

## SKETCH OF CAREER

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Professor John P. Stephen has been intimately and most favorably known to me during his whole professional career. This began with a course of training in the McGill Normal School which he pursued with conspicuous success in all the subjects of a wide curriculum, especially in elocution. He was a favorite private and class pupil of the late John Andrew, long and widely known as a most successful teacher of elocution. At the close of each year of his course, in addition to his diplomas as a trained teacher, Mr. Stephen was awarded the highest honours in Elocution.

Having at once taken up the duties for which he had diligently prepared himself, within a year or two we find Mr. Stephen appointed Head Master of the McGill Model School, where he acquitted himself well. But he had decided to devote his talent and energy to the teaching of elocution, and, greatly to the regret of all concerned, insisted upon the acceptance of his resignation.

After two years spent in study and travel abroad, establishing his reputation, he was appointed Professor of Oratory in the Western University of Pennsylvania, being at the same time Instructor in Elocution in the Park Institute, in three theological seminaries and periodically in the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and in the New York Conservatory of Music.

These positions he resigned at the united request of the several authorities of the McGill University, the McGill Normal School and the High School of Montreal, largely on the initiative of the late Vice Chancellor and Principal of McGill University, Sir William Dawson, and Professor Stephen entered upon that course of elocutionary instruction to which the institutions just named and others of no minor importance have been for many years indebted.

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