intelligence and mental grasp, but in addition to his other gifts to which his classical work may be permitted to bear testimony—the gift of language, of literary taste, and of expression—his classical papers incidentally proved also that he appreciated the kindred subjects of Law, History, and Political Science generally.

**From J. McD. Duncan, B.A.,**

Late Fellow in Metaphysics and Ethics, and Logic, in University College, and Examiner in Toronto University.

Mr. Hume has had the advantages of a thorough training under the late Professor Young in the Theoretical Department of Philosophy, while his studies at the Universities of Johns Hopkins and Harvard have given him an acquaintance with the results of modern psychological research, and have at the same time widened his knowledge of philosophical theory.

As a result of the diligent pursuit of these different courses of study Mr. Hume is peculiarly well fitted to take charge of the important department for a position at the head of which he is an applicant.

**From John Seath, B.A.,**

Inspector of High Schools for Ontario.

His University standing is a guarantee of his scholarship, and the late Professor Young frequently described him to me as being one of the best, if not the best, of his students. I know of no other Canadian whom I should support so heartily as Mr. Hume for the vacant Professorship in Mental and Moral Science in University College, Toronto.

ALS RECEIVED BY MR. HUME,

ABLE THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

**From Dr. G. Stanley Hall,**

President of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., and late Professor of Psychology in Johns Hopkins University; Editor of the American Journal of Psychology.

Mr. J. G. Hume has spent the academic year now closing in the study of Psychology, History of Philosophy, Neural Histology, and Pedagogics, in this University.

Mr. Hume is a man of great devotion to his chosen field of work and gives promise of eminence.

Had the Department of Philosophy here not been suspended for the present on account of the absence of the Professor in charge, Mr. Hume would have received the Fellowship of that Department, for which he already had all the formal endorsements and commendations over several Graduate students one year nearer their Doctor's degree.

[NOTE.—A thesis on "Theories of Apperception" was presented for the Fellowship in Johns Hopkins University.

**From Dr. G. Stanley Hall,**

[Second Letter].

Mr. J. G. Hume studied one year with me at Baltimore. He showed from the first unusual energy and ability in all his work.

Although experimental Psychology has not been the focus of his philosophical interest, he has a fair theoretical knowledge of it, and has breadth and insight enough to be not lacking in sympathy and appreciation of it.

In the fields of Theory of Knowledge, Ethics, and general History of Philosophy, his attainments are entirely worthy of consideration for the position I understand he seeks at Toronto.

To these, I think about in the order named above, he has devoted his chief attention, and while his work in these topics has come less under my eye, I am persuaded that should he attain distinction in these lines it would be no more than a fulfilment of the decided promise he has already shown.

**From Dr. Richard T. Ely,**

Professor of Political Economy, Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Hume clearly manifested diligence in study and far more than ordinary native ability. I regard him as one of the most promising of my graduate class of the past year.

**From Dr. D. C. Gilman,**

President of Johns Hopkins University.

It gives me pleasure to endorse and confirm the certificates given by my colleagues, Dr. Stanley Hall and Dr. R. T. Ely, to Mr. J. G. Hume.

During Mr. Hume's residence among us I saw a good deal of him and formed a high opinion of his character, talents, and attainments, and it was a sincere regret to me and to others that the resignation of the Professor of Psychology, and the consequent interruption of our Philosophical courses, prevented Mr. Hume from remaining in Baltimore and proceeding to honors.