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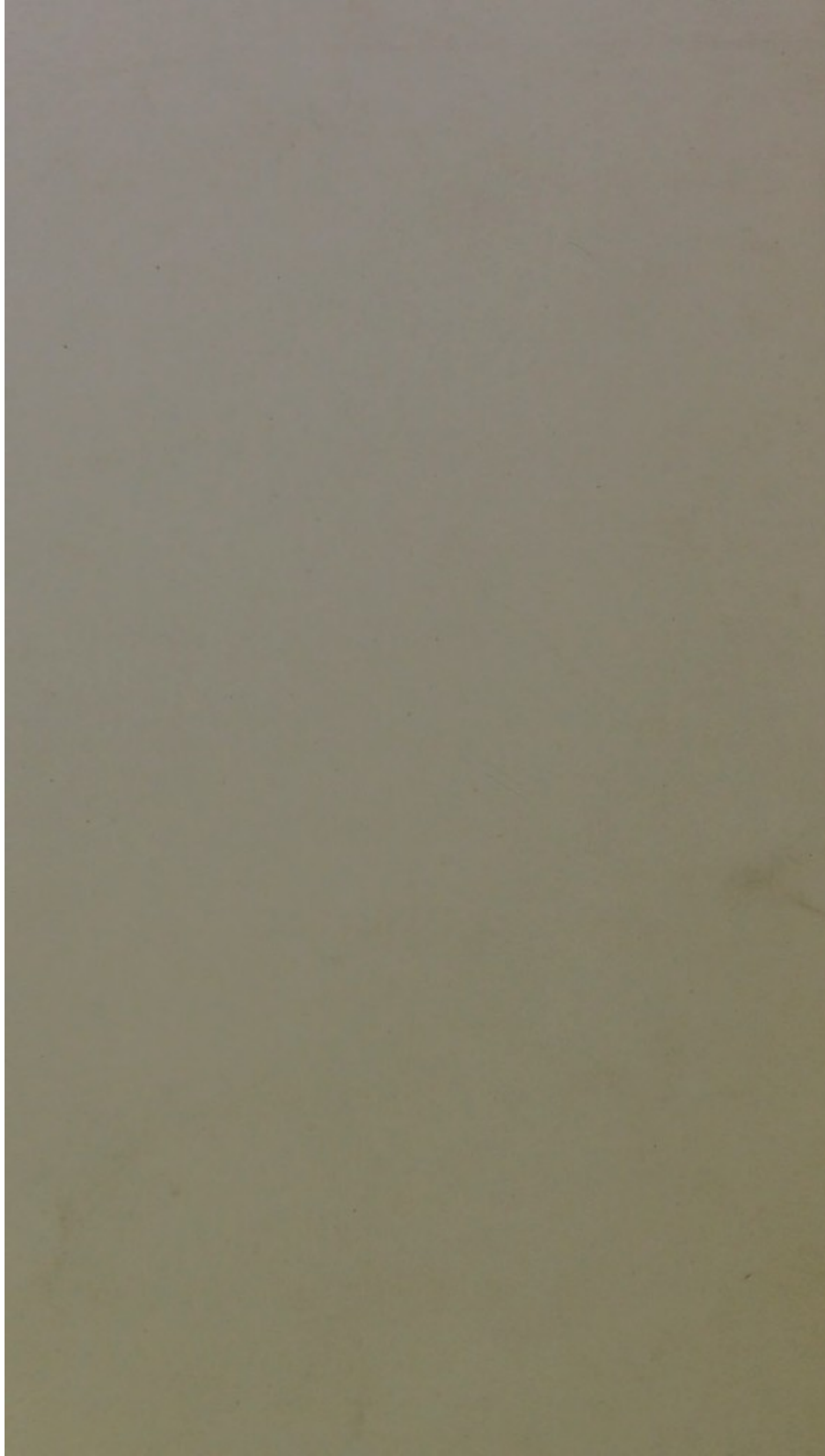
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PATHOLOGICAL ANATOMY AND CLINICAL  
MEDICINE,

IN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON.

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TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

SAMUEL WRIGHT, M.D.

EXTRAORDINARY MEMBER, AND FORMERLY SENIOR PRESIDENT,  
OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL, ROYAL PHYSICAL, HUNTERIAN MEDICAL,  
AND CUVIERIAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETIES, OF EDINBURGH;  
FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY OF ARTS FOR SCOTLAND, AND OF THE  
BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH;  
HONORARY MEMBER OF THE METAPHYSICAL ASSOCIATION OF  
GLASGOW, AND OF THE PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF  
MONTPELLIER.

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TESTIMONY

OF

JAMES W. WELLS, M.D.

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, JANUARY 18, 1841, RELATIVE TO THE STATE OF THE MIND AND BODY OF JAMES W. WELLS, M.D., AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, AND TO THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH.

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TO THE  
COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,  
LONDON.

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MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave, respectfully, to offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Pathological Anatomy and Clinical Medicine, in University College, vacant by the resignation of Dr. Carswell.

The Testimonials which I have now the honour to submit, from some of the most distinguished Professors and Practitioners of the age, will serve to acquaint you with the estimate which has been placed upon my labours in the cause of Medical Science.

In respect to my Medical Education, I may observe that I have been engaged during nine years in the study of my Profession. Of these, five years were passed by me in the form of apprenticeship, with my brother, a practitioner, resident in the town of Nottingham, under whose guidance and instruction I enjoyed very extensive opportunities of professional improvement; for, during the last two years of my servitude, I had the chief management of sick-clubs, whose members numbered about eleven hundreds, together with the patients chargeable to an extensive parish in the neighbourhood of Nottingham.

I passed four years of study in the University of Edinburgh, whence I obtained my Degree of Doctor of Medicine last year.

In my Second Session, I obtained the Prize of the Harveian Society of Edinburgh, for an Experimental Essay on the Physiological Action of Ergot of Rye—the Prize of the Hunterian Society of Edinburgh, annually awarded to the best Debater—and the Prize of the Metaphysical Association of Glasgow, for an Essay on the Philosophy of Metaphysics.

During my Third Session, I was elected Senior President of the



Royal Medical, Royal Physical, and Hunterian, Societies of Edinburgh.—I again obtained the Prize of the Harveian Society, for an Experimental Essay on the Physiological Action of the Poisonous Gases—and the Maclaren Gold Medal of Aberdeen, for an Experimental Essay on the Physiological Action of Tobacco.

In my Fourth Session, I was re-elected Senior President of the Royal Physical Society,\* and Vice-President of the Cuvierian Natural History Society of Edinburgh.—I also obtained the Prize of the Hunterian Society, for an Experimental Essay on the Vitality of the Blood—Professor Traill's Gold Medal, for an Experimental Essay on Asphyxia from Submersion—the Gold Medal of the Metaphysical Association of Glasgow, for a Translation of Cicero de Natura Deorum, with Illustrative Notes—and the Gold Medal of the University of Edinburgh, for my Thesis, experimentally illustrative of the Physiological Action of Mercury and its Chlorides.

My published papers on Medical Subjects, to which I beg leave to direct your attention, are—one, on the presence of alcohol in ripe fruits—in the *Lancet* for Sept. 1838—and three, on Ergot of Rye and its active principle—reprinted from the *Ed. Med. and Sur. Journal*—copies of which I have the honour of submitting to your notice.

Besides my Prize Essays, which are preparing for publication, I have Experimental Observations on the Pathology of the Saliva, and on the characteristics of Expectorated Matter;† on Salivary Calculi; and on Animal Gases—all of which will shortly appear in a printed form.

My attention has been chiefly devoted to Physiology and Pathology; and besides the diligent cultivation of them in reference to the human subject, I have carefully prosecuted them amongst the inferior animals, of which I have examined more than three hundred bodies.

\* At the termination of the Session, the Society awarded to me an Honorary Diploma of Presidentship, without the usual ceremony and fees.

† This Essay was written for the Harveian Prize of last year, and was returned to me with the following extract from the minutes of the Society:—"That Mr. Wright's Essay be returned to him, with the Council's marked, approbation of the talent and industry displayed in it; and at the same time with an expression of their regret, that his premature avowal of the authorship being against the regulation of the Society, they could not award him the prize."

My fitness for the office of public Teacher, will be ascertained from those of my Testimonials, which allude to the character I sustained in the different Debating Societies connected with the University of Edinburgh—from my having delivered a private course of forty Lectures on Chemistry—and from an invitation on the part of Professor Thomson, to deliver the Lectures on General Pathology in the University of Edinburgh during the present Session.

These qualifications for the vacant Professorship, I respectfully propose to devote to the interests of University College, should its Patrons be pleased to confide to me the responsibility of such a task.

I have the honour to remain,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your very obedient Servant,

SAMUEL WRIGHT, M.D.

21, *High Pavement, Nottingham,*  
*January 2d, 1841.*



*From the members of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh.*

UNDERSTANDING that Dr. Samuel Wright intends to offer himself as a candidate for the vacant chair of Pathology in University College, London, we the undersigned members of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh, beg to take the present occasion of expressing our desire for his success.

Dr. Wright, whilst a working member of our Society, brought before our notice many papers of the very highest character, and greatly distinguished, not only among us, but among the more experienced scientific men of Edinburgh, for their originality, research, and accurate reasoning. In 1838, he was appointed by the suffrages of the members, first President of our Society; while in the same year, his talents and exertions were rewarded in the like manner, by two other of the Scientific Societies connected with the University.

His Essays on subjects connected with Pathology, twice carried off the prize proposed by the Harveian Society, and his Inaugural Dissertation, on the occasion of his graduation in the University, was rewarded with the first gold medal, while at the same time he was particularly distinguished by the Professors, above his fellows.

We can only add our conviction that his general acquirements, and amiable manners, qualify him in a remarkable manner for such a situation as he is anxious to fill, and that he cannot fail to inspire in the Student, much love and enthusiasm both for the profession and for himself.

*George E. Day*, M.A. Cantab. F.C.P.S. F.B.S. Senior President of the Royal Medical, and formerly President of the Royal Physical Society.

*Thomas Anderson*, President.

*Hugh F. C. Cleghorn*, President. F.B.S.

*Richard James Mackenzie*, President.

*George Joseph Bell*, B.A. Oxon. F.B.S. late Senior President.

*George Atkin*, M.D. F.R.C.P.E. Curator of the Botanical Society, late President.

*P. D. Handyside*, M.D. F.R.S.E. Secretary to the Harveian Society, and formerly Senior President of the Royal Medical Society.

*John Rose Cormack*, M.D. late President.

*W. S. Carmichael*, M.R.C.S.L. M.R.P.S. &c.



*W. H. Lowe*, M.D. M.R.C.S.L. late President.

*Philip W. Maclagan*, M.D. F.B.S.

*John James Wright*, M.D. M.R.C.S.L. formerly Demonstrator of Anatomy, in Surgeon's Square, and Senior President of the Hunterian Medical Society of Edinburgh.

*John Percy*, M.D. F.B.S. late President.

*Wm. Cowell*, M.R.P.S. &c.

*John Goodsir*, M.R.C.S.E. M.W.S. Curator of the Royal Medical Society.

*Samuel M. Brown*, M.D. President of the Royal Physical Society &c.

*R. Wilbraham Falconer*, M.D. late President. F.B.S.

*From the Members of the Royal Physical Society of Edinburgh.*

WE, the undersigned members of the Royal Physical Society, learning that Dr. Samuel Wright is a Candidate for the Professorship of Pathology in University College, London, beg leave to bear testimony to the high talents, and unwearied assiduity in Medicine and the Sciences generally, which rendered him eminent during his residence among us in Edinburgh, and which would reflect lustre on whatever important office might be assigned to him.

We cannot conclude without an allusion to Dr. Wright's great talents as a public speaker. The faculty of orally communicating with eloquence and perspicuity the extensive knowledge he possesses—a faculty of the utmost importance to the holder of a Professorial chair—has gained him the admiration of all who have had the pleasure of hearing him.

*George Wilson*, M.D. Senior President, Lecturer on Chemistry in Queen's College, Edinburgh.

*George Bell*, B.A. Oxon. President, late Senior President of the Royal Medical Society.

*Samuel M. Brown*, M.D. President.

*H. W. Nachot*, Ph. Dr. President, F.S.A. Scot.

*G. E. Day*, M.A. Cantab. F.C.P.S. F.B.S. Senior President of the Royal Medical Society.



*George Atkin*, M.D. F.R.C.P.E.

*Edward Forbes*, M.W.S. For. Sec. Bot. Soc. late President.

*W. Macdonald*, M.D. F.R.C.P.E. F.R.C.S.E. F.R.S.E.  
F.L.S. F.G.S. &c.

*W. Coke*, A.M. M.D.

*John Reid*, M.D. F.R.C.P.E.

*Hugh F. C. Cleghorn*, F.B.S. President of the Royal Medical Society.

*William Oliphant*, Hon. Librarian.

*James Gall*, Hon. Sec.

*Joseph Taylor Goodsir*, L.R.C.S.E.

*George F. Etherington*, M.D. F.S.A. F.B.S. Hon. F.R.S.  
Pisa.

*John James Wright*, M.D. M.R.C.S.L. formerly Senior President of the Hunterian Society of Edinburgh, and Demonstrator of Anatomy in Surgeon's Square.

*Henry Taylor*, M.D. M.R.C.S.E. Resident Surgeon to the Nottingham Dispensary.

*Thomas Wright*, Mem. Hunt. Soc.

*Francis G. Browne*.

*From the Members of the Hunterian Medical Society of Edinburgh.*

University, Edinburgh, Dec. 2, 1840.

THE Office Bearers and Members of the Hunterian Medical Society of Edinburgh, understanding that Dr. Samuel Wright is at present a Candidate for the Professorship of Pathology, in University College, London, hasten to offer their testimony to his EMINENT QUALIFICATIONS for the office to which he aspires. In 1838, after having obtained one of the Society's HONORARY MEDALS, he was unanimously elected to the SENIOR PRESIDENCY—the duties of which he discharged with REMARKABLE ZEAL, ABILITY, and DISTINCTION. The singular READINESS and FELICITY OF SPEECH, with which he brought his great range of information to bear on the topics under discussion in the Society, together with his POWERS OF ILLUSTRATION and ARGUMENT, indicated a very HIGH CAPACITY for the PUBLIC ELUCIDATION of SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE. During the time of his personal connexion



with the Society, he brought forward a series of Experimental Memoirs on Physiological Subjects, which were equally distinguished by originality, extent of learning, and profundity of research; and in 1839—40, the Society awarded another of their HONORARY MEDALS to his luminous Essay on the Vitality of the Blood. We therefore consider, that in respect of PERSONAL ADDRESS, PROFESSIONAL ATTAINMENTS, and SCIENTIFIC PROMISE, as an INVESTIGATOR, Dr. Wright's qualifications for the Professorship in question MERIT the VERY HIGHEST REGARD,

*Samuel M. Brown*, M.D. Senior President, and President of the Royal Physical Society.

*Francis Black*, M.D. President.

*Francis Reid*, President.

*George I. Shaw*, M.D. M.R.C.S.L. Late President.

*James Marr*, M.D. Late President, Lecturer on Midwifery, &c.

*Joseph Gilioli*, L.L.D. F.B.S. Late President.

*John Lizars*, F.R.S.E. Late Professor of Surgery to the Royal College of Surgeons.

*Alexander Jardine Lizars*, M.D. F.R.C.S.E. Lecturer on Anatomy.

*Edward Forbes*, M.W.S. For. Sec. to the Botanical Society.

*George F. Etherington*, M.D. L.R.C.S.E. F.S.A. F.B.S. Hon. F.R.S. Pisa.

*Henry Lonsdale*, M.D. M.R.C.S.L. Lecturer on Anatomy.

*John Moir*, M.D. Lecturer on Midwifery,

*Charles George Wiehe*, M.D.

*John F. Ogilvie*, M.A.

*I. Molleson*, M.D.

*James Kirkpatrick*, L.R.C.S.E.

*W. H. Fairbairn*, M.D.

*William Wallace Fyfe*, V.P.C.S.E. F.S.A. Councillor.

*Frederick Duncombe*, Councillor.

*E. Kelaart*, M.R.C.S.L. F.B.S. Councillor.

*John G. Laing*, F.B.S. Councillor.

*I. G. Bird*, L.R.C.S.E.

*David Anderson*, L.R.C.S.E.

*S. Wielobyski*.

*William Bates*.

*Michael W. Taylor*.

*William V. Drury.*  
*George Meeking.*  
*Walter Dickson.*  
*D. Wielobyski.*  
*James Packer.*  
*George Keith.*  
*John Graham.*  
*Thomas Wright, M.R.P.S.*  
*Edward I. Wilson.*  
*Edward Jackson Riccard.*  
*James M. Adams.*  
*Alexander Jenoway.*  
*William Wentworth Hende.*  
*Francis Wemiss —————\**  
*William —————*  
*W. Ewring —————*  
*Charles Warneford.*  
*Alexander Armstrong.*  
*I. Y. Smith.*  
*Thomas Bateman.*  
*Henry Taylor, M.D. L.R.C.S.E. Resident Surgeon to the*  
*Nottingham Dispensary.*

\* The very illegible manner in which some of the names were written, prevented me from deciphering them.

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*From the Members of the Cuvierian Natural History Society*  
*of Edinburgh.*

University of Edinburgh, Dec. 4, 1840.

THE Office-Bearers and Members of the Cuvierian Natural History Society of Edinburgh, understanding that Dr. Samuel Wright is a Candidate for the Pathological Chair in University College, London, beg leave to testify their estimation of his entire competency for that responsible situation. Dr. Wright was a Vice-President of the Society during the last Session, and throughout his connexion with it, eminently displayed, that he possessed in the highest degree, the faculty of communicating information. The various papers which he laid before the Society, and which related chiefly to the Physiological



and Pathological departments of Medical Science, were characterized by the originality of his investigations leading to results of the greatest scientific importance. And whether we regard him as one signally qualified to advance or to communicate knowledge, we are assured that in him will be found combined, the essential requisites for discharging the duties of a Professor.

*John Macgillivray, V.P.*

*William W. Fyfe, V.P. F.S.A.*

*Samuel M. Brown, M.D. Late Vice-President.*

*Walter C. Trevelyan, M.A. F.R.S.E. F.S.A. M.W.S. F.B.S.  
F.G.S. Councillor.*

*E. Kelaart, M.R.C.S.L. Member of the Medical Society of  
Paris.*

*George F. Etherington, M.D. F.S.A. F.B.S. Hon. F.R.S. Pisa.*

*David Douglas, Hon. Secretary, Secretary to the Council of  
the Associated Societies.*

*George Atkin, M.D. Late President of the Royal Medical  
and Physical Societies.*

*James Macaulay, M.A. M.D. For. Sec. Bot. Soc.*

*Charles Winchester, M.A. Hon. Sec. Royal Medical Society.*

*Thomas D. Kirkwood, Licentiate of the Church of Scotland.*

*Thomas Fraser, F.B.S.*

*Hugh F. C. Cleghorn, F.B.S. President of the Royal Medical  
Society.*

*Wm. Bowie, F.B.S. M.R.P.S.E.*

*Thomas Wright, M.R.P.S.E.*

*Robert Etherington.*

*John Broad.*

*William Smith.*

*John Maclean.*

*George Watson.*

*J. K. Watson.*

*John Turnbull, Member of the Juridical Society of Edinburgh.*

*Robert M. Stark, Councillor.*



*From Robert Christison, M.D. F.R.S.E. late President of the Royal College of Physicians, and Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

University of Edinburgh, Nov. 30, 1840.

I CERTIFY that I have been intimately acquainted with Dr. Samuel Wright during the period when he pursued his studies at the Medical School of this University; that he has been distinguished among his fellow-students by his indefatigable zeal as a cultivator of the Medical Sciences, by his success in acquiring knowledge, and by the brilliancy of his appearance in the Examinations prior to his receiving his Degree of Doctor of Medicine; and that very few have left this University so highly educated, or so well-informed in all branches of Medicine, practical as well as scientific.

Dr. Wright has competed with unprecedented success for numerous Prizes given at Edinburgh, as well as in other parts of the kingdom; and in the course of these competitions, has exhibited an extraordinary aptitude for physiological and pathological researches, in which he has made numerous interesting discoveries. Among these I may particularize his Inaugural Dissertation, not yet published, on the Action of Mercury and some of its compounds, as being in my opinion, not merely the best of the Prize-Dissertations produced last year by the graduates of this University, but as likewise, one of the most important contributions that have been made for many years past, to the store of medical knowledge in chemical pathology, the doctrine of general therapeutics, and the physiological action of poisons.

Dr. Wright's papers, most of which, unpublished as well as published, I have had an opportunity of perusing with attention, are greatly distinguished by precision of thought and clearness of language; and I may add that he has enjoyed, not without justice, among his fellow-students, the reputation of an eloquent and fluent speaker, and possesses much facility and impressiveness of communicating his ideas.

I must not omit to observe, that he has shewn no less eminence as a classical scholar than as a scientific physician, and that he is a man of most excellent conduct and character.



I consider that he would be an important acquisition to any Medical School as a Teacher, and that from the prevailing bent of his mind hitherto, he is peculiarly fitted to excel in the cultivation of physiology or pathology.

R. CHRISTISON.

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*From Robert Graham, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.L.S., M.W.S., Hon. M.R.I.A. President of the Royal College of Physicians, and Professor of Medicine and Botany in the University of Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

University of Edinburgh, Dec. 24, 1840,

DR. SAMUEL WRIGHT has been well known to me as a distinguished Pupil of this University. I know him to be zealous, active, and very intelligent. Dr. Wright was known to his Fellow Students on account of these qualities, and in consequence was elected Senior-President of several of the leading Medical Societies in Edinburgh—Institutions which are always supported by the best class of Students, and where eminence must always prove conspicuous talent.

At his Examinations for his Degree, Dr. Wright was also distinguished, having received the highest marks of approbation from the Professors.

While in Edinburgh, Dr. Wright wrote many Prize Essays, and among the few who carried off the Gold Medals at the Graduation, for the best Theses of the Season, the Dean of Faculty was instructed to point out Dr. Wright as decidedly surpassing them all.\*

I entertain no sort of doubt that his ambition will induce him to seek for honourable distinction in after life, and that his talents, zeal, and activity, will secure it.

ROBERT GRAHAM.

\* "Principal Lee, in neat addresses, delivered to each of the gentlemen mentioned above, Messrs. Samuel Wright, John James Wright, Frederick Forbes, and W. O. Markham, the superb gold medals awarded by the Faculty. It was stated that the medals were all of equal value, but that the Senate wished particularly to distinguish the Essay of Dr. Samuel Wright,



*From Professor Graham to Professor Grant.*

Edinburgh, Dec. 24, 1840.

DEAR SIR,

I CANNOT resist the pleasure of giving to my friend, Dr. Samuel Wright, a letter of introduction to you. You are aware that he is a candidate for the chair of Pathology in your College; and I must take the liberty of referring you to a most honest certificate, which from long personal acquaintance I have most willingly given him.

He, and you, and science, will receive a benefit if he be successful.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

ROBERT GRAHAM.

*From Thomas Stewart Trail, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E.,  
M.W.S., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University  
of Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

TO PROFESSOR SHARPEY.

MY DEAR SIR,

I SHALL make no apology for introducing to you Dr. Samuel Wright, who is a candidate for the Professorship, vacant by the resignation of Dr. Carswell.

I have known Dr. Wright for several years, and have the highest opinion of his talents and acquirements.

During a most brilliant Academical career as a student, he has not only carried off every prize for which he contended, from numerous competitors, but he has already signally distinguished himself by the ingenuity and originality of his experimental researches on various

which was not only superior to any given in this season, but to any Essay ever presented to the Faculty. The Essay set at rest many disputed questions in reference to the physiological action and therapeutical application of mercury and its most important salts, the chloride and bichloride, which have hitherto been but imperfectly understood, and will be hailed by all physicians and toxicologists as a text-book, in reference to the subjects on which it treats."—Report of the Graduation in the Edinburgh Standard for Wednesday, August 5, 1840.



branches of Therapeutics and Pathology ; and I consider him as most eminently qualified to fulfil the duties of the office which he seeks.

I am, my Dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

THOMAS STEWART TRAILL.

*Edinburgh, Nov. 29, 1840*

*From Professor Trail to Professor A. T. Thomson.*

DEAR SIR,

ALTHOUGH it is a long time since I had the pleasure of meeting you in Liverpool, I have no hesitation in giving this introduction to my friend, Dr. Samuel Wright, who is a candidate for the chair lately occupied by Dr. Carswell.

Dr. Wright, though only a graduate of the last year, has eminently distinguished himself while a student, by the originality and ingenuity of his researches on various difficult branches of medicine, especially by his experimental investigation of the qualities and effects of Ergot of Rye ; by his inaugural dissertation on the effects of Corrosive Sublimate and Calomel ; and by a valuable Essay on Asphyxia from submersion, about to be published.

He has carried off from numerous competitors, every Academical prize for which he has contended, and has had the singular good fortune to be no less a favourite with his fellow students than esteemed by his preceptors.

In recommending him to your notice, I sincerely believe that he would do honour to the choice of the Directors of University College, should he be so fortunate as to obtain the Professorship.

I am, Dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

THOMAS STEWART TRAILL.

*Edinburgh, Nov. 29, 1840.*



*From William Pulteney Alison, M.D., F.R.S.E. Professor of Physiology in the University of Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

Edinburgh, Dec. 2, 1840.

DEAR SIR,

ALTHOUGH I have not had opportunities of judging particularly of your knowledge of Pathological Anatomy, I have had abundant means of judging of your natural talents, and the ardour and diligence with which you have applied them to various branches of study, and especially to the study of the different Sciences connected with Medicine; and from these means of judging, I am confident that the University of London will be very fortunate if it shall secure the services of such a man, at so early a period of his career, to fill so important an office as that which Dr. Carswell has quitted.

I say nothing of the well merited honours which you acquired in this University, as you have of course sufficient evidence as to them.

I am, Dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

W. P. ALISON.

To Samuel Wright, M.D.

*From James Y. Simpson, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

I SINCERELY believe that Dr. Samuel Wright possesses talents of the highest order—that he has cultivated those talents with great assiduity—and that he has the power of applying himself with indefatigable zeal and industry to every study which for the time being engages his energies. The truth of these statements has been shown by his having easily carried off most of the first prizes and honours of this Medical School, besides having gained others in Aberdeen, Glasgow, &c.

Dr. Wright speaks with very great fluency and distinctness, and I have no doubt that he will form a distinguished and admired Lecturer on Pathology, or on any department of Medical Science to which he may more particularly direct his attention.

JAMES Y. SIMPSON.

Edinburgh, Dec. 4, 1840.



*From Sir George Ballingall, M.D. F.R.S.E. F.R.C.P.E. Regius  
Professor of Military Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, &c.*

Edinburgh College, Nov. 30th, 1840.

HAVING been requested to express my opinion of Dr. Samuel Wright's professional attainments, I have much pleasure in stating that he was known to me for several years as a distinguished student of this University, when he prosecuted his studies with zeal, intelligence, and success; and from my own observation, as well as from the report of my colleagues, I have been led to form a very favourable opinion of Dr. Wright's talents, and consider him highly qualified for any professional appointment to which he may aspire.

GEORGE BALLINGALL.

*From John Reid, M.D. F.R.C.P.E. Lecturer on Physiology in  
Queen's College, Edinburgh; President of the Anatomical  
Society; Resident Pathologist to the Royal Infirmary, &c.*

DR. SAMUEL WRIGHT was a most distinguished student at this University, and carried off more prizes and had more honours bestowed upon him than any other of his contemporaries. He has great perseverance and power of application, combined with much facility in acquiring knowledge, and great fluency in communicating it to others. He possesses qualities which would render him a very effective teacher of Medical Science, and such as would enable him to fill with credit to himself and with advantage to the profession, the Chair of Pathology now vacant in University College, London.

JOHN REID,

Royal Infirmary Ed. Dec. 1, 1840.



*From Alexander Jardine Lizars, M.D. F.R.C.S.E. Examiner to the University of St. Andrews, and Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, Edinburgh, &c.*

I HAVE been acquainted with Dr. Samuel Wright for many years ; a part of which he was my pupil ; and there is no one in whose favour I ever wrote a Testimonial with greater pleasure than I do this for him. I sincerely believe him to be the most talented individual that ever attended the Medical School of Edinburgh. He will prove an honour to that School. And the University will be most fortunate which secures his services, as I am decidedly of opinion, from his unwearied diligence, and high talent, he will prove an ornament to it, and will rise to the highest rank in his profession.

ALEXANDER JARDINE LIZARS.

Dec. 1, 1840.

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*From John Percy, M.D. F.B.S. Formerly President of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh, Lecturer on Organic Chemistry in the Royal School of Medicine, Birmingham. Author of a Prize Essay on the Presence of Alcohol in the Brain, &c. &c.*

MY DEAR WRIGHT,

IT affords me the most sincere pleasure to bear testimony to your high intellectual attainments. The valuable researches of which you are the author, and the extraordinary number of medals which you have obtained, sufficiently attest the exalted character of your intellect, and your unwearied and earnest devotion to science.

With great sincerity I express my conviction that you will reflect a bright lustre on any Institution with which you may be connected as Professor. The intimate friendship which has now for some years subsisted between us, enables me to speak thus confidently. Your investigations concerning Physiological and Pathological Chemistry are in a high degree original and important ; and I cherish the expectation that abundant laurels will crown your future exertions in the cause of science. I can with truth affirm that I have never met



with any one who displayed such indefatigable perseverance as yourself. In whatever branch you determine to proceed, certain success awaits you.

With best wishes for your success,

I remain,

Your admiring and attached friend,

JOHN PERCY.

Newhall Street, Birmingham.

Dec. 10, 1840.

*From Andrew Blake, M.D. Physician to the Nottingham General Lunatic Asylum; Author of a Practical Essay on Delirium Tremens, &c. &c.*

Nottingham, Dec. 29, 1840.

DEAR SIR,

As I perceive you are a Candidate for the vacant Chair of Pathology in the London University, if the expression of my conviction of your fitness to fill that important situation, with credit to yourself and advantage to the University, can be in any way agreeable to you, I most cheerfully and conscientiously declare, as well from my knowledge of the very distinguished manner in which you passed through the University of Edinburgh, as of the indefatigable zeal with which you prosecuted your Pathological researches in this neighbourhood, that, should you be so fortunate as to succeed in obtaining the Professorship to which you aspire, the University, and through it, the Profession generally, must derive the greatest possible benefit.

With best wishes for your welfare,

I remain,

Dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

ANDREW BLAKE.

To Samuel Wright, Esq., M.D.



THE TWO TESTIMONIALS NEXT FOLLOWING, ARE FROM THOSE OF THE  
PHYSICIANS BEST KNOWN TO SCIENCE, IN CONNEXION WITH THE  
NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.

*From R. Hutchinson, M.D. M.R.C.S.L. Physician to the Nottingham General Hospital. Formerly Demonstrator of Anatomy in the Webb-Street-School, London, &c. &c.*

I HAVE had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with Dr. Samuel Wright during the space of several years; first, as my clinical clerk at the General Hospital, and subsequently, as friendly assistant in the elucidation of many obscure cases of Pathology occurring in my private practice.

These opportunities have afforded me the means of appreciating that gentleman's high intellectual endowments, and moral worth; and have convinced me, that his powers of acquiring knowledge are but exceeded by the facile and eloquent manner in which he imparts it, and by the originality and industry he has evinced in improving and extending our information on many important points connected with Physiology, Pathology, and Organic Chemistry.

I feel fully persuaded that any University obtaining Dr. S. Wright as one of its Professors, will by such appointment much accelerate the advancement of knowledge in our Profession, and will also materially add to its own reputation.

R. HUTCHINSON.

*From John Calthrop Williams, M.D. Extraordinary Member of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh; Physician to the General Hospital near Nottingham; Senior Physician to the Nottingham General Dispensary; Lecturer on the Principles and Practice of Medicine to the Nottingham Medical School; Author of a Treatise on Nervous Palpitation of the Heart, &c.*

Nottingham, Dec. 26, 1840.

My dear Sir,

It will give me the greatest satisfaction to hear of your appointment to the chair of Pathology in the University College, London. I have known you most of your life, and untainted as I know you to



have been by the vices and follies of opening manhood, your academical career has not been less deservedly brilliant than is your moral character excellent.

Ever zealous and industrious in the cause of Medical Science, from what is already known of you to the Profession, there cannot be a moment's doubt of your qualifications for the honorable appointment you desire. I wish you every success in your application, and

Believe me,

My dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

J. CALTHROP WILLIAMS.

To Samuel Wright, Esq. M.D.

*From John Wright, M.R.C.S.L. Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children to the Nottingham Medical School, &c. &c.*

21, High Pavement, Nottingham,  
Dec. 29, 1840.

I CERTIFY that Dr. Samuel Wright served an apprenticeship of five years to me, and that his conduct was such, throughout that period, as to promote our mutual confidence and harmony. It was his maxim always to keep pace with the progress of the day; and Time was hardly more steady in its course than was he in his attention to the several duties of his station. He thus secured to himself, even in seasons of public professional activity, a considerable share of the advantages attachable to retirement; and by directing his great talents mainly to the cultivation of Literature and Science, he soon took up a position that earned for him the esteem of every liberal and enlightened practitioner in the town. To me, the fact was a source of gratification and encouragement—for, suffering much from bodily infirmity during the last two years of his residence with me, I was necessarily compelled to intrust him with the chief management of my practice. And perhaps no better mode of declaring the amount of his acceptableness with my patients can be furnished, than by expressing



my conviction, that from amongst the eleven hundred mechanics of whom he took charge in their connexion with sick-clubs, one thousand might be found disposed to incur any reasonable labour or inconvenience, if by such means they could only contribute to the advancement of his worldly success.

He possessed a faculty which gave to his society an irresistible charm—that of communicating with fluency and elegance whatever had come within the comprehensive grasp of his mind ; and it was therefore confidently predicted, that whether as a speaker or writer, the University of Edinburgh would not, from amongst its pupils, be able to furnish for him a parallel.

JOHN WRIGHT.

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*From Joseph Thompson, M.R.C.S.L. Surgeon to the Nottingham General Dispensary. Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology to the Nottingham Medical School, &c. &c.*

TO PROFESSOR QUAIN.

Nottingham, Dec. 29, 1840.

MY DEAR SIR,

I HAVE much pleasure in presenting my friend, Dr. Wright, with this letter of introduction to you.

He is anxious to be elected to the chair of Pathology lately rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. Carswell ; and for which, from his Classical, Mathematical, and General acquirements, he is well qualified.

When you consider that three successive years of my Professional study were passed within the walls of the University, you may well conceive that I feel interested in its welfare—that I have many pleasant reminiscences connected therewith, and that I should not recommend to your notice an individual, who would not be likely, both by his abilities and industry, to further its interests.

Dr. Wright, during his pupilage at the University of Edinburgh, has taken more honors than any other student ; and though you may



consider that his youth is unfavourable to his election, I am sure you will agree with me, that where genius and talent are of a high order, age must give way before them.

I am,

My Dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

JOSEPH THOMPSON.

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*From Joseph Gilioli, L.L.D. F.B.S. Formerly President of the Hunterian Society of Edinburgh. Author of an Essay on Italian Literature, &c.*

Edinburgh, Dec. 10, 1840.

I AM very happy to have the opportunity of certifying that Dr. Samuel Wright, besides his remarkable talents and acquirements in all the branches of Medicine, and more particularly in Animal Chemistry, Physiology, and Pathology, as shown in all his numerous experiments and valuable Essays, is also possessed with eminent talents and elegant fluency as a debater and as a speaker, which his numerous friends and myself had frequent opportunities to admire within the learned walls of the various medical and scientific societies with which he is connected;—and moreover, that he has excited the admiration of his friends for his eminent acquirements as a Scholar, of which he gave ample proofs in a memorable occasion of a remarkable debate in the Hopetoun Rooms of this city, on which account he was presented with a beautiful Copy of the Works of Cicero.

So much I certify as being the pure truth,

And sign my own name,

JOSEPH GILIOLI.



*From Edward James Russell, L.L.D., F.G.S., F.H.S., F.C.S.  
President of the Sheridan Club of Edinburgh; Author of an  
Essay on Literary Criticism, &c. &c.*

Stirling, Dec. 11th, 1840.

MY DEAR SIR,

IT is with unfeigned pleasure that I give you this testimonial, expressive of my high opinion of your talents and acquirements.

I do not think I am going too far, when I say upon an impartial judgment, that I believe you to be one of the most accomplished speakers I ever listened to. Naturally endowed with a mental capacity of an uncommon kind, you have evidently lost no time in bestowing upon yourself every advantage which a highly-wrought classical education can impart. And it is no wonder, that with such natural and acquired graces and embellishments, your command over an auditory should be so signal.

It has been my pleasure to listen to an uninterrupted flow of your eloquence for nearly three hours in succession, for which effort you were presented with a splendid copy of the works of Pliny:—and from what I know of your excellence as an Orator, a Scholar, and a Gentleman, I can safely predict, that in whatever public situation you may be called upon to preside, you cannot fail to command the admiration and esteem of all who may have the pleasure and the honor of knowing you.

Wishing you every success,

I am,

My dear Sir,

Very faithfully yours,

EDWARD JAMES RUSSELL.

To Samuel Wright, Esq. M.D.





