

University College  
London, March 898

12(108)

Dear Professor Fitzgerald

I should esteem  
it a great favour if you  
would give me your private  
opinion as to the capacity  
as (i) physicists (ii) teachers and  
(iii) men of the following  
who are candidates for the  
vacant chair of Physics at our  
College - Andrew Gray of  
Bangor, Kuenen of Dundee,  
Cullendar of Montreal. We  
are not bound, however, to  
appoint a man who has

actually applied, we have reason to believe that Shelford of Sydney, and Sylvanus Thompson might accept if asked. I should be very glad to have your views also on these men, and anything you care to say will be considered as confidential. Lastly I should further be glad of any suggestion you might care to make of men whom you think would be good men for the post and whom you think we might do well to sound. The post involves a good deal of elementary teaching, but it ought to

become more important should we ever get a Teaching minority in London.

Yours very faithfully  
Karl Pearson.

12/108