

APPLICATION
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J. G. HUME, M. A.,
FOR THE
CHAIR OF METAPHYSICS AND ETHICS, AND LOGIC,
IN THE
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

TO THE

TORONTO, August 14th, 1889.

Hon. G. W. Ross, LL.D.,

Minister of Education for Ontario.

SIR,—I beg leave to make application for the Chair of Metaphysics and Ethics, and Logic, in the University of Toronto.

For a record of my standing in the University, I refer you to the Registrar's statement herewith submitted.

On receiving my Degree of B.A., I at once entered upon a post-graduate course of study in Johns Hopkins University. At the mid-year's Examination I obtained the highest rank in Philosophy, and at the close of the session I won the nomination to the Fellowship in Psychology.

The following year I continued my studies in Philosophy, Psychology, and Ethics, in Harvard University. At the mid-year's Examination I won highest standing, Grade A, over 90 %, in each subject, and was awarded the Thayer Scholarship in Philosophy. At the end of the session I successfully passed the Examination for the Degree of M.A., and was appointed Roger's Fellow in Ethics.

Throughout my whole course I have endeavored to do thorough work. The fact that I gained in Johns Hopkins University the highest standing in Philosophy, and afterwards the same in Psychology, and at Harvard University the Scholarship in Philosophy and the Fellowship in Ethics, is evidence that Philosophy, Psychology, and Ethics, have alike received their due share of attention.

Should you see fit to honor me with the appointment, I should be willing to undertake the work at once, if you desired it, and would do my utmost to give satisfaction. I believe that my familiarity with the work as previously carried on in the University of Toronto, and my subsequent training in Johns Hopkins University and Harvard, should render me competent to take charge of the Philosophical Department; yet I feel convinced that it would be not only advantageous to myself, but also for the best interests of the University, if I were allowed some further time to continue my studies before undertaking the active duties of teaching. This manner of appointment would be in accordance with the well-established custom in many of the best American universities of choosing a candidate from among the graduates of the university, and allowing him time to equip himself thoroughly for the duties of an important and responsible position. It would, moreover, give an opportunity for careful preparation specially directed to the peculiar needs of this particular Department, and would also pay a fitting tribute of respect and honor to the vacant Chair.

I enclose a number of testimonials from former instructors. For the estimation in which I am held by the staff of the University of Toronto you will doubtless prefer to make direct enquiries.

I also enclose a copy of a letter of introduction given me in 1887 by my revered teacher, the late Professor George Paxton Young.

If I am honored with the appointment, it shall be my constant aim to emulate the example of a noble predecessor, and to prove myself worthy of the confidence reposed in me.

I am,

Honorable Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES GIBSON HUME.

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