

XXIV. From G. H. RYLAND, Esq.

OUTREMONT, MONTREAL, 20th Nov. 1855.

DEAR Sir,—I know not whether my testimonial or recommendation of mine will avail you in your intended application for the Mathematical Mastership in the Royal Grammar School at Toronto. And yet having had three sons under your charge, two of whom were brought up as Civil Engineers, and having moreover been present at the annual examination of the different classes in the High School at Montreal, no man should be better qualified than I am to express an opinion in regard to your rare acquirements and ability as a teacher.

And yet had I not myself been brought up at one of the first public Schools in England, under Masters who were pre-eminently conspicuous for their mathematical and classical acquirements, I might possibly have felt diffident in expressing an opinion on your merits. But as it is I have no hesitation in saying, that one better qualified than yourself to fill the situation you aspire to cannot be found in Canada (if elsewhere,) and if the new and truly sensible doctrine be, in the present instance, followed out, of putting the right man in the right place, those with whom the appointment rests will have every reason to rejoice that they have found in you a gentleman combining all the essential qualifications which a father would desire in the man to whom he was about to entrust the education and mental development of his child.

Wishing you success, believe me ever truly yours.

G. H. RYLAND.

XXV. From HEW RAMSAY, Esq., one of the Governors of McGill College.

MONTREAL, 23rd Nov., 1855.

This is to Certify, that Mr. David Rodger has been employed for many years past as a Teacher in the High School of Montreal, and subsequently in the High School Department of McGill College. From the offices I have held in both Institutions, I