

any capacity, whether within or beyond the circle of his own immediate engagements and responsibilities.

In name and by appointment of the Committee or Council.

(Signed) MICHAEL WILLIS, D.D.,  
*Professor of Theology, and Chairman of Council.*

*The Rev. JOHN MACHAR, D. D., Principal of the University of Queen's College.*

KINGSTON, October 31st, 1851.

Having been asked to state my opinion of the qualifications of the Rev. Professor Esson, for the newly erected Chair of Civil History and English Literature in the University of Toronto, for which he is now a Candidate, I cheerfully comply with the request. I have known Professor Esson for many years, and from that knowledge of him I can freely state that I regard his qualifications, both Literary and Educational, as of a superior order. He possesses high talent; his attainments as a scholar are at once extensive and accurate, and though from distance of situation, I have not had opportunity of witnessing his success as a Teacher, I have every reason to believe, that it has been great, and that as the greater part of his life has been spent in the pursuits of Literature and Education, so he would be found to be fitted, in no ordinary degree, for directing the studies of the youth of our land in that particular department in which he aspires to be employed.

*DONALD MCKENZIE, Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, Zorra.*

ZORRA, Nov. 13th, 1851.

I have been acquainted with the Rev. Henry Esson, Professor of General History and Moral Philosophy in Knox's College, Toronto, for upwards of sixteen years, and I have great pleasure in stating that, in private life, Mr. Esson is a gentleman of a very amiable and benevolent disposition, and strictly correct in his moral character. As a teacher of youth, Mr. Esson stands pre-eminent, by reason of the zeal, pains-taking, and indomitable energy, with which he is so remarkably furnished. As a Classical Scholar and a Moral Philosopher, Mr. Esson has always held a distinguished place among his friends and acquaintances. I have reason to know well that Mr. Esson is very minutely and extensively acquainted with Civil History and English Literature, having attended the examinations of his Students at Knox's College, and also having incidentally seen, some years ago, the result of his historical researches, and I take the liberty to say, that I consider the Rev.