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# T E S T I M O N I A L S

IN FAVOUR OF

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62 CAMBRIDGE STREET,  
GLASGOW, 8th June, 1872.

*To the*

RIGHT HONOURABLE H. A. BRUCE,  
*H.M. Secretary of State for the Home Department.*

SIR,

I very respectfully offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence now vacant in Glasgow University.

The accompanying opinions of men of high character and of scientific eminence, convey the claims on which, as a practical Physician and Teacher, I venture to solicit your patronage.

These Testimonials will show, I trust, that I am known personally and by reputation to many distinguished cultivators of Pathology and Medicine in Britain, and that I have, with considerable advantages and some success, prosecuted Chemical, Microscopical, and Pathological researches in connection with Medico-Legal Investigations, and questions of Public Hygiene. With regard to my qualifications as a Lecturer, and power of instructing and interesting the Student, these credentials are also most explicit.

The proofs I have drawn from the past, that the study of, and practical exercises in, Forensic Medicine, have been, and continue to be, with me a *Professional specialty*, are the best guarantee I can now offer of the sincerity of my desire to uphold the future fame of the Chair now vacant, to the best of my ability.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your very obedient Servant,

JAMES ADAMS.



*WRITINGS on various subjects in Practical Medicine, Medical Jurisprudence, and Public Hygiene, by Dr. ADAMS.*

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### FIRST SERIES.

#### *From Medical Practitioners in Glasgow.*

WE, the undersigned Practitioners of Medicine in Glasgow, feel much pleasure in bearing testimony to the medical acquirements and scientific attainments of Dr. James Adams, at present a candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's University. These, we consider, qualify this gentleman in an eminent degree, for efficiently discharging the duties of the Chair at present vacant, and are such as few applicants are likely to possess. Early accustomed to devote a large share of his attention to chemical and pathological investigations, he has continued, during the fifteen years he has been in practice, to be favourably known, not only as one of the most enthusiastic and indefatigable cultivators of every department of his profession, but for his zealous study of those collateral sciences so intimately connected with Forensic Medicine.

While holding the requisite knowledge, essential to a teacher of what is confessedly the most difficult subject in the curriculum of medical study, we know that Dr. Adams, in addition to a methodical and perspicuous style of writing, possesses great facilities as a public speaker. We cordially recommend him, therefore, to the favourable notice of the Trustees, assured that, if elected, he will discharge the duties of the chair in a manner creditable to himself, and highly profitable to the students who may be entrusted to his care.

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*From the Professors of Andersonian University.*

WE, the undersigned Professors in Anderson's University, understanding that Dr. James Adams intends to offer himself as a candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in this Institution, vacant by the resignation of Dr. Crawford, have much pleasure in bearing the highest testimony to his merits and qualifications.

We had at one time determined to observe a strict silence, in reference to the vacant appointment, but recent circumstances have impressed upon us the conviction that we owe it to ourselves, and to the repute and prosperity of our Medical School, to give a full and unreserved expression of our opinion.

We are deeply sensible of the peculiar combination of qualifications necessary to render any one an efficient expositor of the important and difficult subject of Medical Jurisprudence; but, after the most deliberative consideration, we are convinced that no candidate is likely to combine the requisite qualifications to the extent in which they are possessed by Dr. Adams; and we feel assured that no one will be more acceptable to the students, and more likely to maintain the reputation and extend the usefulness of the Andersonian Institution.

Medical Jurisprudence is a rapidly progressive science, requiring for its successful exposition an intimate acquaintance with Medico-Legal Literature, and a practical knowledge of the refined processes and appliances of modern Chemistry. It does not moreover rank as an elementary branch of medical education. It is one of the last



subjects in the curriculum to which the attention of the student is directed, and accordingly the lectures upon it are always attended by the advanced and senior students of a medical school. For these reasons, we deem it in the highest degree desirable that the responsible appointment, now vacant, should be entrusted to one possessing extended professional experience, and unquestionable proficiency in this department of medical education.

Of Dr. Adams' abilities and attainments—of his indefatigable industry, great zeal, and undoubted powers of research, we need not speak. His valuable contributions to medical science, and the highly favourable testimonials he has received, from the leading members of the medical profession in Glasgow, and from several of the most eminent scientific men in London and Edinburgh, are of themselves a sufficient guarantee, and, at the same time, fully testify that he enjoys more than a local reputation.

As a practical and able Microscopist, he is justly held in the highest estimation; as a Public Lecturer at our local institutions his enthusiasm, fluency of language, and extreme facility in communicating and explaining scientific details, have elicited the most decided marks of approbation; and as a Medical Practitioner he has had considerable experience, both in public and private; and has frequently been engaged to take part, and give evidence in Medico-Legal investigations. He has evinced decided aptitude and expertness as a chemical experimentalist, and his entire training has specially fitted him for toxicological enquiries and demonstrations.

On these grounds, and unbiassed by private friendship—and at the same time earnestly desiring that our motives in taking this step may not be misapprehended,—we have no hesitation in strongly recommending Dr. Adams to the favourable consideration of the Managers and Trustees, feeling convinced that he is one gifted to no ordinary extent with the qualifications that are indispensably necessary to constitute a useful and successful teacher, and to secure the confidence and respect of the senior students of our medical school.

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Professor of Medical Jurisprudence. [p.]



From the Office-Bearers of the Cowcaddens Mechanics' Institution.

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We have pleasure in certifying that Dr. James Adams has for many years delivered annually short Courses of Lectures here, on popular Physiology, to classes *averaging nearly six hundred members*, and his lectures have always been held among *the most instructive and interesting* given at this Institution.

We have a firm conviction, that to his zeal, ability, and tact, the great success of our Institution is to be mainly attributed.

On all public occasions, when *in his office of Honorary President of the Institution*, he occupied the chair, his manner and self-possession invariably secured respectful attention and orderly procedure.

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From the Honorary Directors of the Cowcaddens Mechanics' Institution.

We, the undersigned, Honorary Directors of the Cowcaddens Mechanics' Institution, knowing that to the zealous exertions of Dr. Adams, much of the success of the Institution has been owing, have much pleasure in expressing our concurrence in the foregoing testimonial.

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EDINBURGH, 6th May, 1840.

I have known Mr. Adams during the whole period of his medical studies, and having been a pupil and assistant of mine for the



last two years, I have had ample opportunities of appreciating his abilities and acquirements in his profession. These, I can state with confidence, are of a high order, and I have seen few young men amongst all my pupils more likely to acquire the utmost proficiency as a Medical Practitioner.

WM. FERGUSSON.

LONDON, 16 GEORGE PLACE, HANOVER SQUARE.

I have much pleasure in stating that I entertain the highest opinion of the professional character of my old friend and former assistant, Dr. James Adams, and that I consider him a most eligible candidate for the Lectureship on Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian Institution in that city.

WM. FERGUSSON.

FROM GEO. D. POLLOCK, F.R.C.S.E.,

*Surgeon in Ordinary to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; Surgeon to St. George's Hospital;  
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I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Adams for some time, and have had many opportunities of judging of his professional acquirements, as well as of his habits of industry. Few men can be said to have more highly qualified themselves in respect to the former, and that by the strictest cultivation of the latter, than my friend, Dr. Adams.

I know of no one better suited for the appointment he solicits. I feel satisfied that his knowledge, general as well as professional—his energy and his untiring perseverance in all investigations relating to medicine, or to science, entitle him to the highest consideration in the decision of those who have to elect a professor of Medical Jurisprudence.

I express but the private opinion of a friend and professional brother. The reputation that Dr. Adams has already earned for himself in London, as well as in Glasgow, satisfies me that private friendship has not unfairly weighed the public worth of such a man.

GEO. D. POLLOCK.



FROM JOHN QUEKETT,

*Conservator of the Museum and Professor of Histology to the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Author of a "Practical Treatise on the Microscope," with 315 Illustrations, "Lecture on Histology," with 414 Illustrations, and "Descriptive Histological Catalogue of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of England," with upwards of 800 Illustrations, and of numerous contributions to Medical Science.*

I am happy in having the opportunity of offering a testimonial in favour of my friend, Dr. James Adams, presently candidate for the appointment of Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University. I have known Dr. Adams for some years, and can speak most highly of his many scientific attainments, and of his untiring zeal and energy in the prosecution of those studies which are auxiliary to medicine. One of the most powerful aids which can be brought to bear on the elucidation of doubtful points in Jurisprudence is the Microscope, and I know not whom I could recommend, as being more likely to use it with advantage, than Dr. Adams. Should he be appointed to the Chair, I am quite confident that he will not only perform the duties with satisfaction to all concerned, but reflect honour on the University itself.

JOHN QUEKETT.

FROM ARTHUR H. HASSALL, M.D. F.L.S.,

*Physician and Lecturer on the Practice of Medicine, to the Royal Free Hospital, London ; Author of "The Microscopic Anatomy of the Human Body, in Health and Disease," with 400 Illustrations ; "A History of the British fresh Water Algæ," with 100 Plates ; "On Adullerations of Food," with numerous Illustrations ; and numerous papers on Physiology and Practical Medicine.*

MY DEAR SIR,—I am very happy to hear that you are a candidate for the vacant Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University.

I know few persons better qualified to fill that Chair in a manner more efficient than yourself. Your extensive knowledge of the Microscope renders you peculiarly fitted for the appointment, for that instrument has competent relations to the subject of Medical Jurisprudence, and which are by no means sufficiently understood or appreciated in general. I have very frequently noticed the defeat of justice in counsel cases, owing to the non-application of the Microscope. Wishing you every success, I remain, yours very faithfully,

ARTHUR H. HASSALL.

DR. JAMES ADAMS.



FROM DAVID THOMAS ANSTED, M.A., F.R.S., F.G.S.,

*Late Professor of Geology, King's College, London, Author of a Work on "Geology, Mineralogy, and Physical Geography," "The Ancient World," &c., and numerous contributions to the Science of Natural History.*

I certify that *I have been associated with Dr. James Adams* of Glasgow, in scientific investigations, and am acquainted with him by personal intercourse as well as by correspondence. I have reason to know that he is an accurate observer and an able naturalist in Microscopic matters, and I believe him to be well qualified for the Lectureship on Medical Jurisprudence for which he is now a candidate.

DAVID THOMAS ANSTED.

FROM THE LATE HECTOR GAVIN, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.S.,  
LOND. & ED.

*Medical Superintending Inspector General Board of Health; late Government Sanitary Commissioner to the Armies in Crimea, &c.; late Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence; Author of a work "on Feigned and Fictitious Diseases," and of other works and contributions to Medical Literature.*

GLASGOW, 7th January, 1854.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Saturday in reference to the appointment of Superintending Medical Inspector of the City Parish, to which appointment you were nominated by the President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, in conjunction with myself, in terms of the Minute of the Cholera Committee of the 3rd inst.

I beg to express my regret, that circumstances should in your opinion intervene to prevent or render doubtful your acceptance of the office tendered to you, and my conviction that by the practical knowledge and ability which you would have brought to bear, the duties of the office would, in the event of your having accepted the appointment, been discharged with honour to yourself, and marked benefit to the public.

The evident zeal which has been manifested by you in the cultivation of your profession, and the services which you rendered during the epidemic of 1849, appeared to me to render the nomination of the President a wise and happy one.

I have the honour to be, SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

HECTOR GAVIN.

DR. JAMES ADAMS.



FROM ROBERT KNOX, M.D., ED., F.R.S.E.,

*Corresponding Member of the French Academy of Medicine, F.R.C.S.E.; Lecturer on Anatomy, Queen's College, Edinburgh; author of various works on Scientific Medicine, &c.*

EDINBURGH.

In testimony of the great esteem and regard I entertain for Mr. James Adams, surgeon, founded not more on his amiable and excellent moral qualities as on his extraordinary industry, zeal for his profession, and superior natural abilities, I hereby issue this certificate, in the full assurance that such as I have found him to be when my pupil and assistant, such he will prove when tried by others.

ROBERT KNOX.

FROM THOMAS SPENCER COBBOLD, M.D., F.R.S.,

*Professor of Geology in connexion with British Museum; Lecturer on Botany, Zoology, and Comp. Anatomy, Middlesex Hospital, Medical College Society; formerly Senior President Royal Medical Society; and Vice-President of the Physiological Society, Edinburgh; late Curator Anatomical Museum, University, Edinburgh; author of various contributions to Scientific Medicine, &c.*

Dr. James Adams is well known in his profession as an accurate observer and distinguished Microscopist. He possesses great facility in imparting information to others, and should he be elected to the vacant Lectureship on Medical Jurisprudence, I am persuaded he will prove an ornament to the Andersonian University.

THOMAS SPENCER COBBOLD.

FROM JAMES SCOTT BOWERBANK, Esq., F.R.S., F.G.S., &c.,

*Late President of the Microscopical Society, London, Author of numerous Memoirs containing the Results of Original Investigations in various departments of Natural History, &c.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I sincerely wish you success as a candidate for the Lectureship on Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's University. Your industry and zeal in the pursuit of Pathological and Chemical Science, and the acuteness and accuracy of your well-known Microscopical researches, eminently fit you for the performance of the duties of the Chair to which you aspire, and will, I have no doubt, enable you to perform those duties with great credit to yourself and the highest advantage to the University.

I remain, my dear Sir, yours most truly,

J. S. BOWERBANK.

DR. JAMES ADAMS.



FROM JOHN HUGHES BENNETT, M.D., F.R.S.E.,

*Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, and of Clinical Medicine in the University of Edinburgh; author of a work on "Cancerous and Cancroid Growths, with 190 Illustrations," on "Pulmonary Tuberculosis," "Clinical Medicine;" and of very numerous contributions to Physiology and Practical Medicine.*

Having been requested, by Dr. James Adams, to state my opinion as to his qualifications for lecturing on Medical Jurisprudence, I beg to say, that I have long known that gentleman to be a most intelligent and able medical practitioner. Thoroughly educated in anatomy, as an assistant to one of the first teachers of that subject in Scotland, subsequently assistant to Mr. Fergusson, now of London, and since then actively engaged in his profession, he must be acknowledged to have had the best opportunities of obtaining a knowledge of anatomical, surgical, and medical facts. Dr. Adams has also evinced powers of original research; and in one case which came under my observation, his acquaintance with the use of the microscope, as an instrument of investigation, was made eminently manifest. These qualities could not fail to be of the highest service in a lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence—a subject which, in my opinion, Dr. Adams is capable of rendering not only acceptable to students, but exceedingly interesting, on account of the varied kinds of medical information he has at his command.

J. HUGHES BENNETT.

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FROM JAMES SPENCE, F.R.S.E.,

*Surg. in Ord. H.M. the Queen for Scotland; Professor of Surgery, University, Edinburgh; Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Surgeon to the Royal Public Dispensary for the City and County of Edinburgh, &c.*

It gives me great pleasure to certify that Dr. James Adams has been long known to me as an intelligent medical man, engaged with great energy and success in cultivating the various departments of medicine, and as having enjoyed considerable practical experience.

Dr. Adams, at one time, acted as a Demonstrator of Anatomy, and for many years devoted attention to the study of Practical Chemistry; and as he has, moreover, been accustomed to deliver occasional Courses of Lectures, so as to have attained the habit of public teaching, I believe him to be well qualified for undertaking the duties of a Lectureship on Medical Jurisprudence, which I believe he would conduct with credit to himself, and benefit to his pupils.

JAMES SPENCE.



FROM GEORGE WILSON, M.D., F.R.S.,

*Regius Professor of Technology, in University of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Scottish Society of Arts, Director of Industrial Museum of Scotland, Author of numerous contributions to Scientific Literature.*

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. James Adams for sometime, and from repeated conversation with him, especially in reference to Microscopic investigations, but also in connection with other scientific enquiries, I feel assured that he is an accurate and experienced observer of physical phenomena, and skilful at their oral exposition. I believe, accordingly, that he would prove a good teacher.

GEORGE WILSON.

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FROM WILLIAM GREGORY, M.D., F.R.S.E.,

*President of the Philosophical Society, Professor of Chemistry in the University of Edinburgh; Author of a Work on "Organic Chemistry," and of numerous other Works on, and Contributions to Scientific Literature, &c.*

I have known Dr. Adams for some years, and have had, on various occasions, conversation with him, verbally and otherwise, on subjects connected with science; and I have derived from my intercourse with him, the conviction that he is very highly qualified for filling a Chair of Medical Science.

Dr. Adams has had a very complete training, by which his talents have enabled him to profit in no common degree. I know also that he has devoted much attention to the important subject of Medical Jurisprudence, so that I cannot but regard him as peculiarly qualified to teach that branch of medical science.

Dr. Adams is generally known as an excellent Microscopist, and the Directors need not be told by me that a practical knowledge of the microscope, is quite essential to one who is likely to be occupied in the delicate researches connected with medical jurisprudence. Nor is it less necessary that the teacher should be able to teach, practically, the use of the Microscope to his pupils; and in these particulars Dr. Adams is second to no one of his own standing, and superior to most.

WILLIAM GREGORY.



FROM JOHN HUTTON BALFOUR, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S.,

*Professor of Medicine and Botany, University of Edinburgh; President Botanical Society; Author of "A System of Botany," &c.*

I have had the pleasure of being acquainted with Dr. James Adams for many years, and I have been led to form a high opinion of his talents and acquirements. I believe him to be a well qualified medical man, and in every way competent to discharge the duties of a Lecturer.

He has devoted much attention to Anatomy, to Microscopic investigation, and to Chemistry—a knowledge of which is especially required by a lecturer in Medical Jurisprudence.

J. H. BALFOUR.

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FROM DAVID SKAE, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,

*Superintending Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane; Clinical Lecturer on Insanity; formerly Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence, &c.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I am glad to learn that you are a candidate for the Lectureship on Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University, and sincerely wish you success.

It is now sixteen years since you attended my Lectures on this subject, in the Edinburgh Extra Academical School, during two sessions, acting as my assistant, and efficiently aiding me in preparing the experiments and illustrations of the subject for my class. You were known to me then as a most diligent and successful student of Medical Science, and you enjoyed many advantages for acquiring a minute and extended knowledge of your profession, as well as of its collateral branches. It has been a source of gratification to me to learn, from time to time, that you have continued to realize the promises you then held out of attaining to professional eminence by your talents and industry, and that you have kept up a state of preparation for the duties of a medical lecturer by the public expositions which you have given of Physiology to the Mechanic's Institute of Glasgow.

You have enjoyed very favourable opportunities of cultivating your taste for minute and accurate researches on subjects connected with legal medicine, and have been frequently employed in assisting in judicial investigations. I cannot, therefore, doubt that you are in every respect eminently qualified for the office to which you aspire, and I feel assured, if appointed to it, you will discharge the duties with the utmost credit to yourself and the Institution, as well as to the entire satisfaction and advantage of your pupils.

Believe me, very sincerely yours,

DAVID SKAE.



FROM P. D. HANDYSIDE, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., F.R.S.,

*Lecturer on Anatomy, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; formerly Sen. Surgeon Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, &c.*

Dr. James Adams has been well known to me during the last twelve years, and I consider him a highly accomplished professional man. He has been actively engaged in the practice of Surgery, Medicine, and Midwifery, and has earned a scientific reputation by the correctness and breadth of his views as given in his published papers.

Dr. Adams has bestowed much labour and shown great earnestness in his cultivation of original fields of enquiry in Physiology and Pathology, and drawn legitimate deductions from the use of the microscope. He has paid considerable attention to the laws and circumstances that regulate the varying conditions of the public health,—and he possesses such facilities in communicating his knowledge to others, as would render him a valuable addition to the Andersonian University, if elected to the vacant lectureship of Medical Jurisprudence.

P. D. HANDYSIDE.

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FROM J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN, A.M., M.D., F.R.C.P.E.,  
F.R.S., &c.,

*Lecturer on Midwifery, &c.; author of numerous contributions to Obstetric Science.*

I am acquainted with Dr. James Adams, both personally and through his professional works and reputation, and have been led to form a very high estimate of his general abilities, and especially of his professional attainments. He is well known in this country as a successful cultivator of medicine, and specially as an able microscopist. Besides, he possesses a great degree of that ardour and enthusiasm in medical pursuits, which alone merits and commands success.

I feel satisfied that if Dr. Adams be appointed to teach Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University, he will apply all his talents to the duties of the office. I have no doubt he will make an efficient and zealous lecturer, and one who will command the esteem and respect of pupils.

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.



FROM ALEX. KEILLER, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.,

*Physician to the Royal Infirmary; Physician to Royal Maternity Hospital; Lecturer on Midwifery, College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, &c.; and formerly Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence.*

I have much pleasure in stating that I consider Dr. James Adams in every respect well qualified to undertake the duties of a Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence. I have been intimately acquainted with Dr. Adams for many years, and have enjoyed ample opportunities of forming an opinion as to his character and acquirements, and from what I know of his education and of his general and professional attainments, I have every reason to believe that the important branch of Forensic Medicine would, in Dr. Adams' hands, be most ably and successfully taught.

ALEX. KEILLER.

FROM WILLIAM SELLER, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E.,

*President Medico-Chirurg. Society of Edinburgh; late President College of Physicians; late Lecturer on Materia Medica; late Physician to the Royal Infirmary, &c.*

It affords me great satisfaction to have an opportunity of giving my testimony to the great ability and merits of Dr. James Adams in his professional capacity. I have always regarded Dr. Adams as really in earnest in his application to the various departments of Medical Science. I can entertain no other opinion than that, as a Lecturer in the Andersonian Institution of Glasgow, he will, if appointed, discharge the duties of that office with the greatest distinction.

WILLIAM SELLER.

FROM STEVENSON MACADAM, PH. D., F.R.S.E.,

*Lecturer on Chemistry in the Medical School of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, and to the School of Arts, Edinburgh, and to the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.*

I have been personally acquainted with Dr. James Adams for several years, and have been led to form a very high opinion of his scientific acquirements, and of the zeal and energy with which he carries out every investigation. He is thoroughly versed in the details of the Microscopic and Chemical examination of substances; and I have frequently enjoyed the privilege of listening to his lucid explanation of important scientific problems. I am convinced that Dr. Adams would prove himself to be an acceptable and a successful teacher of Medical Jurisprudence, and I am sure that, if appointed to the Chair in the Andersonian University, he will conscientiously and efficiently discharge the duties incumbent upon him.

STEVENSON MACADAM.



FROM JAMES SCOTT, B.L., M.D.,

*Deputy Inspector of Hospitals and Fleets; late Surgeon and Lecturer at Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, &c.*

DEAR SIR,—Having heard that you are a candidate for the Professorship of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University of Glasgow, I hasten to express my decided opinion, that you are eminently qualified for that office, and that if appointed (as I earnestly trust you will be), your very superior abilities will bestow additional lustre on that Institution.

I need scarcely add, that to hear of your success would be very highly gratifying to me; and I have the honour to be, dear Sir, &c.,

JAMES SCOTT.

FROM MESSRS. PUGH & PLEWS,

*Manufacturing Pharmaceutical Chemists, Edinburgh.*

We hereby discharge the indenture of James Adams, who has served us faithfully during an apprenticeship of five years; and by diligence and attention to the study of Practical Pharmacy and Materia Medica, has acquired a thorough knowledge of the same. His uniform good conduct, and steadiness of habit, have gained him our warm esteem.

PUGH & PLEWS.

FROM JOHN STRUTHERS, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,

*Professor of Anatomy, University, Aberdeen, Author of "Anatomical and Physiological Observations," &c.*

Dr. James Adams has been well known to me since we studied medicine together in Edinburgh, and I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to his qualifications for the appointment of Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence.

Dr. Adams possesses all the qualifications for this office. His talents are of a very high order. He possesses that clear-headedness which brings with it the teaching faculty, viz., the appreciation of what should be taught, and the way to do it; and he has that fluency and self-command in expression, which form an important addition to the requisites.

He is also well qualified as regards knowledge and experience. Medical Jurisprudence not being a special science, but comprising all Medical Sciences viewed in their legal aspect, the attainments of its teacher require to be general rather than special, and this is the case in a high degree with Dr. Adams, whose Medical education was very complete, and who has, while engaged in the duties of practice, continued to take an interest in the progress of the Medical Sciences. The attention he has paid to Chemistry and the Microscope forms an additional recommendation.



I may mention, that I had good opportunity of judging of Dr. Adams' powers of mind and expression, as a member of the Hunterian Medical Society (an excellent school for the training of a lecturer), where he took a prominent position among his fellows, who elected him to the honour of the President's chair. This, together with my regard for his character and attainments, was the origin and the foundation of the friendship which has since subsisted between us, although we have but seldom met.

Dr. Adams is also known as the author of several contributions to Medical Science, in which he has shown his ability to investigate and write.

These embrace the professional requisites of a teacher, but I must add, that Dr. Adams' high qualities of mind and honourable disposition, will add greatly to his influence on the students, elevating and inspiring them, as well as communicating knowledge.

I am quite sure that, if elected, Dr. Adams will discharge his important duties conscientiously and thoroughly, and that all parties connected with the Andersonian Institution—Students, Fellow-Lecturers, and Governors, will have occasion to congratulate themselves that they have secured his services.

JOHN STRUTHERS.

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FROM ANDREW FYFE, M.D., F.R.S.E.,

*Professor of Medicine and of Chemistry, University of King's College, Aberdeen ; late President Royal College Surg., Edinburgh ; author of "Elements of Chemistry," &c.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I am delighted to hear that you are a candidate for the appointment of Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence, in the Andersonian Institution. When a pupil with me, now many years ago you were most diligent and attentive, and evinced the utmost anxiety to become thoroughly master of any subject discussed, while at the same time your intimacy with most of the teachers of the Edinburgh School of Medicine, and the important situations which you held under them, show the estimate in which you were held by them.

Though my acquaintance with you, since you left Edinburgh, has not been intimate, yet I have often heard of you, and I know that you have devoted much of your time to professional pursuits, prosecuting them with zeal and perseverance, as is shown by your microscopic investigations. To these, in particular, I can bear testimony, knowing well the industry and the talent with which you have conducted them. With these qualifications, I consider you well fitted for discharging the duties of the appointment to which you aspire, and with every wish for your success,

Believe me, yours sincerely,

ANDW. FYFE.

MEMORANDUM.

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Dr. ADAMS' Letter of Application, dated June 8th, was crossed by letters from London, dated June 7th and 8th, addressed to several individuals in Glasgow, and conveying, *on official authority*, intimation that "the successor to the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in Glasgow University was already decided upon."

Dr. A. was consequently advised to abandon his intended application.





FROM WM. MACDONALD, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.,

*Professor of Civil and Natural History, United College, St. Andrew's, &c.*

MY DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in testifying to your high abilities, and in expressing my belief that you are qualified to teach any branch of Medical Science connected with the system of Medical Education. I know from Dr. Knox, that while his assistant, you exhibited a ready mode of communicating information. I have the most sanguine expectation of your success, if you are appointed to the vacant Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian Institution.

Wishing you all success, I remain most truly yours,

WM. MACDONALD.

DR. JAMES ADAMS.

FROM WILLIAM LYON, M.D., F.F.P.S.G., &c.,

*Late President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons; late President of the Glasgow Medico-Chirurg. Society; Senior Surgeon, Royal Infirmary; formerly Lecturer on Surgery; and late Medical Officer, Barnhill General Hospital, &c.*

I have known Dr. James Adams intimately for many years. I have associated closely with him; consulted with and travelled with him. I thereby have attained a perfect knowledge of his abilities, acquirements, principles, habits; and, in fact, entire character.

I scarcely know any one possessed of better abilities, or who has had them better cultivated by general and scientific education; and no one who has more varied general and professional accomplishments; while he has such an amount of zeal and application, that though undertaking many things, yet be the subject what it may, his exertions never cease until it is mastered.

Add to these the capability of speaking and writing in a methodical perspicuous and fluent manner, qualifications he has often shown as a leading member of several of our professional societies, in which he has read several important original papers; and it will appear, as it is generally granted, taken all in all, he is not second to any of his brethren as a scholar, scientific man, practitioner, or gentleman, and that he has all the requisites for becoming a successful teacher of any branch of Medicine to which he shall devote himself.

I have granted many certificates, but never one, in which I could more conscientiously state my belief in high accomplishments and deserts than in the instance of Dr. Adams.

WM. LYON.



FROM JOHN MACFARLANE, M.D., F.F.P.S.G., &c.,

*Professor of Practice of Medicine, University of Glasgow; late Senior Surgeon, Glasgow Royal Infirmary; Author of "Clinical Reports," &c.*

I have much pleasure in complying with the request of Dr. James Adams, to state what I know of his qualifications for the office of Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University.

I have been well acquainted with Dr. Adams for several years, and from professional consultations and otherwise, have been led to form a high opinion of his talents and medical acquirements, and of his zeal and industry in various scientific investigations connected with his profession. I know also that he can communicate his thoughts orally, or in writing, in a clear and concise manner, and I therefore feel assured of his ability to discharge efficiently the important duties of the appointment for which he is a candidate.

JOHN MACFARLANE.

FROM J. A. LAWRIE, M.D.,

*Professor of Surgery, University, Glasgow; late Professor Surgery, Andersonian University; late Senior Surgeon, Royal Infirmary; President Medico-Chirurg. Society, Glasgow, &c.*

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. James Adams ever since he came to Glasgow, and had frequent opportunities of meeting him some years ago in his public capacity of District Surgeon during the prevalence of Cholera, and more recently in private in consultations, and at the meetings of the Medico-Chirurgical Society.

It gives me much pleasure to say, that from his professional acquirements and standing in the opinion of his medical brethren, his general attainments, well known energy and assiduity, I consider him fully qualified to fill the vacant Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's University, for which he is a candidate.

J. A. LAWRIE.

FROM THOMAS ANDERSON, M.D., F.R.S.E.,

*Professor of Chemistry, University of Glasgow; Chemist to the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland; author of numerous Chemical Memoirs, &c.*

MY DEAR SIR,

It affords me much pleasure to have an opportunity of expressing the high opinion I entertain of your fitness for the



Chair of Medical Jurisprudence. I know that for many years past, your attention has been specially directed to the departments of medicine bearing upon that subject. In particular, you have devoted much time to the use of the Microscope and to Chemistry, and have also made sanitary questions the object of particular study. In those medico-legal cases in which I have been engaged along with you, I have admired the extent of your reading, the care with which you have inquired into the whole details of the subject, and the cautious manner in which you have drawn your conclusions. These are qualifications of the highest importance for the office for which you are a candidate; and when I add that you possess great zeal and assiduity, I cannot doubt that you will perform with success the duties of the office.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

THOMAS ANDERSON.

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FROM J. A. EASTON, M.D., F.F.P.S.G., &c.,

*Professor of Materia Medica, University, Glasgow; Medical Officer, City Police Establishment; Senior Physician, Royal Infirmary, &c.*

MY DEAR SIR,

In reply to your note, received this morning, requesting a certificate of your fitness for the Lectureship on Forensic Medicine, now vacant in Anderson's Institution, I beg to state that, having long had the pleasure of your acquaintance, I have been led to form a very high opinion of your professional abilities and general attainments. To be a successful lecturer on any subject requires not only a minute acquaintance with that subject, but a large amount also of general knowledge, great fluency of speech, and aptitude in communicating information. These qualifications, I know, you possess in an unusual degree, for in our medical societies and elsewhere I have repeatedly admired the consecutiveness of your thoughts, as well as the readiness with which they were conveyed, and the perspicuity and elegance with which they were adorned. Your numerous contributions, likewise, to medical literature, are characterised by minuteness of observation and correctness of inference; while your familiarity with the microscope—in the use of which you have already attained a very high position—cannot fail to be of immense advantage to you in unravelling, before a class, not a few of the intricacies of Medical Jurisprudence.

I am, my dear Sir, yours faithfully,

J. A. EASTON.

DR. J. ADAMS.



FROM ANDREW BUCHANAN, M.D., F.F.P.S.G., &c.,  
*Professor of Institutes of Medicine, University of Glasgow ; late President, Medico-Chirurgical Society ; late Senior Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, &c.*

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Adams for several years past, and have always esteemed him as a man of good talents and extensive information. In speaking in public, he expresses himself well and readily, I think he would make a good Lecturer on Forensic Medicine.

ANDREW BUCHANAN.

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FROM WM. MACKENZIE, M.D., HON. F.R.C.S., ENG.,  
*Surgeon-Occulist in Scotland in Ordinary to the Queen ; Lecturer on the Eye, University of Glasgow, &c. ; Author of a work on " Diseases of the Eye," &c.*

DEAR SIR,—As I understand that the Lectureship on Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's Institution is about to be vacant, and as that department of Medical Science, along with Physiology, has been a favourite subject of study with you, I am glad to learn that you have determined on being a candidate. I consider you remarkably well qualified by your extensive and minute acquaintance with the scientific as well as the practical parts of your profession, and by your facility and clearness in communicating your knowledge to others, to fulfil the duties of such a situation.

I remain, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

W. MACKENZIE.

JAMES ADAMS, Esq.

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FROM JOHN CRAWFORD, M.D., F.F.P.S.G., &c.,  
*Late Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, Andersonian University, Glasgow, &c.*

An acquaintance of many years with Dr. James Adams, and a close observation of his professional career, enable me to bear testimony to his high attainments and talents, and to his fitness for the situation of Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence. His experience in all the departments of medical practice has been singularly varied and extensive ; and it has been fully equalled by the assiduity and enthusiasm with which he has availed himself of the opportunities thus presented for acquiring a scientific knowledge of his profession. For a long time he was one of the most zealous and active of the Parochial Surgeons of the City Parish, and in that capacity distinguished himself by his exertions during two severe epidemics—the



fever of 1846-47, and the cholera of 1848-49; and I trust I shall be pardoned for adding, that one who has conscientiously and ably discharged such onerous, dangerous, and inadequately remunerated duties during such periods, has peculiar claims upon those in whom may be vested any medical patronage of a public kind in the community which has, under such circumstances, reaped the benefit of his services.

His great experience in general practice will render him much more acceptable to students as a teacher of any branch of medical education than another, who has not enjoyed the same opportunities, however well informed, or however diligent in compilation that other may be; and the department of Medical Jurisprudence affords ample scope for, and admits of much useful illustration from, the application of that knowledge which is only to be acquired by extensive experience in general practice.

But Dr. Adams possesses claims of a more specific nature for the situation to which he aspires. As a student, his attention was particularly directed to medico-legal studies, in consequence of his having been assistant to a Lecturer on Forensic Medicine, and he was thus early familiarised with chemical manipulations, and with the performance of the necessary illustrative experiments. He has uniformly, in subsequent life, in the midst of his professional avocations, devoted himself enthusiastically to the cultivation of the medical and allied sciences. He has constantly kept up his knowledge of these, so as to follow them in the advances which they have made—a matter of great importance to the teacher of Medical Jurisprudence, which is based upon these sciences; and which, considered as a separate branch, has itself made such rapid progress of late years, that lectures on the subject which fifteen or sixteen years ago might have passed for respectable would now be justly considered antiquated; and, so far as some of the most serious medico-legal questions are concerned, would be, in great measure, valueless to the student. He has, moreover, been employed in some important medico-legal investigations; and has, on several occasions, made a highly creditable appearance in the witness-box. His industry and energy are great; and whatever he undertakes to do, he will spare no pains to do well. Finally, all who know him, and all who have perused the contributions to medical literature which he has published (some of these referring to medico-legal subjects), must give him credit for a clear logical understanding—unquestionably one of the first requisites of a teacher of the branch of medical education in question. In short, if an experience of fourteen years as a teacher of the subject enables me to form, or entitles me to express an opinion on the point, I have no hesitation in saying that he will prove a most acceptable Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence.

JOHN CRAWFORD.



FROM JOHN TAYLOR, M.D.,

*Professor of Natural Philosophy in the Andersonian University.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I have no hesitation in expressing my opinion, that the literary as well as professional ability shown in your published medical writings is of a high order, and also, that your acknowledged excellence as a Microscopist, the nature of your favourite studies, and your practice as a Lecturer, are such as eminently to qualify you for the duties of a Teacher of Medical Jurisprudence.

JOHN TAYLOR.

DR. JAMES ADAMS.

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FROM GEORGE WATT, Esq., F.F.P.S.G.,

*Treasurer and (Ex-Officio) Member of Council and of the Board of Examiners of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary; formerly Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University, Glasgow, &c.*

I have been acquainted with Dr. James Adams for a period of about fifteen years, and from the opportunities which I have had of judging of his general and professional attainments, zeal, assiduity, and tact in the study and exercise of his profession, and of its allied sciences, and facility in communicating orally and with effect his information and opinions, I have been led to form a very high estimate of his fitness for discharging efficiently the functions of a public teacher; and in my estimation, the subject of Medical Jurisprudence and Police is that of all others, in the elucidation of which from the natural bent of his mind and genius, he is pre-eminently qualified to excel.

GEORGE WATT.

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FROM ALLEN THOMSON, M.D., F.R.S.S.L. & E.,

*Professor of Anatomy, University of Glasgow, &c.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I most willingly bear testimony to the ability and success with which you have pursued Microscopic investigations. Having on many occasions conversed with you on these subjects, I am well aware of the great accuracy and extent of your knowledge of this department in itself, and in its numerous applications to other branches of science. Permit me to add, that the intercourse I have had with you on these subjects, has also impressed me with the opinion of the accuracy and extent of your general scientific and professional information.

I am, dear Sir, very truly yours,

ALLEN THOMSON.

DR. JAMES ADAMS.



FROM A. DUNLOP ANDERSON, M.D., F.F.P.S.G.,

*Late President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; late President Medico-Chir. Society.*

I have known Dr. James Adams for many years, and have had frequent opportunities of becoming acquainted with the zeal and industry, as well as the success with which he cultivates his profession.

In common with others, better qualified than I am to form a correct opinion, I believe him to be well qualified to teach the difficult science of Medical Jurisprudence.

He has paid much attention to Chemical and Microscopical studies, and has had extensive and important practical experience.

A. DUNLOP ANDERSON.

FROM WILLIAM DAVIDSON, M.D., F.F.P.S.G.,

*Formerly Lecturer on Materia Medica; late Senior Physician Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; author of Thackeray Prize Essay on Fever; and of numerous contributions to Medical Science.*

I have much pleasure in stating, that I have been acquainted with Dr. James Adams for many years, and have always admired the zeal and perseverance with which he cultivated the medical profession. I believe him to be intimately acquainted with medicine, in its various departments, and know that he has devoted special attention to Medical Jurisprudence, especially to Toxicology, &c. I have not had the good fortune to hear him as a public speaker, but have every reason for thinking that he will prove highly acceptable in this capacity. On the whole, from his character, scientific knowledge of medicine, zeal and perseverance, I consider him highly qualified to fill the chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON.



FROM HENRY LONSDALE, M.D., EDIN., F.R.C.P.E.,

*Cons. Physician to Cumberland Infirmary; late Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, Edinburgh; Author of Lives of Prof. Goodsir, of Dr. Knox, &c.*

I have known Dr. James Adams for a great number of years as one of the most diligent cultivators of Medicine and the collateral sciences.

As a student he shone most conspicuously, not only in the Anatomical Rooms, where I had daily opportunities of testing his knowledge, but in every class which he attended; and I can add with great justice, that I never knew a more thoroughly practical student.

His fondness for judicial enquiries—his experience of the microscope, and his knowledge of the diseases of women and children, &c., combine to fit him for the duties of the Lectureship of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University; and I feel confident that, if elected, he will contribute to the fame and success of the University.

HENRY LONSDALE.

FROM KELBURNE KING, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,

*Demonstrator of Anatomy, and Lecturer on Practical Anatomy to the Hull and East Riding School of Medicine, &c.*

MY DEAR SIR,—Having known you now for more than fifteen years, and having during the whole of that time observed your unwearied industry in the pursuit of various branches of the profession and being aware of your excellent natural abilities, I can have no hesitation in recommending you as a fit and proper person to fill the vacant Lectureship of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian University, Glasgow. You enjoyed great educational advantages in Edinburgh as the assistant of Fergusson (now of London), of Knox, and of Skae, and of these advantages you thoroughly availed yourself. I don't doubt that you will impart knowledge with ability and success, and altogether I should consider the Andersonian University fortunate in securing your services.

I am, dear Sir, &c.,

KELBURNE KING.



FROM A. G. MALCOLM, M.D., EDR.,

*Physician to the Belfast General Hospital ; Ex-President of the Belfast Pathological Society, &c.*

From a perusal of various papers in the Medical Journals, &c., contributed by Dr. James Adams of Glasgow, as well as from knowledge of his professional acquirements derived from other sources, I feel justified in expressing the opinion, that Dr. Adams is possessed of a large measure of the qualifications requisite for a successful teacher of the science and practice of medicine. He is evidently a medical scholar of no common attainments. His composition is characterised by clearness, force, and precision ; and his mode of handling a subject, indicates a practised reasoner and careful scrutiniser of facts,—not liable on the one hand to be led away by specious argument, nor on the other too ready to generalise from correct but insufficient data.

As one who aims at the occupation of a professional Chair in a distinguished University, I am fully convinced that his election would eventuate in the complete satisfaction of the authorities, and the success of the department over which he would preside.

A. G. MALCOLM.

FROM JONATHAN TOOGOOD, M.D., F.R.C.S., ENG., (HON.),

*Founder of the Bridgewater Infirmary, and for thirty-three years its Senior Medical Officer ; Author of "Hints to Mothers," &c.*

From personal knowledge and professional intercourse with Dr. James Adams, I strongly recommend him to fill the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in Anderson's University, believing him to be a man of general talent and great professional acquirements, and well calculated for the appointment.

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FROM JAMES NAPIER, F.C.S., &c.,

*Consulting Chemist ; Author of a work on "Electro-Metallurgy," of "A Manual of Dyeing, Practical and Theoretical," &c.*

MY DEAR DR.,

I am exceedingly glad of the opportunity of expressing the opinion I entertain of your abilities in communicating



the knowledge you possess to others. I have been individually benefitted by your public Lectures, and been witness to the strong interest you invariably infused into your audience in the subject upon which you were treating.

The kind and valuable interest you have long taken in the public instruction of the working student, in connection with the Mechanics' Institutes, will in my opinion eminently fit you as a teacher in the position you desire to fill.

I am, &c.,

JAMES NAPIER.

FROM THE REV. JOHN EADIE, D.D., LL.D.,

*Professor of Theology, Glasgow.*

I think Dr. James Adams well qualified for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence, in the Andersonian University. I believe that he knows the subject well, and I *know* that he can lecture well. He would be an accurate and painstaking teacher; and his prelections, (if one may judge from specimens on other subjects), would be full of interest, and profitable to his pupils.

JOHN EADIE.

FROM THE REV. ROBERT T. JEFFREY, M.D.,

*U.P. Church, Caledonia Road.*

I have known Dr. James Adams for many years. During his College career, when I first formed his acquaintance, he was selected from among his class fellows to be assistant to Professor Fergusson, and demonstrator for Dr. Knox, and he took a leading part in all the proceedings of the Students' Medical Society. From his eminent natural abilities, which were carefully cultivated by severe professional study, and from his rare opportunities for investigation in Medical Science under Fergusson and Knox, which were assiduously improved, he became singled out as one of the most distinguished students of his time.

From what I know of Dr. Adams' talents and acquirements, I consider him eminently qualified for the Lectureship of Medical Jurisprudence in the Andersonian Institution. I feel confident that his election to this Chair by the Trustees will contribute greatly to the interests and honours of the University.

ROBERT T. JEFFREY.



FROM JAMES BRYCE, A.M., LL.D., F.G.S.,

*President of the Philosophical Society of Glasgow ; Author of "Geographical Dictionary of British Empire," "Cyclopædia of Geography," &c.*

Having been for several years past intimately acquainted with Dr. James Adams, and associated with him in the conduct of Courses of Lectures, at a Mechanics' Institute in this city, and in several scientific inquiries, opportunities have often occurred from which I could judge of his habits of mind and general fitness as a public instructor. Of his special medical qualifications I cannot speak—it would be presumption to do so. But it is different in regard to many collateral matters of much importance, as bearing on his fitness to be a Professor or public Lecturer. He has travelled widely beyond the limits of his own special haunt of study, and has a highly cultivated and well stored mind, from which he draws readily, and in a happy manner, illustrations of such subjects within his own province as he may be called upon to bring before a general audience. Hence, as well as from what I infer to be a careful study of clear method, he has the important art of presenting a subject to the minds of others in such a way as to instruct, interest, and please ; and these are, in fact, all the leading qualifications of a useful and successful public Lecturer.

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Understanding that Dr. James Adams is a candidate for the vacant Chair of Forensic Medicine, in the University of Glasgow, we, the undersigned Managers and Secretaries of Life Assurance Companies in the City, desire to express the high opinion we entertain of the professional ability and character of that gentleman, and of his peculiar fitness for the duties of such a Chair as that of Medical Jurisprudence, in which we are professionally much interested:—

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*Professor of Military Hygiene, Army Medical School; Member of the General Council of Medical Education; Fellow of the Senate of the University of London; Author of a Manual of Practical Hygiene, &c.*

Although I am not personally acquainted with Dr. Adams, I have read several of his publications and his evidence on some very intricate Medico-Legal trials. He appears to me to possess so much acuteness and sound judgment, and so much knowledge of Medical Jurisprudence, that I should consider him admirably fitted for a teacher on that subject, as far as my opportunities permit me to offer an opinion. I have had a good deal of correspondence with Dr. Adams on matters of Hygiene, and I was struck with the extent of his knowledge and the precision and logical character of his opinions. If that subject is included in the course of Medical Jurisprudence, Dr. Adams' experience in Hygiene will be of the greatest value to the course.

E. A. PARKES.

FROM A. R. SIMPSON, M.D., F.R.S.E., &c.,

*Professor of Medicine and Midwifery, and the Diseases of Women and Children, in the University of Edinburgh; Vice-President of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society; formerly President of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh, &c.*

I express a very strong conviction, when I say, that I believe Dr. Adams to be eminently worthy to succeed my revered friend, Professor Rainy, in the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence, in the University of Glasgow. For,

1st,—He has won for himself a foremost position in his profession, and as a Consultant, he is esteemed at once for his perfect courtesy, and for his great skill in diagnosis and fertility in suggestions for treatment.

2nd,—He has to an unusual degree, and with rare enthusiasm, cultivated some of the collateral sciences, and is well known as an accomplished Chemist and Microscopist. But, more especially,

3rd,—He has for many years given special attention to questions relating to Public Hygiene, and Medical Jurisprudence, has had large experience in the investigation of Medico-Legal cases, and has published original Communications, which render him an Authority, in this department of Medicine.

4th,—He is an able Lecturer, and communicates his ideas in a



clear and interesting manner, as I had frequent opportunity of witnessing, in the Glasgow Medico-Chirurgical Society, of which he was long the valued Secretary, and of which he is now the honoured President.

ALEX. R. SIMPSON.

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FROM PROFESSOR THOMAS C. ARCHER, F.R.S., &c.,

*Government Director of Edinburgh Museum of Science and Art; Author of numerous contributions to the Literature of Technology, and Natural History, &c.*

I am glad to learn that Dr. Adams is a candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the Glasgow University. I have so long been acquainted with his work in very numerous cases connected with that branch of enquiry, that I cannot but feel he is peculiarly well fitted for such a post. The precision with which he has always pursued the investigation of the Medico-Legal questions, which have so often brought us together, makes me sure that he is remarkably qualified for teaching the principles of Medical Jurisprudence in the best manner. I wish him complete success.

THOS. C. ARCHER.

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FROM DOUGLAS MACLAGAN, M.D., F.R.S.E., &c.,

*Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in Edinburgh University; of Chemical Medicine in do.; Author of various contributions to Practical Medicine.*

Dr. James Adams is well known to be a Physician of much erudition, to have devoted much attention to Microscopic and Chemical enquiries, and to have had ample occasion to apply his knowledge to the practical investigation of Medico-Legal questions. He possesses, in my opinion, the accomplishments which qualify him for the duties of a Professor of Medical Jurisprudence.

DOUGLAS MACLAGAN.



FROM JAMES M'CALL, Esq., V.S.,

*Professor of Medicine and Surgery in, and Principal of, the Glasgow Veterinary College.*

I have heard with much pleasure that Dr. James Adams has offered himself as a candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in Glasgow University. I know no other individual whom I would so confidently expect to discharge the onerous duties of the position with zeal, energy, and ability, or with greater acceptance and benefit to the student. My intercourse with him professionally has been of the most instructive and pleasurable character, and I have been much indebted to him for valuable assistance in experiments of various kinds, and especially in deciding with the assistance of the microscope the structure and precise nature of morbid products found in veterinary practice.

Dr. Adams' very extensive experience in all branches of Medicine, combined with his enthusiasm in prosecuting investigations, his special skill in the use of the microscope, and his fluency of expression in conveying to others the knowledge he possesses, qualify him in a peculiar degree for the duties of a Teacher of Forensic Medicine.

I will be delighted to learn that the University has been fortunate enough to secure his talented services.

JAMES M'CALL.

FROM CHARLES RITCHIE, M.D., F.F.P.S.G.,

*Late President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; late Pres. Med. Chir. Soc.; formerly Lecturer on Midwifery; Author of "Contributions to the Physiology of the Human Ovary," &c.*

I have often had occasion to consult Dr. Adams on matters of Chemical and Microscopical research, and have had many opportunities of hearing him discuss his views on Sanitary Science, and on Poisons. I have also been associated with him as a medical witness in respect to the pollution of the atmosphere by certain manufactures, so that I am quite aware of the copiousness and matured character of his knowledge of all these subjects; and I am free to say that I do not know of any other person who is more felicitous in conveying what he knows and means to others, or better fitted to interest students in his researches in Medical Jurisprudence.

CHAS. RITCHIE, M.D.



FROM JAMES HILL, M.D., ED., &C.,

*Proprietor and Superintending Physician of Garngad Private Lunatic Asylum, &c.*

I have been much associated with Dr. Adams professionally, more especially in the department of Mental Disease. He has, for the last twelve years, been in the habit of making frequent visits to this Asylum, which, containing between 70 and 80 patients, furnishes abundant opportunities for studying the various forms of Insanity. Since settling in Glasgow, now a period of twenty years, I have found no one the superior of Dr. Adams in talents and scientific attainments relating to Medical Jurisprudence, and knowing that his attention has been largely devoted to the study of the Jurisprudence of Insanity, and having been engaged with him both publicly and privately in investigating and in giving evidence in such cases, I have become strongly impressed with a conviction of his scientific knowledge, careful scrutiny of facts, logical reasoning, and accurate judgment.

Therefore, having personal knowledge of Dr. Adams' varied qualifications, extensive experience, fluency as a public speaker, and facility in imparting information to his hearers, I feel confident that he would fill the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University, with ability and success.

JAMES HILL.

FROM W. M'GILL, M.D., FELL. F.P.S.G.,

*Glasgow Police Surgeon.*

I have known Dr. James Adams for many years, and have had frequent opportunities of forming an estimate of his professional attainments. His experience, in all departments of Medical practice has been extensive, but I desire more particularly to refer to his qualifications in Chemistry, Physiology, and the use of the Microscope, which give him a special fitness as a teacher of Medical Jurisprudence. From the position which I have long occupied as Police Surgeon, I have been cognisant of the long-continued, painstaking, and minutely successful physiological experiments, in which he has, for many years, been engaged, and also of his repeated and highly commended appearances as a skilled witness in Civil and Criminal cases. His knowledge, and training, bearing as they have done an intimate and close relation to the various subjects taught in a class of Forensic Medicine, fit him, in a very marked degree, for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence.

WILLIAM M'GILL.



FROM JOHN R. WOLFE, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,

*Lecturer on Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery, Anderson's University ; Surgeon to Glasgow Ophthalmic Institution ; Author of Improved Method of Extraction of Cataract, &c., &c.*

Understanding that Dr. Adams is a candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the Glasgow University, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his eminent qualifications for that office.

Dr. Adams has been, for many years, well known as one of the most assiduous cultivators of science in this city, where he is highly esteemed for his great and varied attainments.

The wide experience which Dr. Adams has acquired of medical cases in courts of law, give him peculiar fitness for the office—his name having been associated with some of the most subtle medico-legal investigations of recent times. Indeed, it is well known, that the success and high reputation of the late Professor Penny, were greatly aided by the invaluable labours of Dr. Adams, to whom the preparation of the Medico-Physiological part of the case invariably fell. He is well known as skilled in Chemical Analysis, in the use of the Microscope, and in Physiological experimentation.

Beyond his profession, he combines great erudition with eminent literary ability. In short, Dr. Adams possesses all those qualifications which are requisite to make an able and attractive lecturer in Forensic Medicine. I believe that, those who feel interested in the wellbeing of our University, will be pleased that such an able and accomplished gentleman has offered himself as a candidate for the office.

J. R. WOLFE.

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From Professional Chemists in Glasgow.

FROM DR. WM. WALLACE, F.R.S.E., F.C.S.,

*Analytical Chemist; Author of various contributions to Medical Science.*

DEAR SIR,

As I understand that you are a candidate for the Chair of Forensic Medicine in the University of Glasgow, I am glad to have the opportunity of stating that I consider you in every respect eminently qualified to fill it, and that your claims to it are paramount.

I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

WM. WALLACE.

DR. JAMES ADAMS.

FROM DR. JOHN CLARK, F.C.S., &c.,

*Lecturer on Chemistry; Author of various original Researches in Chemistry.*

As I understand that Dr. James Adams is a candidate for the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow, it affords me much pleasure to have an opportunity of adding my testimony to his great ability and special qualifications for that office. As assistant and interim successor to the late Professor Penny, of Anderson's University, I had numerous opportunities of observing the great knowledge and experience which he brought to bear upon medico-legal cases and investigations; and from personal knowledge I am able to state, that not only was Professor Penny in the habit of consulting Dr. Adams on difficult and interesting points, but he frequently expressed the greatest deference for his opinion, and admiration of his skill in Microscopical and Toxicological investigation.

When I consider the unremitting attention with which Dr. Adams has for years devoted himself to the study of Medical Jurisprudence, the valuable investigations which he has made, and the great fluency and command of elegant language with which he communicates his ideas, I cannot help feeling that he possesses in an unusual degree all the qualities which would render him an ornament to the Chair of Medical Jurisprudence.

JOHN CLARK.



FROM ROBERT R. TATLOCK, F.R.S., EDIN., F.C.S., LOND.,

*Analytical Chemist ; Author of various published contributions on Chemistry.*

It gives me much pleasure to have this opportunity of recording the high estimation in which I have always held Dr. Adams, as an authority in Medico-Legal enquiries. During the nine years in which I acted as Senior Assistant in the laboratory of the Andersonian University, there were few of the criminal cases investigated there, in which he was not associated with the late Dr. Penny, so that I had constant—almost daily—occasion to observe his skill in advising and directing experiments bearing on the numerous and varied cases, and I feel convinced, that, in many instances, he was instrumental in bringing the enquiry to a successful issue. In the tedious and protracted investigation connected with the famous Pritchard case, the well known Physiological experiments were, in Dr. Penny's absence, devised by Dr. Adams, and conducted exclusively by him and myself, and to those who have read and can appreciate the published results, I need hardly say that the scheme adopted was a complete success, ending as it did in establishing the presence of a poison which purely chemical methods utterly fail to discover. I have always since regarded that method of detecting poisons, for which there is no satisfactory chemical test, as original, skillful, and refined, and as reflecting the highest credit on Dr. Adams, as a Toxicologist.

I have had the advantage of knowing Dr. Adams for upwards of fifteen years, and my experience during that time, of his excellent character and scientific attainments, impels me to say, that he has all the qualities which entitle him to the highest position as a teacher of Medical Jurisprudence. I regard him as a scholar and a gentleman, and from my own long experience of Medical Students, I am satisfied he would at once command and retain the esteem and respect of a University Class.

It is almost unnecessary for me to refer to Dr. Adams's well known powers as a Microscopist—an attainment most essential to a professor of Medical Jurisprudence.

ROBERT R. TATLOCK.

FROM R. CARTER MOFFAT, PH.D.,

*Professor of Chemistry and Materia Medica, Glasgow Veterinary College; Teacher of Chemistry to Glasgow Chemists' and Druggists' Association, and to Glasgow Mechanics' Institution.*

I am gratified to have the opportunity of stating that I have known Dr. James Adams for a number of years, and that there are,



I believe, few men who are possessed of such an amount of knowledge of a scientific character. I have had numerous opportunities of working with him in cases of a medico and chemico-legal kind, and I can testify to his thorough acquaintance with chemistry. He is widely known as a Medical Jurist, and his skill as such, and particularly as a Microscopist, is freely admitted by scientific men of the highest position. Dr. Adams has a special faculty in communicating knowledge in an interesting manner, readily understood by students, and I believe that he would fill the position of Professor of Medical Jurisprudence with unusual success.

R. CARTER MOFFAT.







