

Having been associated with Mr. Wetherell, B.A., on the staff of the Strathroy Collegiate Institute for six years,—two years as Mathematical and Science Master and four years as Science Master, I had ample opportunity of forming a correct estimate of him as a Head Master and a Teacher. I have, therefore, very great pleasure in testifying of him as follows :—

As a Head Master, Mr. Wetherell is an excellent organizer, a first-class manager, and a thorough disciplinarian. I regard him in this respect as the best I ever met. He possesses the rare and happy “knack” of managing his assistants and pupils without appearing to do so. He always aims at developing a spirit of true manliness among the students, and in this he was peculiarly successful.

As a teacher, he is accurate, energetic, painstaking, conscientious, and eminently successful and thoroughly devoted to his profession.

As a man, I found him kind, just, upright, manly and straightforward, possessing in a high degree genuine honesty and sturdy independence of character.

He enjoys the confidence of the Collegiate Institute Board here to the fullest extent with whom he has always worked in the most harmonious manner.

The present large and increased attendance at the Institute here, and its very efficient state, as well as its phenomenal growth and success since Mr. Wetherell became Principal, all furnish abundant evidence of the truth of what I have just said. His accurate and ripe scholarship, his varied experience as a teacher and Head Master, and his superior talents as a manager, as well as his wonderful capacity for work, render him, in my humble opinion, peculiarly well qualified to take charge of Toronto's New Collegiate Institute, where he will have a wider field of usefulness, and, if appointed, make it speedily rank among the best if not the very best Institute in the Province.

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Now Public School Inspector of West Middlesex.

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