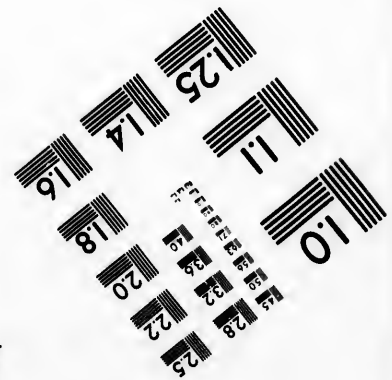
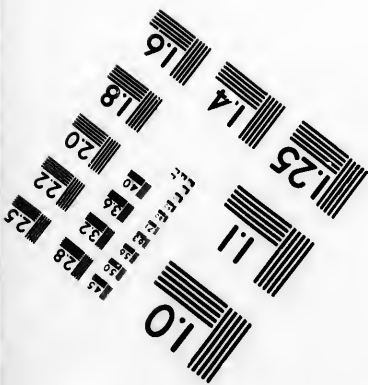
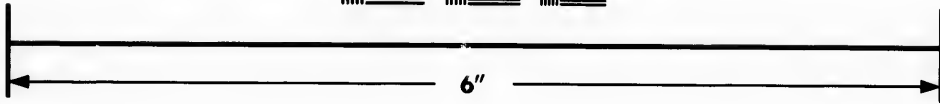
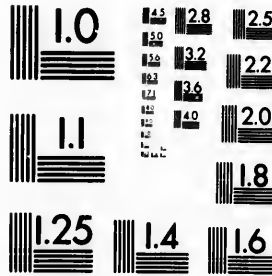


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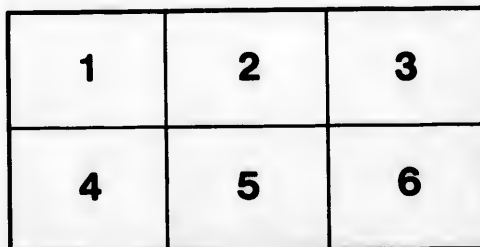
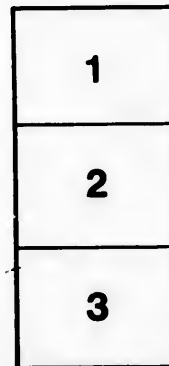
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Supplementary Testimonials

—OF—

J. E. WETHERELL, B.A.

PRINCIPAL OF

STRATHROY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

—AND—

PROVINCIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE.

1891.

*To the Board of Trustees of the Collegiate Institutes
of Toronto :*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN :—

In order to lay before you in the clearest light my varied claims to the Principalship of the new Collegiate Institute I beg to supplement the testimonials that I have already placed in your hands. These additional evidences of my fitness for the position that I seek will enable you to form a more intelligent judgment when you come to weigh the qualifications of the different candidates.

Your obedient servant,

J. E. WETHERELL.

Strathroy, Feb. 2nd, 1891.

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FROM FORMER ASSISTANT TEACHERS.

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Having been acquainted with Mr. J. E. Wetherell, B. A., from his college days, and having since then been associated with him for a considerable time in educational work, I can speak from personal knowledge respecting his especial fitness for the important position to which he seeks appointment. In the work of school organization and discipline, he has been eminently successful, of which the high degree of excellence to which he rapidly raised the Strathroy Collegiate Institute, and which it has steadily maintained under his management, is abundant proof. His extensive and accurate acquirements in his special department of the Ancient Classics are widely known, both from his University career, the excellent annotated editions of Latin texts he has prepared and published for High School use, and the high standing his pupils have uniformly secured at the Matriculation examinations. Mr. Wetherell has been, also, since I have known him, an ardent student of the English Classics, and is himself one of our best writers of English prose, which, added to many years of experience in teaching, would place him in the front rank of English masters. I have, therefore, the fullest confidence in recommending him as in every way highly qualified for the Principalship of Toronto's New Institute, and have good reason to believe I should be justified in assuring the Board of Trustees that Mr. Wetherell would be the first choice of the majority of the Head Masters of Ontario.

M. S. CLARK, B. A.,

Prof. of Modern Languages MacMaster University,
Late Modern Language Master of Strathroy Coll. Inst.

Toronto, Jan. 21, 1891.

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.

H. D. JOHNSON,

Late Science Master of the Strathroy Collegiate Institute,
Now Public School Inspector of West Middlesex.

Strathroy, Jan. 26th, 1891.

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GODERICH, JAN. 20TH, 1891.

This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with the management, &c., of the St. Mary's and Strathroy Collegiate Institutes under the Principalship of J. E. Wetherell, Esq. As a master in these schools I had ample opportunity to observe the workings of the schools under Mr. Wetherell.

As Principal of a large school I am satisfied Mr. Wetherell has no superior and few equals. His ripe scholarship and intimate acquaintance with the best methods of education win the admiration and esteem of the masters and pupils of his school. He is a man of great energy and tact. The discipline and management of his schools have been the very best. While he never interfered with the rights of the masters he made himself familiar with everything connected with each form, and was always ready and willing to put right anything which required his attention.

Mr. Wetherell is a leader in his school and not simply an overseer of the work assigned to others. His earnestness, sympathy, and love for his work inspire his colleagues and pupils, and create an enthusiasm which ensures success. His willingness to share the work and honors of the school with the masters secures their good-will and hearty support. This I consider a most important qualification for Principal of a large school. I consider Mr. Wetherell in every respect one of the best educators and disciplinarians in our Province. His work and management in St. Mary's and Strathroy warrant me in saying that any school of which he is Principal will rank among the highest.

JOHN ELGIN TOM,
Inspector of Public Schools West Huron.

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DEWSON ST. SCHOOL,
Toronto, January 29th, 1891.

I hereby certify that, having taught for over two years as Assistant Master in Strathroy Collegiate Institute, I know Mr. J. E. Wetherell, the Principal, to be an excellent teacher.

Mr. Wetherell's personal character is in every respect unimpeachable, and such as gives him rare qualifications for inspiring youth with high moral tone and manly spirit. I am satisfied that his whole influence is conducive to the production of the most wholesome type of character in his pupils.

Of his professional efficiency, I am in a position to speak with the utmost confidence. Mr. Wetherell's manner is firm, dignified and even; his control of his classes and school perfect; and his method of instruction luminous, and concise in language. His calm self-possession and excellent judgment admirably fit him for governing a school, while his weight of character secures the respect and co-operation of Assistant Teachers.

I can say, without exaggeration, that in all the qualities that constitute a successful teacher or an efficient principal he has few equals in the Province.

M. PARKINSON,
Principal Dewson St. School.

COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE,
Woodstock, Jan. 20th, 1891.

It affords me great pleasure to bear testimony to the high character and eminent qualifications of Mr. J. E. Wetherell, B.A.

When Mr. Wetherell was principal of St. Mary's Collegiate Institute I attended as a pupil, and was afterwards an assistant teacher under him. I found him uniformly kind, courteous and dignified. His teaching was characteristic for its high moral tone and great earnestness. The high respect he commands and his keen insight into character make discipline easy to him, and the work of government light.

Mr. Wetherell very greatly increased the already high reputation of the St. Mary's school.

T. H. LENNOX, B. A.,
Science Master W. C. I.

TORONTO, JAN. 20th, 1891.

During the year 1884-85 I was a teacher in Strathroy Collegiate Institute, under the Principalship of Mr. J. E. Wetherell. From my knowledge of Mr. Wetherell I believe him to be one of the most successful Principals in my acquaintance. Under his guidance, the Institute has risen from a mediocre grade to be one of the foremost in the Province—a progress which I attribute largely to the Principal's tact, skill and diligence.

W. HARLEY SMITH, B. A., M. D.,

HARRISTON, JAN. 22nd, 1891.

I have much pleasure in stating that I am well acquainted with Mr. Wetherell, of Strathroy Collegiate Institute, and that I have long held him in high esteem, both as a gentleman and a teacher. While he was Head Master of St. Mary's Collegiate Institute I was, for part of the time, one of his staff, and found him a faithful teacher as well as an excellent manager of a large school.

I have no hesitation in testifying that Mr. Wetherell is an eager student, a good scholar, and a very able and successful educator.

JAS. McMURCHIE, M. A.,
Principal Harriston High School.

TORONTO, JAN. 21st, 1891.

I have much pleasure in expressing the respect I entertain for the abilities, classical attainments and teaching powers of Mr. J. E. Wetherell, B.A.

While Mr. Wetherell was Principal of the St. Mary's Collegiate Institute I was Mathematical Master, and therefore had good opportunities of forming a judgment as to Mr. Wetherell's success as a teacher. His scholarship is undoubted, and

together with his manliness, gained for him the respect and good will, not only of his fellow teachers but also of his scholars.

In every way Mr. Wetherell showed that he was a true teacher. He devoted himself with great energy and success to his work and proved himself to be a thorough disciplinarian and to have excellent administrative powers.

J. M. CLARK, M. A.

**FROM TEAGHERS-IN-TRAINING AT
STRATHROY TRAINING
INSTITUTE.**

It was my good fortune, in the Fall of 1886, to attend the Strathroy Training Institute under the management of Mr. J. E. Wetherell, B. A. Aside from the excellent teaching, I was at once struck by the superior system, school government and discipline, that prevailed. Never before had I witnessed such perfect organization and management. Never since have I seen it equalled.

Mr. Wetherell is a gentleman of sterling character, a distinguished classical and literary scholar, a man of wide culture and one who is held in highest esteem by all who know him.

In my judgment, Mr. Wetherell is the ablest and most successful Principal of a Collegiate or Training Institute in Ontario.

J. W. GARVIN, B. A.,

Principal of Woodstock Model and Public Schools.
Woodstock, Jan 23rd, 1891.

While a teacher-in-training in the Strathroy Training Institute in 1886 I very much admired the way in which the school was managed by the able Principal, Mr. J. E. Wetherell, B. A.

Mr. Wetherell's accurate scholarship and his ability are well known in this Province. After observing his daily work

for some months I can say that in my opinion he is both an excellent teacher and a very successful administrator. His power of management and discipline (in his discipline there is nothing of harshness) are such that his large school under perfect control runs with wonderful smoothness.

I think that Mr. Wetherell is well-fitted to establish or maintain a high reputation for any Collegiate Institute in Ontario whose Board may be so fortunate as to secure his services.

F. C. COLBECK, B. A.,
Head Master Dundas High School.

Dundas, Jan. 22nd, 1891.

This is to certify that I had the privilege of attending the Strathroy Training Institute under the able management of Mr. J. E. Wetherell, B. A., in the year 1887. In common with my fellow teachers-in-training, I could not but admire Mr. Wetherell's excellent management. Notwithstanding the large attendance at this deservedly popular school, perfect discipline prevailed and at the same time a healthy spirit of emulation. I found Mr. Wetherell also a thorough teacher, painstaking and systematic, and I have not since been surprised to hear of the success of the Strathroy Collegiate Institute. I may add that an acquaintance of mine, well-known for his scholarly attainments, once said that Mr. Wetherell's Latin texts were the only Canadian Latin publications really accurate and trustworthy.

Mr. Wetherell's experience and well-known success as a Head Master place him in the front rank of his profession, and entitle him to the highest position possible in our Collegiate Institutes.

CEPHAS GUILLET, B. A.,
Modern Language Master Ottawa Collegiate Institute

I have much pleasure in bearing witness to the efficiency with which the Strathroy Collegiate Institute was conducted by Mr. Wetherell during my term of attendance there as teacher-in-training.

After five years' experience in High Schools, I can say that his discipline and methods of tuition are superior to any I have observed elsewhere.

I have found Mr. Wetherell's Text-Books on Literature of great assistance in teaching English. The explanations are clear and to the point, and could not fail to be satisfactory.

NELLIE MOTT, B. A.,
Modern Language Assistant, High School, Lucan.

**FROM FORMER PUPILS WHO ARE NOW
HEADMASTERS OR SPECIALISTS
IN LARGE SCHOOLS.**

I gladly testify to the success of Mr. J. E. Wetherell, B. A., as a Head Master. My knowledge of his work extends to the two Collegiate Institutes with which he has been connected. As a pupil of the St. Mary's Collegiate Institute, I saw him raise that school to a still higher position among the first in the Province. From St. Marys Mr. Wetherell went to Strathroy. Under his management, a fourth-rate school became, in a few years, the first in the Province. As a teacher-in-training at the Strathroy Collegiate Institute I was able to appreciate more fully his wonderful power of management and his executive ability. All the teachers-in-training admired the smoothness, ease and precision with which the machinery of the Collegiate Institute worked. To be brief, I believe Mr. Wetherell is the best headmaster in the Province.

G. D. WILSON, B. A.,
Head Master Glencoe High School.

Glencoe, Jan. 29th, 1891.

It is with pleasure I recall memories of my school days, spent in this school where I am now engaged as teacher. The old desks, the pictures on the wall, the monograms scratched upon the window panes, are continually reminding one of former students and former teachers.

Among the latter I speak with pleasure of Mr. J. E. Wetherell, who was Head Master of the school over four years, before going to take the position he has ever since held of Head Master of Strathroy Collegiate Institute. As an earnest, painstaking teacher, Mr. Wetherell has, I believe, no superior in the Province. He devoted himself entirely to his work as master of the school, and sought neither favor nor fame from any other source.

As an old pupil of his, I have watched his career with considerable interest, and am convinced that he still pursues the same methods.

I need not speak of the eminent success of his work. That is already known to the whole Province; but I wish to emphasize the fact, that that success has been achieved by a devotion to the principles of truth and right.

S. MARTIN, B. A.,
Head Master Collegiate Institute.

St. Marys, Jan. 24, 1891.

I have much pleasure in testifying to Mr. Wetherell's ability as a Principal. I was under him for two years when he was Principal of St. Mary's Collegiate Institute, and during that time I had, in common with my fellow pupils, the highest regard for him as the head of the school and as a gentleman. He sent up to Toronto one of the best matriculation classes, I believe, that has ever been sent up by any school. It has been and always will be a pleasure to me to hear of his well-merited advancement.

RALPH ROSS, B. A.,
Assistant Master Peterboro Coll. Inst.

Peterboro, Jan. 24th, 1890.

I was a pupil of the St. Mary's Collegiate Institute four years while Mr. Wetherell was Head Master. The progress of the school during that time was, to say the least, phenomenal, and the standing taken by it among the schools of the Province was unprecedented, taking the size of the town into consideration, and has never been surpassed except by that of the Strathroy Collegiate Institute since Mr. Wetherell went there. As a Head Master he was a very diplomatist in his dealings with the pupils. As a teacher he was kind, energetic and zealous, ever ready to help the pupils out of their difficulties.

ANDREW A. KNOX, B. A.,

Science Master Chatham Coll. Inst.

Chatham, Jan. 24th, 1891.

I have much pleasure in certifying that I was a pupil in St. Mary's Collegiate Institute when Mr. J. E. Wetherell, B. A., was principal of that institute, and have had opportunities of judging of his work as Principal of Strathroy Collegiate Institute.

He is a genuine teacher, able to present his work in an interesting manner, excellent in discipline, devoted to the interests of his school and ready to perform any amount of work in the interests of his pupils.

I think it is due him to say that for thoroughness in the organization and management of a large school he is unsurpassed in the Province.

I have many kind recollections of his faithfulness as a teacher, and as an old pupil, it affords me much pleasure to certify to his abilities.

J. A. GIFFIN, B. A.,

Science Master Clinton Collegiate Institute.

Clinton, Jan. 21, 1891.

I have been acquainted with Mr. J. E. Wetherell, B. A., Principal of Strathroy Collegiate Institute, for about ten years. As a pupil under him for several years in the St. Mary's Collegiate Institute, I can bear ample testimony to his high ability both as a Principal and a teacher. Under his Principalship the above school reached a very high degree of efficiency.

Mr. Wetherell has also edited very ably several classical and English Text-Books, which, while engaged in teaching these branches, I have found very valuable both to teachers and students.

C. S. KERR, B. A..

Classical Master Woodstock Coll Inst.



GENERAL TESTIMONIALS.



(Strathroy Age, Jan. 22nd, 1891.)

The continued increase in the attendance at the Strathroy Collegiate Institute is another proof of what a definite and persistent adherence to a well marked out policy can do. Nobody can say that Strathroy has exceptional advantages as the centre of a district pre-eminently marked out for success in High School work. Yet in spite of the fact that a new high school has just been opened in Forest, and although the Glencoe High School has circumscribed the area from which pupils are naturally drawn, the attendance at the Collegiate Institute here is now two hundred and fifty-six, or about forty in excess of any previous term in the school's history. The tuition fees contributed by the pupils is \$250 in excess of the amount paid in the same term last year. The school has now a provincial reputation, its pupils come from every section of the province and the tuition imparted has made its graduates a name in all ranks of life.

I have much pleasure in testifying that I believe Mr. J. E. Wetherell to possess the very highest qualifications for Principal of any of our best Collegiate Institutes. I say this having known Mr. Wetherell for many years, and from knowing his successful career as a student and scholar of the University, and his success as head of two of the most progressive Collegiate Institutes in the country. I can scarcely conceive of qualifications for the post he is seeking higher or more complete than those possessed by Mr. Wetherell.

J. E. BRYANT, M. A.,

Late Principal Galt Collegiate Institute and
formerly Principal of Pickering College.

Toronto, Jan, 26th, 1891.

I first became acquainted with Mr. J. E. Wetherell while he was a student at University College, Toronto, and during his College course I know he earned the highest respect of his fellow students for his ability, attainments and integrity. Since his graduation he has been engaged in teaching and has justified by the thoroughness and success of his work the high expectations which were formed of him.

S. C. SMOKE, B. A.

Toronto, Jan. 19th, 1891.

It is with pleasure that I bear the following testimony to Mr. Wetherell's standing both as a scholar and as a teacher. His college course was a distinguished one, his scholarship both in point of accuracy and thoroughness being highly spoken of. This reputation he has fully sustained since graduation; and of this his work in annotating Latin Texts affords the most ample proof. On the portion of Virgil annotated by him I have found his notes very useful, and always scholarly and marked by good taste.

As teacher he ranks very high. Although having no personal knowledge on this point, yet his reputation, and the high

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position maintained by the Strathroy Collegiate Institute under his principalship, leaves no room to doubt that in this respect too he stands in the very front rank.

J. MORGAN, M. A.,
Principal Walkerton High School.



