

From JOHN HAY ARTHUR, Esq., Solicitor, Dornoch.

20/6/05.

MR JOHN MACDONALD, Detective Superintendent, City Police, Dundee, is very well known to me.

I have been acquainted with him for over nine years. When he left Dornoch Public School he came to me as a Clerk, and he was in my employment in that capacity to the end of October, 1898. During the whole of that time he gave me entire satisfaction. He was most careful and accurate at his work, very obliging, thoroughly reliable in every way, and he proved himself to be a most useful assistant.

He left me to join the Police Force in the City of Dundee, and the very rapid promotion which he has received there is clearly indicative that he is a young man who is determined to succeed in life.

He is a man of excellent character, sterling qualities, active and very steady habits, very smart appearance, and of more than ordinary abilities.

I have a very high opinion of Mr Macdonald, and I wish him every success in life.

(Signed) JOHN HAY ARTHUR.

From ALEXANDER ANGUS, Esq., M.A., Divisional Inspector of Education,
West Riding County Council, Yorks.

17/6/05

It gives me very great pleasure to state that Mr JOHN MACDONALD was a pupil under me in the Secondary Department of Dornoch Academy for over four years, and that I have followed with keen interest and satisfaction his successful career since leaving that Institution.

Mr Macdonald was a student of great promise, taking a very good place in all his classes and excelling in Mathematics. In a Competition for Bursaries open to the whole County, in which over one hundred competitors took part, he stood first, and it was a great disappointment to me when he decided to go into business in a Lawyer's office instead of proceeding to the University, where, I am convinced, his abilities would have secured him a very high position as a scholar.

Even when a lad, Mr Macdonald was a leader among his fellows, and gave evidence of that firmness of character and strength of will which, I believe, has been no small factor in his rapid promotion. His influence was always for good amongst his comrades, and, as a pupil, I admired his straightforward, manly behaviour, as well as his obliging, unselfish disposition.

From what I know of Mr Macdonald's ability and character, I look forward to his one day occupying a very high position in the profession he has chosen, and for which his training as a young man has been so thorough.

(Signed) ALEXANDER ANGUS, M.A.