TO THE GOVERNORS OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY:

Gentlemen: -

Having heard that Dr Darey is about to retire from the professorship of French Language and Literature, I beg to present myself as an applicant for the position.

Permit me to say that for the past nine years I have been connected with the McGill University as professor of French language and literature in two of its affiliated Colleges.

Six of these years as professor in Morkin College, Quebec, and the remaining three as Principal of St Francis College Richmond.

Though I am of Swiss origin, I was born in France and French is my mother-tongue, and having taken in English, the full course prescribed for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, I have become quite conversant with the English language.

References kindly permitted to the following gentlemen, who are able to speak to my qualifications:-

The Right Hon Lord Aylmer, President of St Francis College, Richmond.

The Hon Col Henry Aylmer, B. C. L., A Trustee of St Francis College, Richmond.

The Rev D. Kellock, M. A., Ph. D., A Trustee of St Francis College, Richmond.

The Rev James Hepburn, M. A., Rector, Richmond. The Rev A. T. Love, B. A., Vice-Principal of

Morrin College, Quebec.

A. H. Cook, Esq. B. A., Secretary to the Governors of Morrin College, Quebec.

The Rev D. H. MacVicar, D. D., L. L. D., Principal of the Presbyterian College Montre-

Pierre J. Darey, M. A., B. C. L., L. L. D., Officier d'Academie, Professor of French Language and Literature.

Rev Daniel Coussirat, B. A., D. D., Officier d'Academie, Presbyterian College Montreal.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

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Richmond, Q., 19 March, 1895.

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The Governors of McGill College,

Montreal.

I have much pleasure in certifying that I have been personally acquainted with the Rev'd Mr. Tanner for many years, for several of which he has been Principal of St. Francis Boblege here.

He is a man universally respected, and recognized as a capable, zealous and successful teacher. A thorough master of both the English and French language. I have attended his classes in the latter and found him specially painstaking in teaching correct pronunciation pointing out the difference between that of old France and French Canadian. I consider him to be eminently qualified to succeed Professor Darey, for whose vacancy I understand he is an applicant.

HENRY AYLMER.

Richmond, Que.

March, 14, 1895.

To whom it may concern:

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This is to certify that the bearer - Rev.

Principal Tanner - is well known to me and that he has occupied the position in St. Francis College here of Principal, and Professor of the French Department in School and College for the last three years. During this term of office he has been eminently successful in imparting a knowledge of the French Language and Literature to the many who have come under his care. He has also had a similarly successful career as a French professor, in Morvin College, Quebec, where he taught for six years. Being a native of France he is fully capable of giving the European pronunciation, and of calling attention to the difference between that mode of pronunciation and the one in use in this country.

As a teacher, it may safely be affirmed of Principal Tanner, that but few men have as great power, in enlisting the interest of their students in their subjects, or, of attracting them to himself as their teacher.

Having been for so long a time in connection with affiliated branches of McGill University he is fully in sympathy and touch with the Common Alma Mater, and if elected to the position he now seeks, fully qualified in every way to enter upon its duties.

As he is a Minister of the Gospel in good and regular standing with his own Church, and so widely known throughout the Province of Quebec, any attestation as to moral character is deemed superfluous.

As a trustee of St. Francis College, I should be delighted to hear that I have been instrumental in any degree, in promoting his views, in any direction.

D. KELLOCK, M. A., Ph. D.

Richmond, Que.

To

The Governors of McGill College,

Montreal.

Dear Sirs:-

I desire to send a line to you in behalf of the Rev.

Mr. Tanner in regard to his application for the position of Teacher

of French in McGill.

He is a native of France, and has now spent many years in Canada, and always in places abounding with French, so that he is Master of French as spoken in the Old Country and in this— This must be a very decided advantage — Then his mastery of English is thorough, so that he might pass for an Englishman.

This winter I have been present often at a class learning Colloquial French with him and can speak with some authority.

Mr. Tanner has had a good deal of experience in teaching. He has filled the position of Principal of St. Francis College very satisfactorily. He is a man of great energy of character and is also very genial and kind, well fitted to win the hearts of pupils.

I would not presume from my position to offer these remarks; but it has been suggested to me that they might be of some worth to Mr. Tanner and so I send them readily.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES HEPBURN.

Rector of Richmond.