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# CHAIR OF CLINICAL SURGERY


IN THE

## UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

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### TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF



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THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

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M.P., &c. &c.,  
HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR  
THE HOME DEPARTMENT,  
LONDON.

SIR,

Understanding that Professor LISTER has intimated his intention to resign the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, I beg to offer myself as a Candidate.

Having graduated with honours at the University of Edinburgh in 1865, and acted for twelve months as the late Professor SYME'S House Surgeon, I thereafter visited the principal Continental Schools of Medicine.

In 1866 I was appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh, and held that appointment for four years.

Having then obtained the Licence of the Royal College of Surgeons and the University Court as a Teacher of Surgery, I lectured on Practical Surgery in 1870 and 1871, and since 1871 I have lectured on Systematic Surgery. Commencing with 18 Pupils, this Class has steadily increased, and during the past Session numbered upwards of 100 Students.

In October 1871 I was elected Assistant Surgeon to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and in January 1875 Examiner in Anatomy to the University of Edinburgh. These appointments I still hold.

Professor LISTER having obtained leave of absence for the Summer Session of 1875, to enable him to visit the Continental Medical Schools, I was appointed by the University Court to discharge his duties. During that Session I took charge of his Wards, taught the

Students at the bedside, and delivered the Clinical Lectures to his class. In May 1876 and in May of this year, when Mr. LISTER was in London attending the Meetings of the General Medical Council, and on all occasions when he was temporarily absent from Edinburgh since my appointment as Assistant-Surgeon to the Infirmary, I have, at his request, taken charge of his Hospital work, and lectured to the Clinical Class. I have studiously availed myself of these opportunities of teaching Clinical Surgery. My clinique has always been numerously attended by the Students.

I am in my thirty-fifth year.

Since 1865 I have devoted myself to the study and teaching of Anatomy and Surgery, and for several years I have confined my practice to Surgery alone. On these grounds I venture to base my application for the present appointment, in support of which I have the honour to submit Testimonials regarding my qualifications.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN CHIENE.

EDINBURGH, 21 AINSLIE PLACE,

*July 1877.*

## TESTIMONIALS.

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(1.)—WILLIAM SHARPEY, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., *Emeritus Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in University College, London; Member of the Senate of the University of London, &c. &c.*

LONDON, June 13, 1877.

I have been acquainted with Dr. JOHN CHIENE for several years, and have formed a high opinion of his general character and professional merits. I consider him to be a most able, judicious, and accomplished surgeon.

Since his appointment as Assistant Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary in 1871, he has thoroughly justified the general anticipation then entertained of his eminent success as an hospital surgeon and teacher of surgery; and he has turned to the best account the opportunities afforded him of contributing by solid original work to the advancement of the branch of the medical profession to which he has devoted himself.

When, in addition to these recommendations, I keep in view the insight and experience he must have gained in clinical teaching, both independently and in assisting Professor LISTER, I feel assured that he is singularly well fitted to occupy the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

W. SHARPEY.

(2.)—G. M. HUMPHRY, M.D., F.R.S., *Professor of Anatomy University of Cambridge, and Surgeon to Addenbrooke's Hospital; Member of the General Medical Council, and Member of Council Royal College of Surgeons of England, &c. &c.*

GROVE LODGE, CAMBRIDGE,  
May 31, 1877.

Mr. CHIENE is unquestionably one of the most eminent of the younger surgeons of our time. I have had opportunities of becoming well acquainted with him—first, through his Anatomical and Surgical writings; secondly, by personal intercourse; thirdly, by observing him as an examiner when I was visiting the examinations in the University of Edinburgh on behalf of the General Medical Council; and fourthly, by accompanying him through the Wards of the Infirmary when he was taking charge in place of Professor LISTER; and I entertain a very high opinion of him. He is clear and able in his views, careful yet bold in his measures; and I should judge to be an excellent teacher. I do not know any one whom I can more strongly recommend for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

G. M. HUMPHRY.

(3.)—GEORGE W. CALLENDER, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., *Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgery St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Examiner in Anatomy University of London, &c. &c.*

7 QUEEN ANNE STREET, LONDON,  
May 30, 1877.

My Dear Sir—As you are a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, I am glad to have the opportunity of expressing my sense of the excellence of your surgical work, and of your high competency for the discharge, in the best possible manner, of the duties which devolve upon the holder of this Professorship. As I have the pleasure of your personal acquaintance, and as I have had the advantage of discussing surgical details of practice with you, I feel all the more justified in thus stating the opinion which I entertain of your especial fitness for the directing of such important studies as those of Clinical Surgery.

GEORGE W. CALLENDER.

JOHN CHIENE, Esq.

(4.)—JONATHAN HUTCHINSON, F.R.C.S., *Senior Surgeon London Hospital, &c. &c.*

15 CAVENDISH SQUARE, LONDON, W.

*June 6, 1877.*

From his surgical writings and from personal acquaintance, I have been led to form the highest opinion of Mr. CHIENE's professional attainments. That opinion has been confirmed by all that I have heard from Edinburgh students who have been his pupils, and from others who have attended his practice. The University of Edinburgh is much to be congratulated if, with Mr. CHIENE as a candidate, any difficulty is felt in selecting the best man for the Chair of Clinical Surgery.

JONATHAN HUTCHINSON.

(5.)—CHARLES MACNAMARA, F.C.U., F.R.C.S., *Surgeon to the Westminster Hospital, Surgeon-Major H.M.E.I.M. Service, &c.*

13 GROSVENOR STREET, LONDON, W.

*May 26, 1877.*

I saw Mr. CHIENE at work in the Wards of the Royal Infirmary during the year 1875, and I have subsequently had opportunities from personal observation of learning how skilful, sound, and judicious a surgeon he is. As a teacher his powers are remarkable, and I have no hesitation in expressing my firm conviction that, if fortunate enough to get the appointment, he will most efficiently fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery to the University of Edinburgh.

C. MACNAMARA.

(6.)—JOHN BROWN, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.E., *Author of*  
*"Locke and Sydenham," "Horæ Subsecivæ," "Rab and his*  
*Friends," &c.*

23 RUTLAND STREET,  
 EDINBURGH, 28th May 1877.

Mr. CHIENE has got from nature a powerful, keen, and truthful faculty of perception and thought; he thinks truth as well as speaks it, and has a strong will and a true and effectual sense and power of duty. He knows what to do and how, and has that command of principle, that imperial presence of mind, and readiness and simplicity of resource, without which no man, however gifted, can be a great surgeon, or indeed a great practical anything. All these faculties, receptive and active, are enforced and enriched by a quiet, strong enthusiasm: he goes into everything heart and soul.

He was bred under GOODSIR, one of the greatest anatomists of this or of any age, and under Professor SYME, who as a surgeon has had no superior, and as a clinical teacher no equal. He was a great favourite with both these distinguished men, who predicted for him a victorious and useful future. As Professor TURNER's assistant he became a consummate anatomist, the primary *sine qua non* of a surgeon; and though fully accomplished in the entire round of professional and general knowledge, he has steadily and with characteristic ardour concentrated himself on the science and art of surgery, its practice and teaching—in the latter, as seen from his letter to Mr. CROSS, with a quite singular success. It is well to know that Mr. CHIENE is a thorough believer in and a most skilful administrator of the Antiseptic system, of which Professor LISTER is the genius and apostle, and which has already revolutionised surgical treatment, and enlarged immeasurably the means of preserving human life and usefulness. In this respect, as in all other essentials, Mr. CHIENE would be a worthy occupant of this illustrious chair, and would carry out loyally and with energy this inestimable system in its fulness. Lastly and not least Mr. CHIENE is young, and will give the first crush of the grapes.

He is a gentleman in the best sense, having that regard for the feeling of others which is its essence; and his manly, sincere, frank manners, his genuine kindness of heart, make him at once attractive and powerful for good, as a master, teacher, and friend.

J. BROWN.

(7.)—JOHN GIBSON FLEMING, M.D., F.F.P.S., *Member of the General Medical Council; formerly Surgeon and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery Glasgow Royal Infirmary, &c. &c.*

155 BATH STREET, GLASGOW,  
11th June 1877.

I have pleasure in stating the very high opinion which I entertain of Mr. JOHN CHIENE as an anatomist, surgeon, and teacher, and my conviction that he would worthily fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

Mr. CHIENE has shown himself in many ways a typical member of that school of scientific surgery which is becoming ascendent; and the very high estimation in which he is held by his pupils is the best testimony to his power of conveying instruction.

J. G. FLEMING.

(8.)—Dr. JOH. NEP. VON NUSSBAUM, *Kgl. Universitäts Professor, Generalstabsarzt à la suite, ord. Beisitzer der Med. Comite; Conservator, Comthur, Ritter, &c.*

MÜNCHEN, 30 Mai 1877.

Die Lebensgeschichte des Mr. JOHN CHIENE und dessen literarische Thätigkeit haben meine Aufmerksamkeit auf sich gezogen und ich kann demselben meine vollste Verehrung schenken und glaube dass bei der Wahl eines klinischen Lehrers an die Stelle des berühmten Mr. LISTER wohl *kein würdigerer Nachfolger* gefunden werden kann.

JOH. NEP. VON NUSSBAUM.

[TRANSLATION.]

Dr. JOH. NEP. VON NUSSBAUM, *Regius-Professor University of Munich, &c. &c.*

MUNICH, 30th May 1877.

The career of Mr. JOHN CHIENE, and his literary activity, have drawn my attention to him. I have the greatest respect for him, and believe that in the choice of a Clinical Teacher to fill the place of the distinguished Mr. LISTER *no more worthy successor* could be found.

JOH. NEP. VON NUSSBAUM.

(9.)—EDWARD LUND, F.R.C.S., *one of the Surgeons to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, and Professor of Surgery in The Owens College, Manchester.*

Mr. CHIENE has been known to me for many years, both personally and by his writings on surgical subjects, and I entertain a very high opinion of his professional qualifications as a teacher and an original observer.

I am quite certain the day is not far distant when Mr. CHIENE will take a very high position in his profession, from his natural love for his work, and the careful scientific view which he takes of every object brought under his notice.

EDWARD LUND.

MANCHESTER, 4th June 1877.

(10.)—GEORGE H. B. MACLEOD, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., *Regius Professor of Surgery University of Glasgow; Surgeon and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery Western Infirmary, Glasgow, &c. &c.*

10 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,  
GLASGOW, May 28, 1877.

Dear Mr. CHIENE—Your contributions to Anatomy and Surgery, together with the opportunities you have had of carrying out the system of practice and teaching pursued by Professor LISTER, must constitute strong recommendations in your support for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in Edinburgh. I have often heard of the energy you have thrown into your work, and the ability you evince in its prosecution; and I have little doubt but that if you were appointed to the important Chair under consideration you would fill it with much success.—I am, yours faithfully,

GEO. H. B. MACLEOD.

(11.)—ALEXANDER PEDDIE, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., &c.,  
*Edinburgh.*

15 RUTLAND STREET, EDINBURGH,  
 12th June 1877.

I should imagine it difficult to find one better fitted in every essential respect than Mr. JOHN CHIENE to succeed to the Chair of SYME and LISTER.

My acquaintance with Mr. CHIENE, and knowledge of his great merits, have extended through his entire professional life; and from what I have observed, and opinions gathered among professional brethren, pupils, and patients, of his mental attainments, force of character, enthusiasm in work, and practical skill, I have all along predicted for him a brilliant career in surgery.

Mr. CHIENE will, I have no doubt, produce ample testimony to his long and thorough training in anatomy and surgery; to his remarkable power and popularity as a demonstrator and teacher; to the lucidity, research, and scientific views which characterise his various publications; and to the thoroughness of his belief in the Antiseptic theory, and the success which has attended its adoption by him in practice. However, as an old pupil and assistant of Mr. SYME, and one who has retained a first love for the practice of surgery, and kept up a knowledge of its modern developments, I consider myself specially qualified to offer an opinion on Mr. CHIENE's skill and success as an operator. I beg therefore to state, that from frequent occasions in the course of practice during the last few years, I have had opportunity to observe and admire his manual dexterity, the boldness with which he executes the greater surgical operations, and the delicacy and care bestowed on minor cases, and to minute details—on which so much of success in surgery depends. He possesses also in perfection the *tactus eruditus*; he is full of ingenious resources; and can concentrate his vigorous intellect on the work in which he is engaged, however unexpected and trying the difficulties may be, and perform that work with coolness and at the same time tenderness, so as invariably to gain the confidence and approbation of patients, and all interested in the cases under his care.

In fine, Mr. CHIENE's qualifications for the Chair of Clinical Surgery are varied and eminent, and I am convinced that, if appointed to it, he will in every respect sustain its high prestige, and prove an honour to the University.

A. PEDDIE.

(12.)—WILLIAM ROBERTSON, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.E., &c.,  
*Edinburgh.*

28 ALBANY STREET,  
EDINBURGH, 25<sup>th</sup> June 1877.

MR. JOHN CHIENE has been well known to me for the last fourteen years, and I have had ample opportunities of judging of his qualifications as a surgical practitioner. These are of the highest order. He possesses the natural gifts of great manual dexterity, a calm, reflective temperament, and a kindly, humane disposition.

During his whole career he has been a most diligent student of anatomy, and of all those branches of medical and physical science with which it is important that an accomplished surgeon should be familiar. His enthusiasm in all that relates to surgery cannot be surpassed, and, in acquiring a thorough knowledge of it, he has devoted all his energies to his favourite pursuit with a singleness of purpose which his professional friends must have long recognised and admired.

I have myself had frequent occasion to estimate the confidence which he inspires when called upon to act in a surgical emergency. It is in such circumstances that his strong common sense and manly fortitude, no less than his unfeigned yet manifest interest in the welfare of the sufferer committed to his care, mark the able and safe surgeon.

MR. CHIENE is happily not an old man, but he has lived long enough, worked hard enough, and practised enough to make him an authority in anything that relates to surgery.

His mind is always open for the reception of such advances as the progress of physiology and pathology may assist surgery in making, and his generous nature enables him to give all due consideration to the discoveries or suggestions of others. I may here advert to the zeal which he has shown in promoting Professor LISTER's plans of Antiseptic treatment, after thoroughly satisfying himself that these constitute a real and great surgical improvement.

As a teacher of Anatomy and Surgery MR. CHIENE has been very successful, and has endeared himself to many students, who could not fail to appreciate his enviable faculty of communicating knowledge. It only remains for me to add that he possesses a simplicity, honesty, and natural attractiveness of manner and of character which are well fitted to make him a most agreeable colleague.

Altogether, I know no man better qualified as a teacher of surgery, and I am sure the Chair which SYME and LISTER have adorned could not be more worthily filled than in the appointment of Mr. JOHN CHIENE.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

(13.)—T. G. RODDICK, M.D., *Professor of Clinical Surgery McGill University, and Surgeon General Hospital, Montreal.*

LONDON, *June 10th, 1877.*

Dear Mr. CHIENE—I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to your ability as a surgeon and a teacher in connection with your present candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, rendered vacant by the recent resignation of Professor LISTER.

I followed you closely in the wards of the Royal Infirmary for three weeks during the past month, and was deeply impressed with your skill as an operator, and the success which universally attended your efforts. I had the pleasure also of hearing you lecture, and can testify to the clear and impressive character of your teaching: of this I ought to be a judge, as I am myself a teacher of Clinical Surgery. What recommends you, however, as strongly as anything else in my opinion, is your thorough belief in the Antiseptic system. Your convictions in its favour are so strong, that Surgery practised after this method is certain to be a constant gainer in your hands; and it would be a matter for sore regret if, with the loss of Professor LISTER, the Edinburgh School of Medicine should retrograde in this connection.

T. G. RODDICK.

(14.)—JUST. LUCAS CHAMPIONNIÈRE, *Chirurgien des Hôpitaux de Paris; Membre de la Société de Chirurgie; Redacteur en chef du Journal de Médecine et de Chirurgie Pratique.*

PARIS, 13 RUE BONAPARTE,  
27 Mai 1877.

Mon cher Mons. CHIENE—J'apprends avec plaisir que vous êtes candidat à la Chair de Clinique Chirurgicale. Je n'en suis pas surpris car lors de mon passage à Edinbrough je vous avais écouté et vu faire à l'hôpital avec intérêt.

Surtout j'ai lu la plupart de vos publications et en particulier les plus récentes que vous avez faites sur la chirurgie antiseptique. Mes études personnelles me portaient à les apprécier plus encore que les autres. Je les ai toujours trouvées marquées, comme nous disons en France, au coin d'une bonne chirurgie. Je crois en particulier vous avoir eu d'autres circonstances déjà fait mon compliment pour votre travail très-remarquable sur le drainage avec le catgut et plus encore sur une excellente operation de cure radicale de hernie épiploïque. J'ai commencé par consigner le fait dans mon journal, et je me suis empressé à la première occasion de vous imiter dans une opération que j'ai faite il y a quelques mois.

C'est vous dire assez combien j'apprécie hautement votre valeur chirurgicale, et combien je serai heureux que vous joigniez mon nom à ceux très-nombreux et beaucoup plus importants qui appuieront votre candidature.

Je vous souhaite toutes les meilleures chances et vous prie d'agréer mon souvenir bien amical.—Votre devoué,

JUST. LUCAS CHAMPIONNIÈRE.

## [TRANSLATION.]

JUST. LUCAS CHAMPIONNIÈRE, *Surgeon to the Parisian Hospitals; Member of the Chirurgical Society; Editor of the "Journal of Practical Medicine and Surgery."*

PARIS, 13 RUE BONAPARTE,  
27th May 1877.

My dear Mr. CHIENE—I learn with pleasure that you are a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery. I am not surprised at it, for when I passed through Edinburgh I followed your lectures and watched your operations in the hospital with much interest.

Besides, I have read the most of your publications, and especially the more recent which you have written on Antiseptic Surgery. My personal studies led me to appreciate them still more than the others. I have always found them, as we say in France, to bear the stamp of good surgery.

I think that I have already on other occasions complimented you particularly on your very remarkable work on Catgut Drainage, and still more on an excellent operation for the radical cure of hernia.

In the first place I noticed the fact in my periodical, and I also took the first opportunity of imitating you in an operation which I performed some months ago.

This will sufficiently prove to you how highly I appreciate your surgical skill, and how happy I shall be if you will add my name to the many more important names which will support your candidature.

I wish you all success, and beg you to accept my very friendly remembrances.—Yours sincerely,

JUST. LUCAS CHAMPIONNIÈRE.

(15.)-F. RIEDINGER, M.D., *Docent der Chirurgie an der Königlichen Universität, Würzburg, &c.*

Im Sommer-Semester 1875 hielt ich mich 5 Wochen in Edinburgh auf, um in der dortigen Infirmary besonders die Antiseptische Wundbehandlung zu studiren. Herr Professor LISTER war abwesend und vertrat ihm Herr CHIENE dessen Klinik und Vorlesungen ich täglich besuchte. Ich habe an ihm nicht allein einen lebenswürdigen Collegen sondern auch einen ebenso tüchtigen Lehrer und Operateur gefunden. Ausgerüstet mit einem klaren Urtheil und einem lebendigen Vortrag, besitzt Herr CHIENE eine seltene Summe von theoretischen Kenntnissen, und ist besonders—was man selten findet—in der normalen wie in der pathologischen Anatomie bewandert. Ich denke mit Vergnügen an jene Zeit zurück und bin mit vollster Befriedigung aus Edinburgh geschieden.

Die Sorgfältigkeit, mit der Herr CHIENE jeden seiner ihm anvertrauten Patienten behandelte, sowie die Pünctlichkeit und Gewissenhaftigkeit in der Ausübung seines Amtes verdienen hier ganz besonders hervorgehoben zu werden.

Was die Publicationen des Herrn CHIENE anlangt, so zeigen diejenigen welche mir zugänglich waren, ebenso wie seine Vorlesungen eine klare Darstellungs-gabe und strenge Objectivität. Sie werden um so fruchtbringender sein, je grösser sein Wirkungskreis wird.

Schliesslich füge ich bei, dass ich mich freue dieser meiner Ueberzeugung öffentlichen Ausdruck geben zu können.

F. RIEDINGER.

WÜRZBURG, *June* 1877.

## [TRANSLATION.]

F. RIEDINGER, M.D., *Teacher of Surgery in the University of Würzburg, &c.*

In the Summer Session of 1875 I spent five weeks in Edinburgh, in order to study particularly the Antiseptic treatment in the Infirmary there. Professor LISTER was from home, and Mr. CHIENE, whose clinique and lectures I daily attended, acted as his substitute. I found in him not only an agreeable companion, but also an able teacher and operator. Endowed with a clear judgment and a power of vivid demonstration, Mr. CHIENE possesses a rare amount of theoretical knowledge, and is, what one seldom finds, singularly conversant with normal as well as pathological anatomy. I recall the time I spent in Edinburgh with pleasure and the greatest satisfaction.

The care with which Mr. CHIENE treated every one of the patients entrusted to him, as well as his exactitude and conscientiousness in the discharge of his duties, deserve to be very specially mentioned here.

With regard to Mr. CHIENE'S publications, those to which I have had access show, like his lectures, strict objectivity and a gift of lucid exposition. They will be the more productive of results, the greater his sphere of activity becomes.

In conclusion, I may add that I have great pleasure in being able to give public expression to my convictions.

F. RIEDINGER.

WÜRZBURG, June 1877.

(16.)—HECTOR C. CAMERON, M.D., *Surgeon to Glasgow Royal Infirmary, and Lecturer on Surgery Glasgow Royal Infirmary School of Medicine; Surgeon to the Glasgow Eye Infirmary, and late Surgeon to the Glasgow Lock Hospital.*

27 ELM BANK CRESCENT, GLASGOW,  
7th June 1877.

MR. CHIENE'S claim as a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh appears to me to be of a very distinct character.

He has already given the most reliable proof of success as a surgical teacher, from the fact of his continuing, year after year, to attract large and increasing numbers of students to his extramural course of lectures, while his contributions to medical journals have shown high powers of observation and much zeal in their employment. When it is added that he has also had ample experience of the duties of hospital surgeon and clinical teacher, from time to time (as will, no doubt, be testified by others from their own personal knowledge), I think his claims must be recognised as being very strong.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.

(17.)—J. BELL PETTIGREW, M.D., F.R.S., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E.,  
*Professor of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St.  
 Andrews, &c. &c.*

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS,  
*June 2, 1877.*

MR. CHIENE, although comparatively young, has high claims upon the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. In no case within my recollection has any young surgeon made greater headway, or made himself more popular. MR. CHIENE is remarkable for three things:—(a.) His fundamental knowledge of Surgery, obtained from his experience as Demonstrator of Anatomy; (b.) His teaching power; and (c.) His diagnostic and operating power.

To be a successful surgeon one must submit to severe anatomical training, and this MR. CHIENE has done with long-suffering patience. He has also written several interesting papers on Anatomical and Surgical subjects, and is at present engaged in a work on Surgical Anatomy. He has thus shown himself not only capable of teaching but also of advancing the interests of surgery by his writings.

If he continues the good work upon which he has entered with so much enthusiasm, he cannot fail to attain to eminence as a surgeon, and his appointment to the vacant professorship would be but a fitting reward to a career at once laborious, self-denying, and very fruitful as to results.

J. BELL PETTIGREW.

(18.)—ARTHUR GAMGEE, M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin., F.R.S. Lond.,  
*Brackenbury Professor of Physiology and Histology, The Owens  
 College, Manchester.*

THE OWENS COLLEGE, MANCHESTER,  
 9th June 1877.

My Dear CHIENE—I have much pleasure in complying with your request that I should express the opinion which I entertain of your fitness to fill the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

I know with what single-hearted devotion you have endeavoured to fit yourself for the position of a great surgical teacher, and there is no one who is, I think, so likely as yourself to attain so enviable an aim.

You possess a knowledge of human anatomy such as few surgeons have possessed. You have enjoyed and thoroughly utilised the most extended opportunities of acquiring great surgical experience; and you have, both in the discharge of your duties as an Extra-Academical Lecturer on Surgery, and when acting as a substitute for Professor LISTER, placed it beyond doubt that you are a lecturer of great ability. All these are reasons for supporting your candidature and wishing you success, but not the only reasons. You possess a philosophical cast of mind and a sound originality which, I am sure, have contributed very greatly to your success as a teacher in the past, and which will enable you to contribute in an important manner to the progress of surgery.

If you are chosen to be the successor of the two distinguished men who have been the last occupants of the Chair of Clinical Surgery, the University of Edinburgh will, I feel sure, have added to it one who will maintain the reputation which, mainly through their efforts, its surgical school already possesses.—I remain, faithfully yours,

ARTHUR GAMGEE.

(19.)—JAMES DEWAR, M.A., F.R.S., *Jacksonian Professor of Natural Experimental Philosophy in the University of Cambridge, and Fullerian Professor of Chemistry in the Royal Institution, &c.*

BROOKSIDE, CAMBRIDGE,  
12th June 1877.

My Dear CHIENE—The time you anxiously devoted to the prosecution of physical and chemical research, in regard to the Antiseptic system of Surgery, in my laboratory while in Edinburgh, conveyed to my mind then, as it does still, that you are an *earnest* student of science, thoroughly acquainted with the application of cognate branches of knowledge to your special department, and capable of *extending* and perfecting the same.—Yours very truly,

JAMES DEWAR.

(20.)—MORRISON WATSON, M.D., F.R.C.P., *Professor of Anatomy,  
The Owens College, Manchester.*

1st June 1877.

My Dear CHIENE—You have asked an expression of my opinion regarding your fitness to discharge the duties devolving on the occupant of the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh. Coming as my opinion does from one who has been exclusively engaged in the teaching of anatomy, it would not be becoming that I should speak of your purely surgical qualifications. Of these others more competent than myself will doubtless express their opinions. What I *do* feel qualified to speak to, however, by reason of my long association with you as Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh, is your power of imparting instruction to your students. We worked together for five years as Demonstrators of Anatomy, and I can emphatically state that no one of the many with whom I was associated in that capacity could lay claim to the same popularity with the students as yourself. This for two reasons: *firstly*, your entire devotion of self to their interests; and *secondly*, your power of interesting them in the otherwise dry details of anatomy, by showing the bearings of these on the principles and practice of surgery. The reputation you acquired at that time you have fully sustained since you became a Lecturer on Surgery in the Extra-Academical School of Medicine in Edinburgh, a fact easily substantiated by a reference to your class-roll, which has gone on increasing from year to year. I have had constant opportunity of hearing from students the high opinion they entertain of your powers as a teacher, and can speak from personal knowledge to your perspicuity and happy mode of illustration when addressing your pupils. I also bear willing testimony to the pleasure afforded to the students by your conduct of the surgical course of lectures during the absence of Professor LISTER, and to the satisfaction they expressed whilst listening to your lectures. Should you have the good fortune to be appointed, I feel sure that a thoroughly conscientious discharge of the various duties of the chair, combined with rare ability to teach, will go far to maintain its well-known reputation.—With best wishes,  
yours very sincerely,

M. WATSON.

(21.)—Dr. ERNEST KÜSTER, *dirig. Arzt am Augusta Hospital,  
Berlin.*

Es ist mir eine ganz besondere Freude die Ueberzeugung aussprechen zu dürfen, dass mir Herr JOHN CHIENE, Edinburgh, als ein sehr geeigneter Candidat für jeden Lehrstuhl der Chirurgie erscheint, und dass er eine besondere Zierde eines solchen zu werden verspricht.

Dr. ERNEST KÜSTER.

BERLIN, *Juli 3, 1877.*

[TRANSLATION.]

It gives me very great pleasure to be able to express my conviction that Mr. JOHN CHIENE, Edinburgh, seems to me to be a very fit Candidate for any Chair of Surgery, and that he promises to be a distinguished ornament in such a position.

Dr. ERNEST KÜSTER.

(22.)—*Professors and others connected with the University of Buda-Pest, Hungary.*

UNIVERSITY OF BUDA-PEST,  
15th June 1877.

Dear Mr. CHIENE—We cannot but rejoice in hearing of your candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, now vacant by the resignation of Professor J. LISTER.

Your various memoirs and papers on special subjects in the department of Anatomy, Pathology, and Practical Surgery are universally recognised as very valuable contributions to scientific surgical literature; and we believe strongly that in these respects, as well as from the consideration of your eminent practical qualifications as a first-rate scientific surgeon, if appointed, you will be an honour to the University, and a most worthy successor to Professor LISTER.

Professor Dr. TH. MARGO.

Professor Dr. I. SZABO.

Dr. PUKY, Buda-Pest.

Dr. JULIUS ELISCHER, Buda-Pest.

Dr. ALEXANDER WEISS, Arad, Hungary.

(23.)—OSCAR BLOCH, *Assistant Surgeon to Frederik's Hospital*;  
RICHARD PAULLI, *Assistant Surgeon to Frederik's Hospital*;  
TAGE HANSEN, *Assistant Surgeon to Commune Hospital, Copenhagen.*

COPENHAGEN, 7th June 1877.

We, Danish Surgeons who some time ago have visited Edinburgh, and there made acquaintance with Mr. CHIENE, and seen him work in Mr. LISTER's wards, are very glad to find this opportunity to express as our opinion that he possesses such qualities as are necessary for a surgeon to be worthy to occupy the Chair of Mr. LISTER.

OSCAR BLOCH.

RICHARD PAULLI.

TAGE HANSEN.

TESTIMONIAL LETTER FROM 365 PRACTITIONERS OF  
MEDICINE.

*May 1877.*

Dear Mr. CHIENE--It has come to our knowledge that the Chair of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh is soon to be vacant by the resignation of Professor LISTER. We cannot but regret that Edinburgh will thus lose the services of one who has, by his talents and discoveries, done so much to enhance the great reputation of the School; and we are naturally anxious to do what lies in our power to secure that the office shall be filled by a worthy successor. From our acquaintance with you, and with your work and acquirements, we feel called upon to express our conviction that to no one could the work of the Chair be more safely entrusted than to you. Although you are comparatively young in years, you have already shown such decided ability, and given such rich promise for the future, as to convince us that the University of Edinburgh would have in you a Professor of Clinical Surgery worthy to occupy the Chair of Mr. SYME and Mr. LISTER.

Your whole education eminently fits you for the appointment. In Anatomy you were trained as Student and Demonstrator by Mr. GOODSIR and Mr. TURNER; in Surgery you have had the great advantage of having been an Hospital Assistant both to Mr. SYME and to Mr. LISTER. With the late Professor SYME you acted as Resident Surgeon for a period of twelve months, and many of us remember how well you fulfilled the duties of that position. As one of the Assistant Surgeons to the Royal Infirmary, you have on many occasions during Mr. LISTER's absence been called upon to discharge the duties of the Professorship, and you have done so, we believe, with the greatest acceptance both to the University authorities and to the Students. You are, what in our opinion is a matter of no slight importance, a thorough believer in the Antiseptic system of treatment, and you are skilful and experienced in its application. Your knowledge of disease, the skill with which you operate, and the marked success which has attended your operations, show that you possess in an eminent degree all the qualities which make a Surgeon.

When Demonstrator in the University you made several important contributions to the Science of Anatomy, and since your appointment six years ago to the post of Assistant Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary, you have given to the profession from time to time the results of your practical experience. We can emphatically testify to the value and importance of your papers, as well as to the originality and sound judgment which they display.

Your success as a Teacher has been very remarkable. You began, as a Surgeon should begin, by teaching Anatomy, as Demonstrator for four years in the University. You then started as Lecturer on Surgery, and your Class, from a small beginning, has in the course of six years grown so rapidly, that during the last Winter Session you enrolled over 100 Pupils for your Systematic Course—the largest class in Surgery, we believe, that there has been for many years in the Extra-Academical School.

The University Court, in asking you to discharge the duties of the Clinical Chair during Mr. LISTER's absence, and in appointing you one of the Examiners in Anatomy, have shown their high appreciation of your past services, and of your talents as a Teacher.

We believe that the credit and reputation of the School would be worthily maintained by your appointment to the Professorship of Clinical Surgery, and we therefore beg cordially to support your candidature.—We remain, dear Mr. CHIENE, yours truly,

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LETTER from COMMITTEE of STUDENTS of the EDINBURGH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, with Copy of MEMORIAL TO HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT, signed by 315 Students.

JOHN CHIENE, Esq., F.R.C.S.

EDINBURGH, 29th June 1877.

Dear Sir—We, Members of the Students' Committee formed to further your Candidature for the Chair of Clinical Surgery, have much pleasure in enclosing copy of a Memorial which has been sent to the Home Secretary.

It has been signed by 315 Students.—Wishing you success, we remain, yours faithfully,

BENJ MASSIAH, *Chairman*; EDWIN H. GREVES; WALTER J. SMITH; G. SIMS WOODHEAD; A. FLETCHER CROLE; E. HOERNLE; JOHN STEWART; HENRY R. D. KINGSTON; WILLIAM H. SHIRREFF; CHARLES BEGG; CHARLES STUART; JOHN SMITH; RICHARD B. MITCHELL.

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To THE RIGHT HONOURABLE RICHARD ASSHETON CROSS, M.P.,  
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, London.

Sir—We, the undersigned Students of Medicine in Edinburgh, understanding that Mr. CHIENE intends to become a candidate for the Chair of Clinical Surgery, about to be vacated by Mr. LISTER, are anxious to come forward and show our appreciation of his great abilities, both as a Surgeon and as a Teacher of Surgery.

We know how from the very outset of his surgical career Mr. CHIENE has devoted himself to the art of teaching. A great natural

aptitude; a successful University career; the excellent opportunities he enjoyed—as House Surgeon to Mr. SYME, as Junior Demonstrator of Anatomy under Professor GOODSIR, and Senior Demonstrator under Professor TURNER; and the useful experience he gathered at some of the chief Continental Schools, have enabled him to carry out successfully his purpose. In his lectures the subject-matter has always been carefully thought out, and often enriched with original observations. His ideas have been expressed in clear and telling language, frequently aided by graphic description and pointed illustration. Frankly and fearlessly avowing what he considered to be true, he has yet been ever anxious rather to stimulate the hearer to think for himself than to be guided by his authority. Such exceptional qualities could not fail to attract a large number of students. His class of Systematic Surgery has increased year by year, till last session it grew to an extent such as few, if any, of the Extramural Lecturers have been able to command. His Summer Class of Operative Surgery has been, we believe, ever since it was started, the largest in the Medical School. It was lately a matter of rejoicing to us all that his class-room had to be enlarged considerably, as it would no longer hold the crowd that thronged to his lectures.

The same devotion to teaching we have observed whenever the charge of wards has devolved upon Mr. CHIENE. Trying to let every student see what he did, and to explain in clear language why he did it; anxious to utilise to the full the material at his command for the advancement of the student, yet making all subservient to the welfare of the patient, he has drawn a large number to the bedside whenever he made his visit.

The principles which Mr. CHIENE taught in the Lecture-Room we have seen him carry out faithfully in the Operating Theatre. The calm thoughtfulness, the dexterous skill, together with all absence of show, which he exhibited at the operation, and the careful and judicious after-treatment, so often rewarded by the happiest results, have elicited among us much praise and admiration.

Mr. CHIENE's high abilities as a Surgeon and as a Teacher so fully won for him the confidence of the Senatus Academicus, that for the

last three years he has been invariably appointed during Mr. LISTER's absence to discharge his duties, both in the Lecture-Room and in the Wards. We feel satisfied that he did this in a thorough and efficient manner, more especially as on each occasion he earned the full approbation of Mr. LISTER. "*Pulchrum est laudari a laudato viro.*"

Round the Chair of Clinical Surgery has gathered a great fame. It has borne a conspicuous share in raising high the prestige of our Medical School. A successful disciple of SYME, an enthusiastic adherent to Antiseptic Surgery—which we have seen him carry out faithful to the intentions of its great founder—Mr. CHIENE will, we are assured, strive to maintain the lustre bequeathed to our *Alma Mater*.

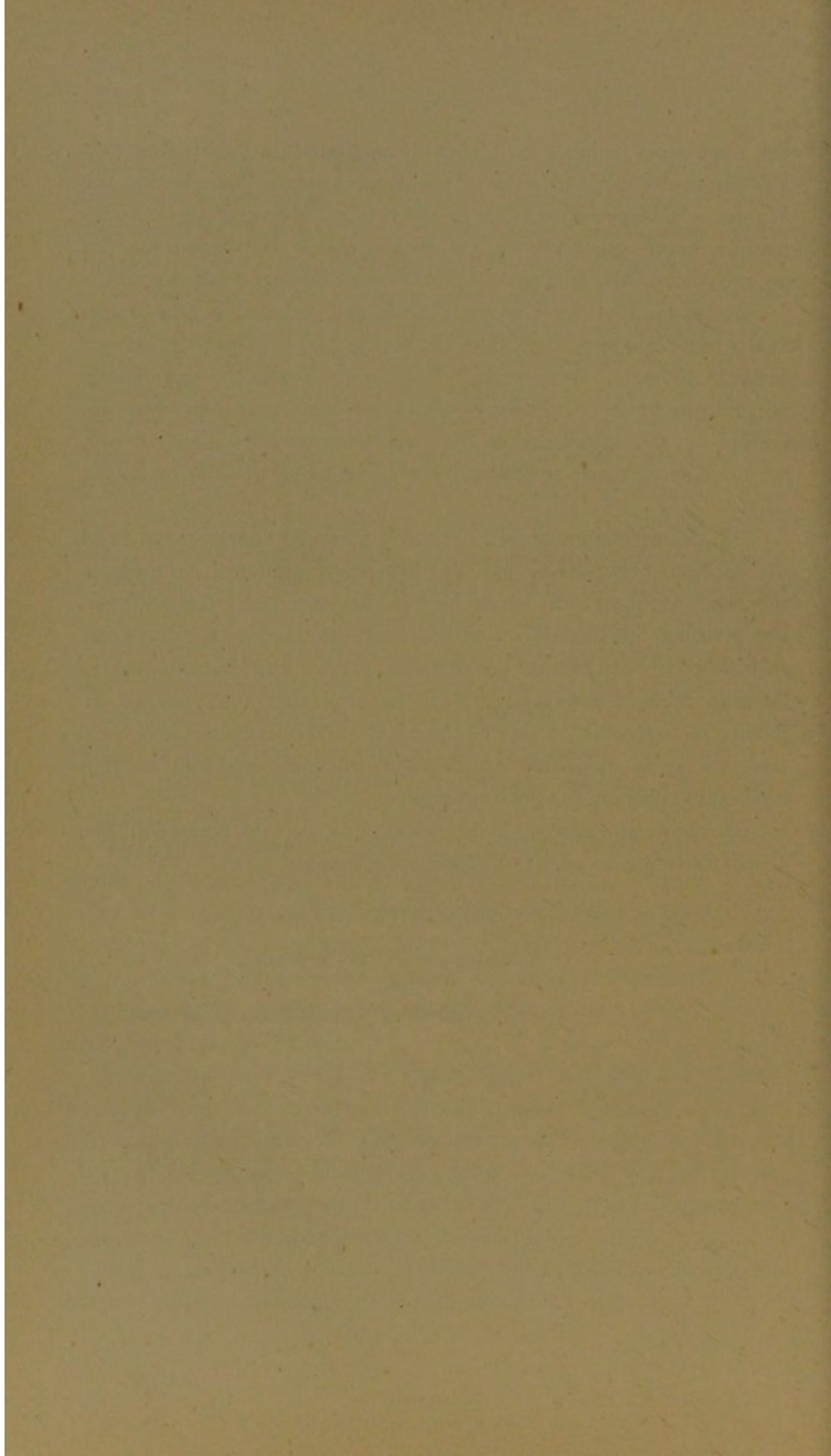
On the excellency of Mr. CHIENE's personal character we need not enlarge. The interest he has taken in all students' concerns,—the ready kindness with which he has met any one's difficulties,—the *bonhomie* he has shown in personal intercourse, the humanity with which he has treated his patients, are so well known, that to mention them is sufficient. If it be true that the personal influence of a teacher is one of the most powerful factors in education, we know that this qualification will not fail him in that honourable position to which he aspires.

On these grounds we most respectfully beg to commend Mr. CHIENE's claims to your favourable consideration.

We have the honour to be, SIR,

Your most obedient Servants,

(Signed by 315 Students of Medicine.)



## TESTIMONIALS

*Obtained by MR. CHIENE when a Candidate for the  
Office of Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal  
Infirmary of Edinburgh.*

(1.)—*The late* JAMES SYME, Esq., F.R.S.E., D.C.L. Oxon., M.D. Dub. (Hon.), *Surgeon in Ordinary to the Queen for Scotland, &c. &c.*

MILL BANK HOUSE,  
*September 22, 1869.*

Dr. JOHN CHIENE has been a Dresser, non-resident Clerk, and House-Surgeon in my department of the Hospital, in all of which capacities he discharged his duties to my entire satisfaction. Understanding that Dr. CHIENE is now a candidate for admission into the surgical service of the Royal Infirmary, I have much pleasure in stating that he possesses all the qualities requisite for a good Surgeon, and that I feel quite sure that his appointment would in all respects prove eminently beneficial to the Hospital.

JAMES SYME.

(2.)—*The late Sir Wm. FERGUSSON, Bart., President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; Sergeant-Surgeon to the Queen, &c. &c.*

16 GEORGE STREET, HANOVER SQUARE, W.,  
4th September 1871.

From personal acquaintance with Mr. JOHN CHIENE, and from other sources of knowledge, I have much confidence in stating that, in my opinion, he would make a most efficient addition to the Surgical Staff of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

WM. FERGUSSON.

(3.)—WM. TURNER, Esq., M.B. Lond., F.R.S.E., *Professor of Anatomy University of Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

EDINBURGH, *September 23, 1869.*

I have much pleasure in expressing the high opinion I entertain of the qualifications of Dr. JOHN CHIENE to fill the office of Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.

I have watched with great interest Dr. CHIENE's professional career from the commencement of his medical studies. The training he has received, and the knowledge he has acquired, have been such as to fit him in an especial manner for the position of Surgeon to a large public Hospital.

After several years spent as a Student, Dresser, and House-Surgeon, in the Clinical Wards of the Royal Infirmary, he was appointed by the late Professor GOODSIR, who, I have reason to know, held Dr. CHIENE's abilities in high estimation, to be the Junior Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University.

The thoroughly satisfactory way in which he discharged the duties of that post induced me to offer him, two years ago, the more responsible office of Principal Demonstrator to the Anatomy class. In discharging the functions of this office, he has proved himself to be thoroughly conversant with anatomical details, and has directed his attention more especially to the applications of Anatomy to Medicine and Surgery, to the literature of which department of the profession he has already made several important and valuable contributions. I wish to express my full satisfaction with his conduct during the years in which he has been associated with me.

From the able, zealous, and conscientious manner in which Dr. CHIENE has worked at his profession, from his special anatomical and surgical training, and from the natural bent of his mind towards surgical practice, I beg most strongly to recommend him to the Managers of the Infirmary, as in every respect fitted to hold the office of Assistant-Surgeon to a large public Hospital.

WM. TURNER.

(4.)—JOSEPH LISTER, Esq., B.A., M.B. Lond., F.R.S., *Professor of Clinical Surgery, University of Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

EDINBURGH, 22d August 1871.

Dr. CHIENE, after a very distinguished course of study in the University, had the great advantage of being trained in Practical Surgery as House-Surgeon at the Infirmary under Mr. SYME, who entertained a very high opinion of him. He was afterwards appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy in the College, and in that office not only acquired such a familiarity with the structure of the human body as is invaluable to the Surgeon, but also proved his aptitude for communicating information to others by the great popularity he acquired as a teacher; and this has since followed him to the class-room, where his course of Lectures on Operative Surgery during the past Summer Session attracted an unusually large number of Students.

Dr. CHIENE has also enjoyed ample opportunity, as Surgeon to one of the Dispensaries of this city, for extending his surgical experience, while he has kept a vigilant eye upon the practice going on in the Infirmary, where I have had occasion to observe his thorough devotion to his art, and to profit by his practical skill. He has also made various valuable contributions to Surgical Literature.

Dr. CHIENE's moral qualifications must be alluded to as of equal importance with his intellectual capacity and professional attainments. His sterling integrity and manly independence, together with his humane disposition, fit him alike for the stern, though beneficent, duties of the Surgeon, and for those of the trustworthy and respected Teacher.

Looking, therefore, alike to the good of the Infirmary, and to the prosperity of the Edinburgh School of Medicine, I earnestly hope that Dr. CHIENE may be appointed to the next vacancy for an Assistant-Surgeon.

JOSEPH LISTER.

(5.)—*The late* J. WARBURTON BEGBIE, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.E.,  
 &c. &c.

EDINBURGH, *September 20, 1869.*

Dr. JOHN CHIENE has been intimately known to me for several years, and I am able to bear the strongest testimony to the extent of his professional acquirements. Dr. CHIENE possesses excellent natural talents, and these have been most diligently cultivated.

In his Medical Studies he has particularly devoted himself to Anatomy, and has become distinguished as an able and highly successful Demonstrator in the University. His attainments in Surgery, and ability as a Surgeon, are of a very high order, and are such as to qualify Dr. CHIENE in no ordinary degree for the post of Assistant-Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary, which he is now anxious to obtain.

It is consistent with my own knowledge that Dr. CHIENE has held and very carefully discharged the duties of various subordinate situations in the Infirmary, including that of Resident House-Surgeon in Mr. SYME's wards.

Dr. CHIENE's diligence and humanity in the exercise of his professional duties are well known, and these, in connection with his other qualifications, are such as to warrant the most sanguine expectations of his future eminence and usefulness.

J. WARBURTON BEGBIE.

(6.)—*From Graduates and Students who attended the University of Edinburgh between 1866 and 1870, when Mr. CHIENE was Demonstrator of Anatomy.*

Understanding that there is shortly to be a vacancy in the Surgical Staff of the Royal Infirmary,—We, your former Pupils, gladly avail ourselves of this occasion to express our esteem for you personally, and our sense of your ability as an energetic and successful Teacher and Surgeon. During four years while you were Demonstrator of Anatomy at the University, we had occasion to admire the clearness which characterised your lectures; and we have now to acknowledge the benefit we derived from your method of demonstrating Anatomy with direct reference to the details of Surgery. As a proof of the confidence of the Medical Students in you as an instructor, we may point to the fact that your class of Operative Surgery this Summer was much the largest in Edinburgh. We hope for your appointment to the Staff of the Infirmary, believing that it would thereby secure the services of a very accomplished Anatomist and Surgeon, while we should have the aid and instruction, not only of an approved Teacher, but of one to whom we look to maintain the reputation of our Medical School, and advance the Science and Art of Surgery.

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