

XIV.—*From the Rev. ROBERT VAUGHAN, D.D., Principal of Lancashire Independent College, and late Professor of History, University College, London; Author of "The History of England under the House of Stuart;" "The Protectorate of Oliver Cromwell," &c.*

MANCHESTER, October 6, 1851.

MY DEAR SIR,—The proofs of your taste, acquirements, and power, on matters of Art and Literature, and especially in relation to History, which have come before me, fully warrant me in saying, that should the Chair of History and English Literature in the University of Toronto be assigned to you, I feel assured that the duties of that trust will be discharged by you with a high degree of efficiency.—I am, &c.

ROBERT VAUGHAN.

XV.—*From LYON PLAYFAIR, Ph.D., F.R.S., Lecturer on Chemistry to the Government School of Mines, Museum of Practical Geology, London.*

LONDON, October 3, 1851.

DEAR SIR,—I am glad to learn that you are a Candidate for the Chair of History and English Literature in the University of Toronto. I have had the pleasure of knowing you for many years, and it gives me much pleasure to bear my testimony to your peculiar qualifications for this important office. In addition to your literary attainments, long recognised by the public as of a high order, your antiquarian knowledge gives a further guarantee of your fitness for this office. I feel that an opinion from myself on these subjects can have so little weight in comparison with that expressed by your eminent literary friends, that I can only further assure you that it will give me much pleasure to congratulate you on your success.—I am, &c.

LYON PLAYFAIR. . . .