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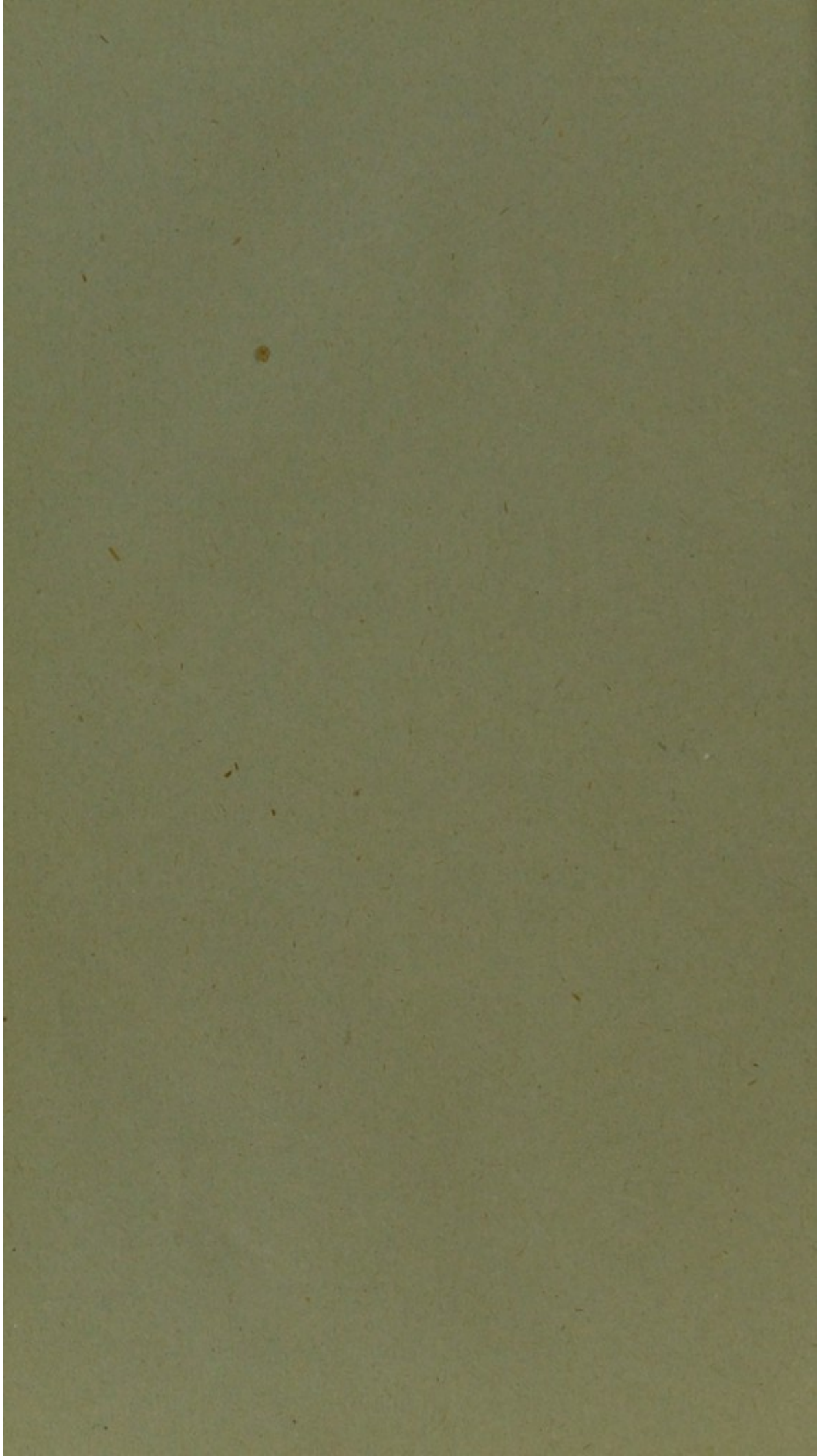
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DR. J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN'S

TESTIMONIALS

ETC.

FIRST SERIES.



TO THE
CURATORS OF THE PATRONAGE OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I BEG to offer myself as a Candidate for the CHAIR of MIDWIFERY and the DISEASES of WOMEN and CHILDREN, vacant in consequence of the death of Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart.

I shall have the honour of laying before you such Testimonials and other statements as may contribute to enable you to judge of my qualifications for the post which I seek.

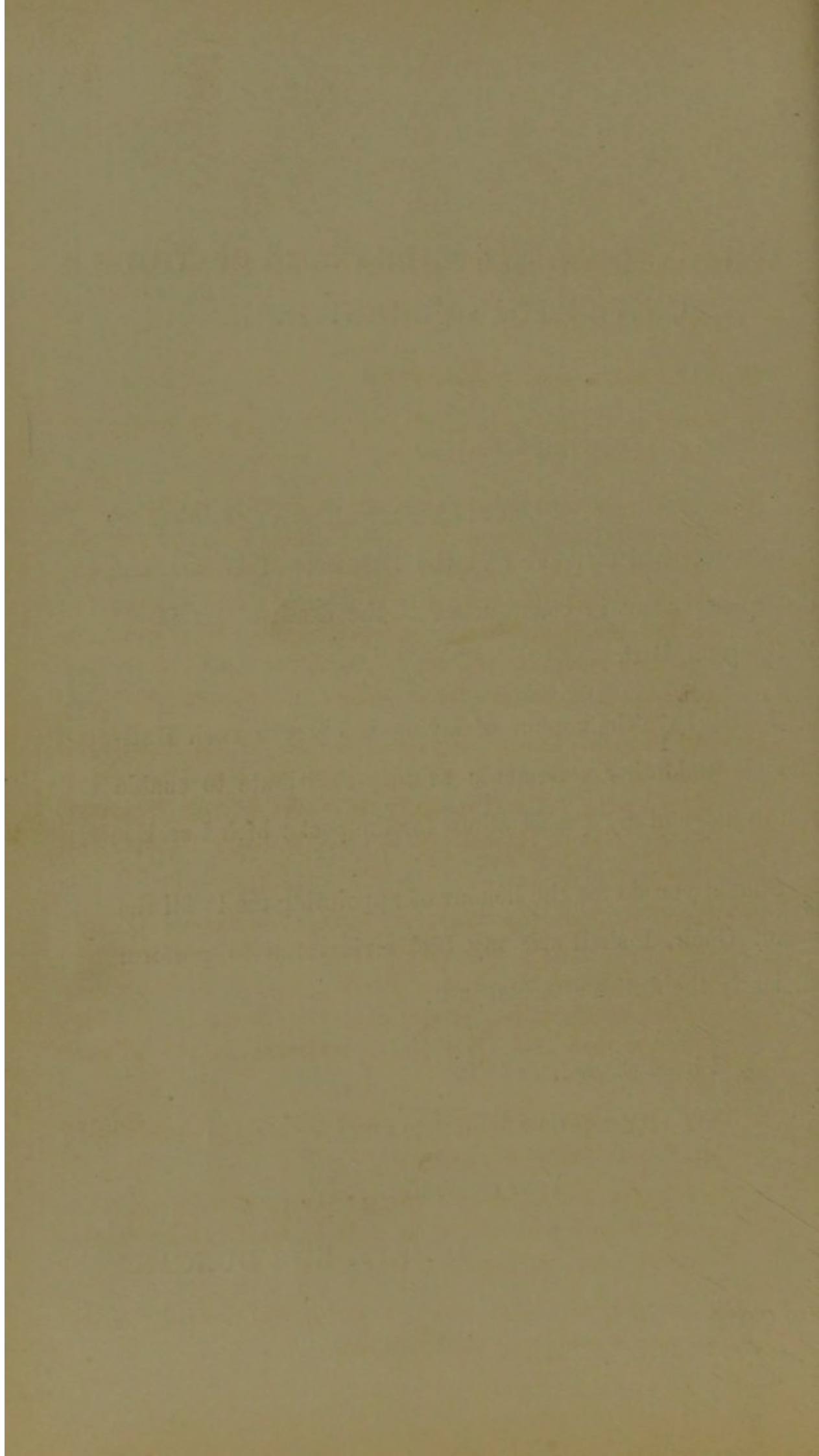
Should you do me the honour of appointing me to fill the vacant Chair, I shall use my best endeavours to perform efficiently the duties attached to it.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.



CHRONOLOGICALLY ARRANGED STATEMENT.

In 1842 I commenced medical studies.

In 1843 I took the degree of Master of Arts in Marischal College and University, Aberdeen.

In 1845 I came to Edinburgh to pursue medical studies at the University, and joined the class of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children taught by Professor Simpson. At the close of the session the class gold medal was awarded to me; and, though it was against the rule of the class to give two gold medals to the same student, yet I got also the first prize—a gold medal—for an essay on an obstetrical subject.

In 1846 I became House Surgeon to the Royal Maternity Hospital of Edinburgh, in which institution I had previously been a pupil. I was specially requested to take this office by the eminent physiologist Dr. Martin Barry, who had previously held it.

In 1846 I obtained the degree of M.D. at Marischal College, Aberdeen. In the autumn of 1846 I proceeded to Paris, where I spent the winter, devoting myself to obstetrical studies, chiefly under the teaching of the Baron Dubois, who presided over the Midwifery department in the Clinical Hospital of Paris.

In 1847 I returned to Edinburgh, and became a Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons.

In 1847 I was requested by Professor Simpson to become his assistant, and, with this view, went to reside in his house. There I continued for about four years.

In the end of 1847 I took an active part in the discovery of the anæsthetic properties of chloroform.

In 1849 or 1850, during the absence of Professor Simpson, from ill health, I conducted his class for several weeks, and adjudged the prizes.

In 1851 I became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians. I am now a member of the Council of the College.

In 1853 I obtained from the Royal College of Physicians a certificate of qualification to lecture on Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children. Thereupon, having acquired an extensive Museum and apparatus for teaching, I commenced to give courses of Lectures in the Surgeons' Hall Medical School. These I have regularly continued till now, and with ever-increasing success, so far at least as can be judged from the numbers attending my classes.

In 1853 I was appointed one of the Physician-Accoucheurs to the Royal Dispensary, an office which I still hold. In connection with this institution I have had a large number of pupils.

In 1858 I received the diploma of an Honorary Corresponding Member of the Imperial Royal Society of Physicians of Vienna.

In 1859, when the Obstetrical Society of London was founded, I was elected an Honorary Fellow. The late Sir James Simpson was the only other Honorary Fellow in Scotland.

In 1860 I was appointed Examiner in Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children in the University of St. Andrews. This office I held for several years, till circumstances rendered it impossible for me properly to fulfil its duties, when I resigned it.

In 1860 I took an active part in establishing in Edinburgh an Hospital for Sick Children. Ever since this beginning I have been one of the Managers of the Institution, and now I am Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children.

About this time I was elected an Honorary Member of the Hunterian Medical Society.

In 1861 I entered upon the duties of Ordinary Physician to the Hospital for Sick Children, but retained the office for a short time only, in consequence of having received an appointment in the Royal Infirmary.

In 1861, the Managers of the Royal Infirmary having resolved to open a new ward for the Diseases of Women, I was appointed Physician to it. This office I still hold.

Ever since I received this appointment in 1861, I have given, in the Royal Infirmary, Clinical Lectures on the Diseases of Women to large classes of students.

In 1862 I was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and since that time I have been appointed by the Society one of its Councillors, an office which I held for two years.

In 1867 I was appointed an Honorary Fellow of the North of England Obstetrical Society.

In 1869 I was appointed an Honorary Corresponding Member of the Gynækological Society of Boston, U.S.

In 1869 I received the diploma of Honorary Foreign Member of the Medical Society of Norway.

In 1869 I was appointed a Vice-President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society.

In 1869 I was appointed a Member of Council of the Obstetrical Society.

Besides those mentioned above, I am member of several other medical and literary societies.

MUSEUM, ETC.

My Museum now contains above 300 preparations, models, and the various kinds of apparatus required for obstetric teaching; a collection of instruments; and above 200 diagrams, drawings, and pictures.

WORKS BY DR. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.

Published in 1857.

THE URÆMIC CONVULSIONS OF PREGNANCY, PARTURITION, AND CHILD-BED. By Dr. CARL R. BRAUN, Professor of Midwifery, Vienna.

Translated from the German, with notes, by J. Matthews Duncan, M.D., etc. etc.

This book is now out of print. It has been republished in America, and is, I believe, still extensively sold. I do not think it necessary to quote passages from any of the numerous laudatory criticisms on this book.

Published in 1862.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF OSTEOMALACIA. By Dr. C. C. T. LITZMANN, Ordinary Public Professor of Medicine and Midwifery, and Director of the Lying-in Institution at the University of Kiel.

Translated from the German by J. Matthews Duncan, M.D., etc. etc.

Published in 1866.

FECUNDITY, FERTILITY, STERILITY, AND ALLIED TOPICS. Edinburgh: Adam & Charles Black. Pp. 378.

This work is now out of print. I shall append to the present list of my works, some extracts from the reviews of the book.

Published in 1868.

RESEARCHES IN OBSTETRICS. Edinburgh: Adam & Charles Black. Pp. 467.

I shall give some extracts from the critical notices of this book.

Published in 1869.

A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON PERIMETRITIS AND PARAMETRITIS. Edinburgh: Adam & Charles Black. Pp. 249.

Of this work also I shall quote some criticisms.

Besides the above works, I have published also some small memoirs which have been long out of print. These, and many of the Papers which I shall afterwards enumerate, have been translated into various foreign languages.

MEMOIRS AND PAPERS

*Published in various Scientific Journals by Dr. J. Matthews Duncan,
arranged according to their Dates.*

The following list is not nearly complete, but includes all the more important papers of the Author. A considerable number of them have been altered and extended, so as to form part of the works mentioned previously.

1851.

SPURIOUS MENSTRUATION IN NEWLY-BORN INFANTS.

Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science.

1853.

THEORY OF MENSTRUATION IN EARLY PREGNANCY, SUPERFETATION,
AND THE SITE OF INSERTION OF THE OVUM.

Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science.

THE INTERNAL SURFACE OF THE UTERUS AFTER DELIVERY ; ITS ANALOGIES,
ETC.—*British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review.*

1854.

TWO CASES OF PARTIAL CHOREA IN PREGNANCY.

Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal.

ON UTERINE DISPLACEMENT.

Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal.

THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE PELVIC ARTICULATIONS IN THE MECHANISM OF
PARTURITION.—*Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medical Science.*

REFLECTIONS ON THE DURATION OF PREGNANCY, WITH REMARKS ON THE
CALCULATION OF THE DATE OF CONFINEMENT.

Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science.

CASES OF SUPERNUMERARY FINGERS.

Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science.

ON THE TREATMENT OF DISPLACEMENTS OF THE UTERUS.

Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science.

1855.

ON THE STATICS OF PREGNANCY.

Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal.

CASE OF LABOUR COMPLICATED WITH HYDROCEPHALUS OF THE CHILD.

*Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal.*ON LOCAL BLOODLETTING IN INFLAMMATION OF THE UNIMPREGNATED
UTERUS.*Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science.*

CASE OF BRANCHIAL FISTULA.

*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*ON THE OS SACRUM CONSIDERED AS FORMING PART OF THE VAULT OF
THE PELVIS, AND ON ITS FUNCTION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
LATERAL EXPANSION OF THAT CAVITY.*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

ON THE MODE OF PRESENTATION OF DEAD CHILDREN IN LABOUR.

Association Medical Journal.

CASE OF LOCKING OF HEADS OF TWINS IN THE PELVIS.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

1856.

NOTES ON THE FORMATION OF THE RICKETTY AND MALACOSTEON
PELVES, CHIEFLY AFTER THE RESEARCHES OF M. MEYER OF
ZURICH.*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*ON A HITHERTO UNDESCRIBED DISEASE OF THE UTERUS—NAMELY, UN-
NATURAL PATENCY OF THE INNER EXTREMITY OF A FALLOPIAN
TUBE.*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*THE DURATION OF PREGNANCY, AND THE CALCULATION OF THE DATE OF
CONFINEMENT.*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF MIDWIFERY EDUCATION IN SCOTLAND; a
Letter addressed to Dr. ANDREW WOOD, President of the Royal
College of Surgeons.*Published by Sutherland and Knox.*

1857.

ON THE USE OF CHLOROFORM IN MIDWIFERY FORCEPS OPERATIONS.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

THE DOCTRINE OF THE DURATION OF LABOUR.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

THE INTERNAL SURFACE OF THE UTERUS AFTER DELIVERY.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

1858.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE MUCOUS MEMBRANE OF THE BODY OF
THE UTERUS. William and John Hunter.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

1859.

ON THE CERVIX UTERI IN PREGNANCY.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEMALE PELVIS.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE OCCASIONAL OCCURRENCE OF BOTS IN THE HUMAN SUBJECT.

Edinburgh Veterinary Review.

1860.

ON THE UTERINE LEUCORRHOEA OF OLD WOMEN.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

1861.

ON TUBERCLE OF THE BRAIN IN CHILDREN.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON SUB-ARACHNOID HYDROCEPHALUS. *Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

A CASE OF ENCEPHALOCELE, WITH THE THEORY OF ITS GROWTH.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE CAPUT SUCCEDANEUM : The Presentation ; and their Relations
in cases where the Head comes first.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

THE OBLIQUITY OF THE FŒTAL HEAD IN THE MECHANISM OF PAR-
TURITION.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

1862.

THE OPERATION FOR VESICO-VAGINAL FISTULA.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

DIPHThERITIC INFLAMMATION OF PROCIDENT UTERUS AND VAGINA.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON LUPUS AND CANCROID OF THE VULVA : Experience in the Royal
Infirmiry of Edinburgh.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON UTERINE HÆMATOCELE : Experience in the Royal Infirmiry of
Edinburgh.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

1863.

ON SOME RESULTS OF IMPERFECT DELIVERANCE IN ABORTION OR LABOUR ; ESPECIALLY FETID UTERINE DISCHARGES : Experience in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

OBSTRUCTION OF THE AIR PASSAGES : A cause of Death of the Child after Birth.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

NOTE ON THE STATE OF THE INTERNAL SURFACE OF THE UTERUS AFTER DELIVERY.

Transactions of the Obstetrical Society of London.

ON THE CERVIX UTERI IN PREGNANCY.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

NOTICE OF DIPHThERIAL GINGIVITIS IN LYING-IN WOMEN.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

1864.

THE SOURCE OF HÆMORRHAGE IN A CASE OF FIBROUS TUMOUR OF THE UTERUS.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE WEIGHT AND LENGTH OF THE NEWLY-BORN CHILD IN RELATION TO THE MOTHER'S AGE.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE VARIATIONS OF THE FERTILITY AND FECUNDITY OF WOMEN ACCORDING TO AGE.

Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

1865.

ON SOME LAWS OF THE PRODUCTION OF TWINS.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE COMPARATIVE FREQUENCY OF TWIN-BEARING IN DIFFERENT PREGNANCIES.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE MORTALITY OF CHILDBED, AS AFFECTED BY THE NUMBER OF THE LABOUR.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE MORTALITY OF CHILDBED AS AFFECTED BY THE AGE OF THE MOTHER.—

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON UTERINE HÆMATOCELE.—

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

REMARKS ON THE RETENTIVE POWER OF THE ABDOMEN.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

1866.

ON ENCYSTED SEROUS PELVIC EFFUSIONS FOLLOWING PUERPERAL INFLAMMATION.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

ON THE LAWS OF THE FERTILITY OF WOMEN.

Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

ON SOME LAWS OF THE STERILITY OF WOMEN.

Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

ON THE AGE OF NUBILITY.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

1867.

ON CASES OF VAGINA DUPLEX ET UTERUS SIMPLEX, AND OF SACCATED UTERUS.—*The Journal of Anatomy and Physiology.*

HÆMORRHAGE FROM FIBROUS TUMOUR OF THE UTERUS : ITS NATURE, SOURCE, AND SURGICAL TREATMENT.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE PRODUCTION OF INVERTED UTERUS.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

CASES OF INJURY TO BONES AND JOINTS IN PARTURITION.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

A CALCIFIED FIBROUS TUMOUR OF THE UTERUS, PARTLY ENUCLEATED SPONTANEOUSLY.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

ON A LOWER LIMIT TO THE POWER EXERTED IN THE FUNCTION OF PARTURITION.—*Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.*

NOTE ON UTERINE METROLOGY.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

1868.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE BLADDER.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

CASES OF EXTRA-UTERINE GESTATION AND UTERINE HÆMATOCELE.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

PELVIC AREOLAR INFLAMMATION AND SLOUGHING.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE UTERUS AND APPENDAGES AS MERELY FIXED BY ADHESIONS.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CEPHALOTRIBE.

Edinburgh Medical Journal.

1869.

THE INCREASED LENGTH OF THE CERVIX UTERI AFTER LABOUR, AND
IN OTHER CONDITIONS.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

REMOVAL OF AN EMBEDDED FIBROUS TUMOUR BY AVULSION.
Edinburgh Medical Journal.

INGUINAL SITE OF PARAMETRIC PHLEGMON AND ABSCESS.
Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE RARE MOBILITY OF INTRA-PELVIC PARAMETRIC PHLEGMON AND
ABSCESS.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

THE MORTALITY OF CHILDBED.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

REMOVAL OF A LARGE UTERINE FIBROUS POLYPUS.
Edinburgh Medical Journal.

THE ALLEGED SALUBRITY OF SMALL HOSPITALS.
Medical Times and Gazette.

ON THE ASSERTED SUPERIORITY OF NEW HOSPITALS.—*Lancet.*

ON THE QUESTION OF MATERNITY HOSPITALS.—*Lancet.*

HOSPITAL *versus* HOME PRACTICE. Three Papers.
British Medical Journal.

1870.

ON THE PRODUCTION OF FACE-CASES.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

ON AGGREGATION IN THE DUBLIN LYING-IN HOSPITAL.
Edinburgh Medical Journal.

ON THE ALLEGED SYNCLITIC MOTION OF THE FŒTAL HEAD IN THE
MECHANISM OF PARTURITION.—*Edinburgh Medical Journal.*

EXTRACTS from REVIEWS and CRITICAL NOTICES of
Dr. J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN'S Works.

The Author is indebted to his Publishers for the Collection of
Extracts which are here given.

“FECUNDITY, FERTILITY, STERILITY, AND ALLIED TOPICS.”

From the Lancet.

We owe many apologies to Dr. Duncan for having so long delayed a notice of his most valuable and important work. The truth is, it contains so much matter needing calm and attentive study, that we have been waiting for leisure to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the three hundred and sixty pages devoted to the analysis of facts from which deductions of a very remarkable and interesting character, in reference to the laws affecting the reproduction of the human species, have been arrived at. In truth, every one of the numerous chapters into which the author has classified his materials well merits distinctive critical analysis, and we are not without hope of so dealing with certain of them as opportunities may arise. . . .

We have thus endeavoured to convey to our readers a general impression of the characteristics of certainly one of the most interesting contributions to medical statistics which we have ever perused. We are not prepared at the present time to discuss critically many points as to which difference of opinion will arise. Statistics, as we all know, have a name for being convertible according to the fancy of the manipulator; and it might possibly appear on close examination that some of the data used by Dr. Duncan are rather more limited than we should consider safe for formulating laws on the abstruse and complicated functions of reproduction. We say this, however, not with the least intention of depreciating the value of Dr. Duncan's investigations. The want of sufficient data was the greatest difficulty he had to contend with, and the marvel is that he has been able so fully to establish as much as he has done. Not one of the subjects treated but has a peculiar interest for the medical profession; and we therefore very earnestly recommend the study of the book to our readers.

From the Edinburgh Medical Journal.

Both from the great labour, care, and skill, expended in the working out of details, and from the importance of the results, as either new or confirmatory of what was previously known or merely conjectured, the work is one of sterling value. It forms an original and important contribution, not only to obstetric science, but also to the department of political economy which treats of population, and to the principles of life insurance. Within our limits it is not possible to enter fully into all the topics discussed. No justice can be done to the inquiries without a study of the book itself. . . . Within the limits assigned to us we have been able to give only a very inadequate idea of the rich mine of fact and inference which this volume contains, yet enough has been said to justify and explain our recommendation of it as a work replete with original and valuable information, the study of which is indispensable to all who are interested in the subjects of which it treats, or who are engaged in similar inquiries.

From the Medical Times and Gazette.

Freely as we have extracted from the stores contained in this volume, we can yet assure our readers that the mine is far from exhausted: we would strongly urge them to read it carefully for themselves. To Dr. Duncan, who is well known as one of the most distinguished Scottish physicians of the present day, we tender, in the name of this Journal, the thanks of the profession for having presented us with a standard work, in which the results of former inquiries in the same departments of knowledge are judiciously blended with a large mass of original matter.

From the Scotsman.

The questions treated of in the volume before us not only affect the health and happiness of individuals and families, but exercise an important influence on the prosperity of states. Dr. Duncan has conducted his researches in a most complete and comprehensive manner, and has furnished us with a contribution to vital statistics most valuable, both from its elucidation of ascertained facts and from the gaps and uncertainties in our knowledge which it has shown to exist. It supplies us at once with an epitome of all that is known on the subject of which it treats, and places us on a firm basis from which to advance to new acquisitions.

From the Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medical Science.

In concluding this brief review, it is hardly necessary for us to express the high opinion we have formed of the work before us. By its publication Dr. Duncan has rendered an important service to medical as well as to statistical science. He has, moreover, set us a good example how to rightly conduct statistical investigations, so as to avoid the shoals and quicksands which beset the explorer in these regions. We are not speaking too strongly when we affirm that this, in truth, is an original and philosophical work, and gives abundant evidence of deep thought, severely logical exactness, and patient industry. On some of the important questions to which his researches refer, the data are scarcely sufficient in quantity to render the accuracy of his conclusions unimpeachable; but the author admits and regrets this, whilst telling us they were the only data available for his purpose.

From the North British Review.

The book which we are about to review is not a medical work, but a treatise on statistics referring to the topics named in the title. These statistics have been compiled and arranged with much care, and are handled by the author with acuteness and without prejudice. The book may therefore be read with pleasure and advantage by all who take an interest in the physical laws affecting the natural history of man and his social welfare. The book is not at all prolix or dogmatic, for Dr. Duncan belongs to the very valuable class of authors who collect and digest facts, but refrain from the reflections which these facts suggest. We have been tempted to indulge in some speculations, and feel certain that all readers who can think will find new matter for consideration in the book. They will find nothing garbled, no concealment, no prejudice, but a large collection of interesting materials intelligently arranged.

From the British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review.

A valuable contribution towards the study of this subject. Our limits prevent us from undertaking more than a very brief survey of the opinions put forward, and we must refer our readers to the volume itself for the tables on which they are based.

From the Glasgow Medical Journal.

To do sufficient justice in a mere cursory notice to such a work as that on fecundity, etc., is simply impossible. The subject is a vast

one, and comprehensive as is Dr. Duncan's treatise, he evidently does not claim the merit of having exhausted it. It would be difficult to find any one better adapted than Dr. Duncan for the task which he has so ably performed, and whereby he has rendered such valuable service to medical as well as statistical science.

“RESEARCHES IN OBSTETRICS.”

From the Edinburgh Medical Journal.

To no one in recent times has obstetric science been indebted for more frequent and valuable contributions than to the author of the work now before us, which, as containing some of his most important views, we recommend to the earnest attention of our readers. Thoroughness is, as the perusal of these Researches will at once show, the distinguishing characteristic of all Dr. Duncan's work. This is the second volume which in the course of a few months the author has given to the profession, and like the first, “On Fecundity,” its various chapters are chiefly made up from papers published in different medical and scientific periodicals. These, we are told in the preface, however, have all undergone revision, some having been so altered and added to as to be almost new, while a few of the essays are now published for the first time. It cannot be expected that in a notice like this we can enter with any minuteness into the numerous subjects of interest discussed in the work. To do so, would occupy more space and time than we have at our command, and we must therefore content ourselves with a brief reference to a few of those topics which appear to us to be of greatest general importance. The chapters on Menstruation in Pregnancy and Superfœtation are particularly worthy of attention. The essay upon production of Inversion of the Uterus is one of the most interesting in the book, and advances an original explanation of this untoward accident. No more valuable contributions to the science of obstetrics have been offered to the profession in recent times, and no practitioner can flatter himself that he is abreast of the age who has not bestowed attention on Dr. Duncan's Researches. The production of such a work will do much to maintain the reputation of our famous medical school, and cannot fail to enhance the renown of its gifted author.

From the Lancet.

The essays composing Dr. Duncan's volume have been chiefly gathered from the writings of this physician in the various medical

and scientific periodicals, though a few of the chapters appear now in print for the first time. Those which have already been published are, however, thoroughly revised, while some of them have been so altered and added to that they may almost be regarded as new. But, whether the contents be new or old, they are of a most valuable character. The book as it now stands will be found a highly instructive and suggestive volume to obstetricians for many years to come. Amongst the mass of valuable matter which Dr. Duncan thus presents to the student, it is difficult to make any selections for comment. But probably one of the chapters which will most interest the general reader is that devoted to the history of the mucous membrane of the body of the uterus, particularly as regards the credit to be attached to the researches of William and John Hunter respectively.

From the British Medical Journal.

Bearing in mind the interest caused by Dr. Duncan's work on "Fecundity, Fertility," and its perspicuity and preciseness, the labour and value of its varied and many tables, on seeing another book appear of the same author, we expected a further treat in literary food, and we can well say we have had an agreeable feast.

It has required a considerable period for proper digestion, but the result has been that we have found it wholesome and nutritive. The book is so well worth reading, on account of the clearness of statement, the accuracy of argument, the labour shown in many investigations, and the interest of the subjects brought forward, that we would not, by a too elaborate review, deter any one from its perusal. Nevertheless, its value as an addition to our obstetric literature demands more than a mere passing notice. . . . We think enough has been said to induce our readers to study this interesting work, which, together with his former one, places Dr. Duncan amid the front rank of those writers who bring to bear on the many abstruse points in our wide-ranging profession a scientific and philosophic mind.

From the Medical Times and Gazette.

We have left Dr. Duncan's book to the latter part of our article, chiefly because he is a pioneer, he is always breaking new ground, and the subjects of which he treats did not admit of comparison with the contents of the other volumes. . . . With the subject, which is probably new to most of our readers, we conclude our notice of Dr. Duncan's valuable contribution to obstetric science.

From the Westminster Review.

This book claims and merits the attention of those who are interested or engaged in the obstetrical branch of medical practice.

From the Athenæum.

There is no department of medical practice that has served so much to diminish human agony and preserve human life as that to which this volume is devoted. We know from actual statistics that, where formerly one woman in fifty perished, not more than one in two hundred and fifty perish now. This is due to the truly noble and philanthropic spirit in which medical men have pursued this branch of their profession. The great mass of facts which now constitutes the basis of the practice of midwifery has been accumulated by observations such as those of Dr. Duncan. He has for many years practised in that great school of obstetrical science.

From the New York Medical Record.

So varied are the topics discussed, and so concise the diction of the writer, and so interesting are the chapters to the thoughtful student, that it would be impossible to do justice to the work in a detailed review of its contents, without taking each section in turn, and discussing at too great length the several views of the author.

Professedly an advanced book written by a master in the art, it will be found particularly serviceable to such as are teachers in this branch, and others who have the disposition to investigate some of the more abstruse points connected with the subject under consideration.

“A PRACTICAL TREATISE ON PERIMETRITIS AND PARAMETRITIS.”

From the Edinburgh Medical Journal.

This, the latest and smallest of the volumes which Dr. Duncan has published, is in some respects the most important. The profession is already indebted to him for correcting many errors, clearing up many points which were obscure, and making many crooked paths straight, in connection with that department of medical science which he has cultivated with so much enthusiasm. But we know of no subject in the whole range of Gynæcological studies which is of greater interest, and none whose elucidation is of deeper importance, than that which forms the title of the little work now before us.

Upon the whole, we regard this volume as a very considerable step towards clearer, preciser, and fuller knowledge of a group of diseases which yet need much more investigation.

Dr. Duncan by his labours is doing something to hasten that wished-for-period, and we would conclude this somewhat sketchy notice of his interesting little book by cordially commending it to the attention of Gynæcologists.

From the European Mail.

This is a most useful little treatise on certain maladies to which women are subject. The author, already favourably known by his "Researches in Obstetrics," lays claim to no infallibility, as writers upon such subjects so often do ; but plainly avows "his indecision on many points," and admits that the opinions he entertains "are very far from being regarded by himself as final." This will by no means diminish, but will rather add to, the value of Dr. Duncan's book, in the estimation of the profession. We refrain from referring particularly to the views which Dr. Duncan enforces in reference to the diseases of which he treats, as a discussion of such a nature is fitted only for the columns of a medical journal ; but we generally note the learning and the patient observation which Dr. Duncan has brought to bear upon a difficult department of medical science. Dr. Duncan's nomenclature is new. Taking example from the heart and other organs, he uses the prefix *peri* to denote inflammation of serous membrane ; and *para*, inflammation of cellular or connective tissue. This is a very convenient mode of expressing these differences, and it would be well if the profession generally were to sanction its adoption.

From the Athenæum.

To most readers, even professional readers, the subject of this book, as indicated by the title, would be dark and mysterious. But Dr. Duncan is too well known as a labourer in the field of obstetrics to lead any one to doubt that he has chosen judicious terms to indicate the diseases he wishes to describe and treat. These diseases are outside ordinary experience, and can only be described by the practitioner of large experience and acute observation. We cannot here enter into any detail of them ; but those who are interested in saving the most precious life in the community—the life of the mother who has just given birth to offspring—will best understand the value of a treatise devoted to diseases which are the result of that condition. We notice this work to say that we think it deserves the attentive study of all engaged in the treatment of those diseases to which it refers.

From the British Medical Journal.

The appearance of this monograph on a most interesting and important subject is well-timed, and a careful perusal of it has led us to the belief that the work will contribute materially to the elucidation of a somewhat obscure piece of pathology.

On the treatment of these affections Dr. Duncan has some sound practical remarks. He has no faith in mercury for the removal of adhesions. Early evacuation of abscesses he recommends. Leeching of the uterus he considers preferable to scarification, though few cases admit of blood-letting in any shape. His book is one which the best informed practitioners will read with interest and advantage.

From the Edinburgh Evening Courant.

The appearance of another work from the pen of Dr. Duncan will be gladly welcomed by the medical profession, for he is already recognised as one who knows how to turn to account the vast experience which it has been his good fortune to acquire in the special branch of the profession to which he has devoted himself. An original and logical thinker, a careful investigator, an accurate observer of facts as they present themselves to him, and, moreover, a deep reflector on their import, Dr. Duncan further possesses the power of expressing his thoughts in clear and terse language, which gives to his writings an additional value, and imparts to them that philosophic stamp which is far from being the universal characteristic of medical works. Nor does the present volume fail to sustain the reputation of its predecessors.

Believing that much remains to be done before the diseases, to which the title of this book refers the thoughts of the physician, can be said to have arrived even at a sound elementary condition of scientific progress, Dr. Duncan looks forward with hope to see a beginning made of a truly scientific clinical treatment of the matter—of such a scientific treatment as has already overtaken several other sets of diseases. To help on this most desirable end is the object of his work. And so we heartily commend its perusal to our medical readers; referring them for a detailed criticism to more legitimate sources than the pages of a newspaper, where any such remarks would, to the majority of our readers, be as little edifying as they would be devoid of interest.

From the Medical Times and Gazette.

The chapter on treatment contains remarks applicable not merely to uterine inflammation, but to the whole field of modern disease. In a

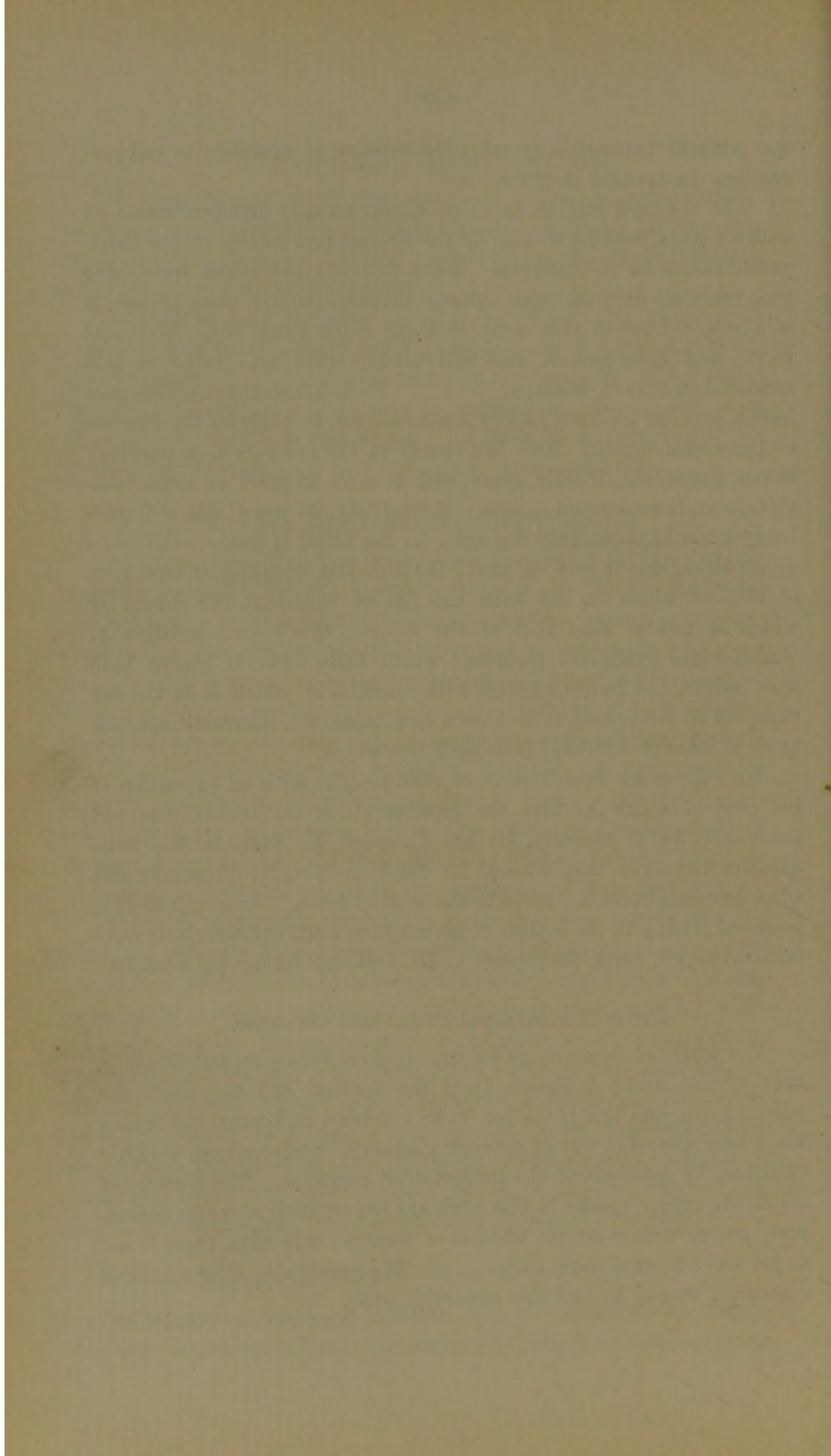
few pungent paragraphs he takes the measure of meddlesome and pre-tentious therapeutics in general :—

“In our own day, as in olden times, we may justly estimate an author’s ignorance of a disease by the amount and variety of the therapeutic means he recommends. When different physicians have, after long trials, all fixed on quite different remedies for the same disease, it is a safe conclusion that none of them is of much use. The next clever and unscrupulous man will unship them, and bring in still another new cure in triumph. . . . Foolish and unscrupulous men have a peculiar tendency, easily accounted for, to cultivate the diseases of the sexual organs. And the history of the progress of gynæcology in our day would, if truly given, cast as much disgrace on some individuals as honour upon others. Fortunately, its worst side will probably never be thoroughly exposed ; for the fittest of fates—oblivion—awaits much that is now vaunted : the discovery and diligent treatment of diseases which do not exist, the use of treatment, the danger of which is greater than that of the disease, the recommendation of remedies and operations regarding which little more is known than their names, the facile juggling with remedies of which it is the one sufficient recommendation to have a new name, the systematic concealment of disasters resulting from such treatments.”

He follows his denunciation of rash practice with an exposition of his own, in which he lays the greatest stress on leeches, rest, and poultices. As to mercury, he has discarded his faith in the anti-adhesive virtues of that mineral for the diseases under discussion, and when he administers it, does so in the gentlest doses. Thorough ability, power of getting to the bottom of his subjects, acute criticism, and careful observation, mark the present as Dr. Duncan’s former publications.

From the Medical Press and Circular.

The works of Duncan on Obstetrics and on Fecundity and Sterility, have excited much attention from the medical and also from the general press, and this is the less to be wondered at, because the author has a very agreeable way of expressing himself, an art perhaps too little cultivated by members of the profession of medicine. The diseases of which the author speaks in this work are the occasion of much controversy among writers on the diseases of women ; and thus there is not as yet much known about them. . . . We recommend all students of diseases of women to read this admirable work.



TESTIMONIALS

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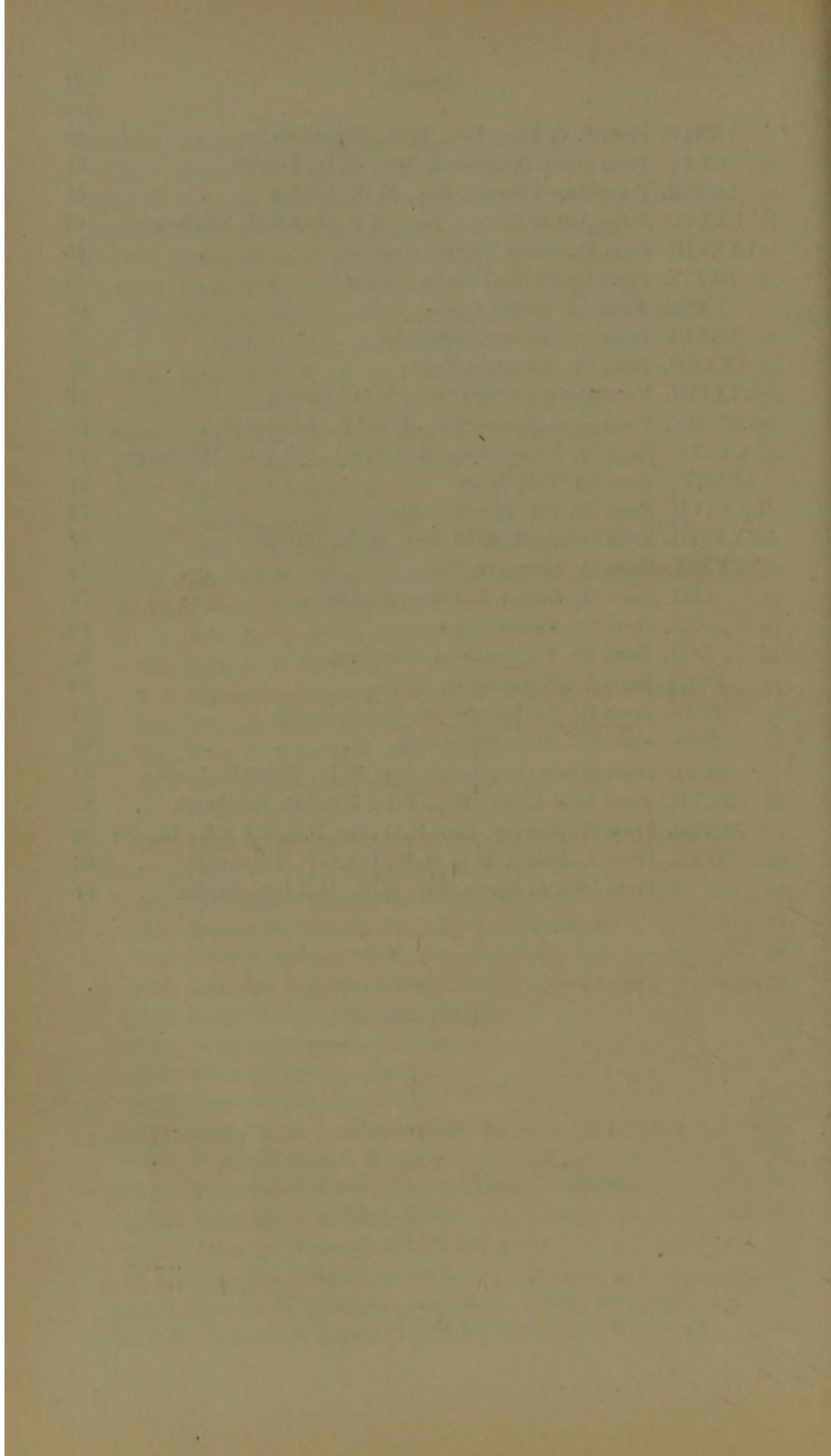
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TESTIMONIALS.

THE highest Honours or Testimonials which can be obtained by any scientific or professional man, are those which are spontaneously awarded by representative bodies of his brethren. Of such, Dr. MATTHEWS DUNCAN has received the following :—

In 1858,

HONORARY CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE IMPERIAL ROYAL
SOCIETY OF PHYSICIANS OF VIENNA.

In 1859,

HONORARY FELLOW OF THE OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY
OF LONDON.

In 1867,

HONORARY FELLOW OF THE NORTH OF ENGLAND OBSTETRICAL
SOCIETY.

In 1869,

HONORARY CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE GYNÆKOLOGICAL
SOCIETY OF BOSTON, U.S.

In 1869,

HONORARY FOREIGN MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF
NORWAY.

I.

From SIR CHARLES LOCOCK, Bart., M.D., D.C.L., First
Physician-Accoucheur to Her Majesty the QUEEN, etc. etc.

*26 Hertford Street, Mayfair, London,
May 16, 1870.*

From a long personal knowledge of Dr. Matthews Duncan, also from his high reputation, assured by his various published works, and by the appointments which he has so ably filled for many years, there is no doubt in my mind that it would be difficult to find any one so entirely fitted to succeed the late distinguished Professor in the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

CHARLES LOCOCK.

II.

From SIR WILLIAM JENNER, Bart., Physician-in-Ordinary
to Her Majesty the QUEEN, and to His Royal Highness the
PRINCE OF WALES, etc. etc. etc.

63 Brook Street, London, May 1870.

Dr. Matthews Duncan enjoys the highest reputation as a practitioner and as a writer on subjects connected with Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children. There cannot be a doubt that Dr. Matthews Duncan is pre-eminently qualified to fill the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

WILLIAM JENNER.

III.

From F. CHURCHILL, Esq., M.D., Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children to the King and Queen's College of Physicians, Ireland; Author of Standard Works on Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, etc. etc.

15 *St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, May 16, 1870.*

It appears to me that Dr. Matthews Duncan could have no better testimony to his qualification than his admirable papers. I know of none that show greater diligence, more acute intelligence, or a more thorough knowledge of his branch of the profession. I know of no man more worthy to fill the Chair of Midwifery in Edinburgh.

F. CHURCHILL,

Ex-President of the King and Queen's
College of Physicians.

IV.

From WILLIAM LEISHMAN, Esq., M.D., Vice-President of the Obstetrical Society of London; Professor of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow; Author of a Work on Parturition, etc. etc.

156 *Bath Street, Glasgow, May 16, 1870.*

Dear Dr. Duncan—I am very glad to learn that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in Edinburgh, vacant by the death of Sir James Y. Simpson.

I can say nothing stronger in favour of your application than this, that my first thought in reference to possible applicants for the Chair was that among such you were *facile princeps*.—With earnest wishes for your success, I remain, dear Dr. Duncan, faithfully yours,

WILLIAM LEISHMAN.

V.

From JAMES SYME, Esq., Surgeon, D.C.L., Emeritus Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh ; Surgeon in Ordinary to the QUEEN in Scotland, etc. etc.

Millbank House, Edinburgh, May 16, 1870.

Having long had the pleasure of being personally acquainted with Dr. Matthews Duncan, and frequently met him in the discharge of our professional duties, and being also fully cognisant of his whole professional career, I feel great pleasure in bearing testimony to his merits as a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery, now vacant in the University of Edinburgh, believing that he possesses in a very eminent degree all the qualities requisite for discharging the important duties in question, so as to promote the best interests of all parties concerned.

JAMES SYME.

VI.

From G. T. GREAM, Esq., M. D., F.R.C.P., Physician-Accoucheur to H.R.H. the PRINCESS OF WALES, etc. etc.

*2 Upper Brook Street, Grosvenor Square,
London, May 17, 1870.*

My dear Dr. Matthews Duncan—It would seem unnecessary that any Testimonials should be required by a Physician who has, by his talents, placed himself in your position ; but I am sure that the whole profession in London will gladly give their testimony to your high standing in the scientific world, and to your refinement as a Physician, both professionally and socially ; and to the estimation in which you are held generally and by individuals. Your published works have become standard books of reference, while your views are marked by an undeviating adherence to the rules of science ; and, while they have always

advanced with the age, they have been distinguished by an advocacy of doctrines which alone come within the strictest rules of orthodoxy.

Should you be appointed to the Chair of Midwifery, your appointment can only give the greatest satisfaction to those with whom it rests, and equally to those whom you will be called upon to teach; and it will be esteemed as of immense importance to the advancement of science by the Medical Profession and by the world at large.

It will be a great honour to any University, that a Physician of your general reputation and position can be found to fill so important a Chair.

I have conversed upon the subject with many of those in London whose opinions may be of value, and I find the general feeling to be that your appointment will give the greatest satisfaction.

Believe me, my dear Dr. Matthews Duncan, yours very sincerely,

G. T. GREAM, M.D.

VII.

From ANDREW INGLIS, Esq., M.D., Professor of Midwifery
in the University of Aberdeen, etc. etc.

University of Aberdeen, 16th May 1870.

Ever since Dr. J. Matthews Duncan has entered the profession, he has devoted himself to the study of Midwifery: his zeal, industry, and success, increasing rapidly from year to year; and I believe that he has, by his original research, publications, and teaching, done more to advance the knowledge of Midwifery than any other man in the United Kingdom.

Holding such an opinion of his merits, I consider him pre-eminently qualified to occupy the Chair of Midwifery for which he is a candidate.

ANDREW INGLIS,
M.D., F.R.C.S. Ed.

VIII.

From D. R. HALDANE, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E., Lecturer on
Practical Medicine and Clinical Medicine, Surgeons' Hall.

*22 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh,
18th May 1870.*

I have much pleasure in stating that I consider Dr. Matthews Duncan to have established a position which points him out as admirably qualified to succeed Sir James Simpson as Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Duncan, from an early period of his medical studies, devoted himself specially to the cultivation of the science and practice of Midwifery; and after upwards of twenty years of active professional life he has deservedly obtained the reputation of being one of the most distinguished Obstetricians of the day. Dr. Duncan has gone through a most unusual amount of work. Amidst the cares and responsibilities of a large private practice, he has devoted much time to public hospital appointments; he has been a successful and highly appreciated Lecturer and Examiner; while the extent and value of his published contributions afford abundant evidence of the zeal and success with which he has cultivated his favourite pursuits. These contributions extend over a very wide range of subjects, and are looked upon as valuable additions to medical literature, both in this country and abroad. I consider that Dr. Duncan's appointment would be eminently calculated to maintain and extend the high reputation of the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

D. R. HALDANE.

IX.

From W. S. PLAYFAIR, Esq., M.D., Assistant Obstetric Physician to King's College Hospital, and Senior Physician to Evelina Hospital for Sick Children; Author of a Work on Obstetric Operations, etc.

*5 Curzon Street, Mayfair, London,
May 17, 1870.*

Dr. Matthews Duncan's numerous and valuable writings have

long since gained him a foremost place amongst European Obstetricians, so that it is almost superfluous to say a word as to his high qualifications for the important appointment of Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

As an old student of that University, I naturally take great interest in all that concerns its welfare, and I feel specially desirous that a fitting successor should be found for the great man whose talents threw so much lustre on his chair.

I firmly believe that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to find amongst British physicians any one whose abilities, as practitioner, teacher, and author, better qualify him for this purpose.

W. S. PLAYFAIR,
M.D., M.R.C.P.

X.

From J. D. GILLESPIE, Esq., M.D., President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Senior Surgeon, Royal Infirmary; Examiner at the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Lecturer on Clinical Surgery at the Royal Infirmary; Surgeon to Donaldson's and Gillespie's Hospitals, etc.

10 Walker Street, Edinburgh, May 18, 1870.

Dr. James Matthews Duncan has been known to me very intimately for the last quarter of a century; and I have, during that period of time, had ample opportunity for forming an estimate of his general scientific attainments, and more especially of his admirable fitness for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Matthews Duncan has made the Mechanism of Parturition, and the Diseases of Women and Children, his peculiar study; and by the originality of his observations has gained an eminent position among men who have devoted themselves to forming the literature of that important branch of the Science of Medicine.

In my occasional professional relations with Dr. Matthews Duncan, I have found his good sound common sense of much value in the treatment of female complaints ; and I heartily recommend him to the Curators of the University of Edinburgh as an accomplished gentleman, a skilful Physician, and an excellent teacher of that branch of the Medical Curriculum to which the Midwifery Chair is attached.

JAMES D. GILLESPIE, M.D.

XI.

From P. H. WATSON, Esq., M.D., Lecturer on Surgery ; Surgeon to the Infirmary and to Chalmers' Hospital ; Author of several Surgical Works.

16 *Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, May 18, 1870.*

Dr. Matthews Duncan has for a long period seemed to me the man who most reasonably should be looked upon as legitimately claiming the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, in the event of its becoming vacant, on account of his position as a Teacher, as an Author, and as a Practitioner of the Obstetric Art.

By his unceasing labours in scientific investigation, by his very numerous and most varied contributions, both scientific and practical, to the literature of this department of Medicine, he has acquired for himself a reputation which has shed a lustre upon the School of Medicine with which his name has been associated.

His experience as a teacher, his attractive style as a speaker and a lecturer, the clearness of his views, the weight of his reasoning, his powerful and pointed summary of facts in illustration of any topic, have made him an universal favourite, and crowded his class-room to overflowing.

His example as a clinical teacher, in his earnestness of

purpose, in his unwavering perception of what is useful and practical, and in his abhorrence of anything which savours of mystery or deception, has made him invaluable to the students of this school as an example for imitation.

Of his character and talents, or of his high social position, I need say nothing; they are acknowledged on every hand by pupils, medical men, fellow-teachers, and by the discriminating public.

Endowed with all these great qualifications for the office he now ambitionates, even while regarding his removal from the extra-mural school as inflicting a most serious injury to its reputation, I can conceive of no one so well fitted for the Chair, or possessing higher qualifications for the discharge of the various and important duties connected with it.

PATRICK HERON WATSON.

XII.

From CHARLES WEST, Esq., M.D., formerly Lecturer on Midwifery at St. Bartholomew's and Middlesex Hospitals; Physician to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street; Author of Standard Works on the Diseases of Infancy and Childhood, and of Women.

16 *Wimpole Street, W., London,*

May 16, 1870.

Dear Dr. Matthews Duncan—I should suppose that common fame would point you out as the most fitting successor to the Chair in the University of Edinburgh, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Sir James Simpson.

As one who scarcely knows you except by your written works, I may bear testimony to their value, without the least suspicion of being swayed by private friendship in my estimate.

I can only say that you have written more in your own

department of the Profession than any one else now alive in this country ; and that there is no subject, of which you have treated, on which you have not thrown much valuable light.

I have profited from everything of yours which I have read ; and should rejoice in your appointment to the Chair of Midwifery, both as affording you a wider scope for usefulness, and as being a well-earned reward for years of most honourable toil.— Believe me to be yours very faithfully,

CHARLES WEST.

XIII.

From SIR WILLIAM FERGUSSON, Bart., Sergeant-Surgeon to Her Majesty the QUEEN ; Professor of Clinical Surgery, King's College ; Author of Standard Surgical Works, etc. etc.

*16 George Street, Hanover Square, W.,
London, May 17, 1870.*

I have formed a very high opinion of the great abilities and professional acquirements of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, from personal intercourse, and also the perusal of many of the papers of which he is the author. He is held in high estimation by his professional brethren ; and it would be difficult, perhaps impossible, to find at present any one more competent to fill the vacant Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

WILLIAM FERGUSSON.

XIV.

From J. HALL DAVIS, Esq., M.D., lately President of the Obstetrical Society of London ; Lecturer on Midwifery in Middlesex Hospital, etc. etc. etc.

24 Harley Street, London, May 17, 1870.

To the Patrons of the University of Edinburgh.

My Lords and Gentlemen—I have much pleasure in stating

that Dr. Matthews Duncan has long been favourably known to me, as I presume he must be to all European physicians, through his numerous valuable contributions in the department of Medicine which relates to Obstetrics and its allied branches. I may safely say that I know of no physician who has, by his good work as a teacher and practising physician in his department, so well deserved to succeed your late talented Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh as Dr. Duncan.—I am, my Lords and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. HALL DAVIS.

XV.

From JAMES PAGET, Esq., Surgeon, D.C.L. ; Sergeant-Surgeon Extraordinary to Her Majesty the QUEEN ; Surgeon to H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES ; Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital ; Author of Standard Surgical Works, etc. etc.

*1 Harewood Place, Hanover Square, London,
May 16, 1870.*

I cannot pretend to any accurate knowledge of the works of those who may be Candidates for the Professorship of Midwifery in the Edinburgh University, but I am sure that Dr. Matthews Duncan has, by virtue of his work, justly gained so high a repute for extensive and exact knowledge that his claims for the Professorship are of the highest order.

JAMES PAGET.

XVI.

From GEORGE W. BALFOUR, Esq., M.D., Physician to the Royal Infirmary ; Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, etc. etc.

21 Alva Street, Edinburgh, May 17, 1870.

My dear Duncan—There is no man in Britain who has done so much true and honest work in the advancement of Obstetrics

as a science as yourself. There is also none better acquainted with all the past as well as the most recent literature of the subject, as will be amply testified to by those who are far better judges than I am. As your colleague in the Infirmary, and formerly in Minto House, I can also testify that your instructions have been most eagerly sought after and highly valued by the Students; while I feel assured that the prevalent opinion in the profession is that held by myself, that there is no living British Obstetrician so well qualified to hold the Chair so long filled by the late Sir James Y. Simpson, and none who has given greater proof, by the extent, the variety, and the scientific precision of his researches, of his ability to maintain and increase the reputation of the Edinburgh University in that department of science to which you have devoted yourself.—With every good wish for your success, I am, yours sincerely,

GEORGE W. BALFOUR.

XVII.

From P. D. HANDYSIDE, Esq., M.D., Lecturer on Anatomy in Surgeons' Hall Medical School, formerly Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, etc., etc.

Edinburgh, May 19, 1870.

Dr. Matthews Duncan has, for seventeen years, been recognised as a successful teacher and cultivator of Obstetric Science in the Edinburgh School of Medicine. His scholarly attainments and logical mind, his powers of resolute and sustained work, his accurate acquaintance with general and medical physics and with vital statistics, his intimate knowledge of the higher anatomy of the osseous and muscular systems in the female, and of foetal physiology, development, and teratology, together with his large experience as a scientific Physician and Accoucheur, give an emphatic pledge of the success with which, in my opinion, Dr. Duncan will labour to maintain and enhance the lustre of the Chair now vacant owing to the lamented death of Sir James Simpson.

P. D. HANDYSIDE.

XVIII.

From ARTHUR FARRE, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., Physician-Accoucheur to H.R.H. the PRINCESS OF WALES ; formerly Professor of Midwifery in King's College, London, etc. etc.

*12 Hertford Street, Mayfair, London,
May 19, 1870.*

Dr. J. Matthews Duncan has been so long favourably known both to the medical profession and to the public, and he has done so much good work in the practice, the teaching, and advancing our knowledge of that branch, to which he has mainly devoted himself, that it seems to me unnecessary that I should say anything as to his claims to the appointment which he is now desirous of obtaining.

Nevertheless, as he has asked me to express my opinion on the occasion of his offering himself as a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Edinburgh, I willingly comply with his request by saying, that his long practice and experience in that branch of medicine, added to his qualifications as a teacher, and the numerous evidences which he has given of his capacity for original observation and research, fully entitle him, in my opinion, to be considered as a most eligible candidate for this appointment.

ARTHUR FARRE, M.D.

XIX.

From W. W. GULL, Esq., M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S., lately Physician to Guy's Hospital, etc. etc.

*74 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, London,
May 18, 1870.*

I have the greatest satisfaction in expressing the high esteem I have long felt for Dr. Matthews Duncan, and gladly avail myself of the occasion of his being a candidate for the Professorship of Midwifery, etc., in the University of Edinburgh, to bear my testimony to his distinguished scientific merits.

WILLIAM W. GULL,
M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.

XX.

From R. CHRISTISON, Esq., M.D., President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh; Professor of Materia Medica, etc. etc. etc.

40 *Moray Place, Edinburgh,*
May 20, 1870.

My dear Sir—In reply to your request that I should state what I think of your qualifications for the vacant chair of “Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children” in the University of Edinburgh, I have simply to observe that—looking to the practical and scientific value of your numerous writings, your success as a practitioner, your distinction as a teacher, your great experience, as well as your conduct, and acceptability with the members of the medical profession at large,—it will be difficult, in my opinion, for anybody to point out another so highly qualified for discharging the duties of the Chair occupied by the late Sir James Y. Simpson.—I am, yours truly,

R. CHRISTISON.

XXI.

From W. TYLER SMITH, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., Lecturer on Midwifery at St. Mary's Hospital; Founder and late President of the Obstetrical Society of London; late Examiner in Midwifery in the University of London; Author of important Obstetric Works.

21 *Upper Grosvenor Street, London.*

I have much pleasure in testifying to the eminent fitness of Dr. Matthews Duncan to become the successor of the late Sir James Simpson in the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. That Dr. Duncan has been able to achieve a sound position as Author, Teacher, and Physician, within the sphere of the greatest man Scotland has produced in this century, strongly attests his industry and ability.

It may be truly said of Dr. Duncan that there are few sub-

jects in Obstetrics which he has not touched, and he has touched nothing without improving it. He has shown himself, by his varied writings, to possess a keenly critical intellect of a high order. Exactness is his chief characteristic. In treating any topic, he has the faculty of eliminating doubtful matters, and of adding force and precision to those which are true.

In many important fields of research he has exhibited original powers, which have enabled him to advance the boundaries of his own department of medicine. Not the least of his many qualifications for the vacant Professorship is, in my opinion, the fact that he is at once old enough to have made a solid reputation, and young enough to be expected to continue and augment his working career.

W. TYLER SMITH, M.D.

XXII.

From GRAILY HEWITT, Esq., M.D., Professor of Midwifery in University College, and Obstetric Physician to University College Hospital, London; President of the Obstetrical Society of London; Examiner in Midwifery to the University of London; Author of important Obstetric Works, etc. etc.

*36 Berkeley Square, London,
May 19, 1870.*

I have great pleasure in stating that, in my opinion, Dr. Matthews Duncan is most eminently fitted by his position, experience, knowledge, and high intellectual qualities, for the post of Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

Dr. Matthews Duncan's fame is European, and his claims to be the successor of Sir James Y. Simpson will not, in my belief, be easily set aside.

GRAILY HEWITT,
M.D., F.R.C.P.

XXIII.

From the Rev. PHILIP KELLAND, F.R.S.S. L. & E. ; late Fellow and Tutor of Queen's College, Cambridge ; Professor of Mathematics in the University of Edinburgh.

20 Clarendon Crescent, Edinburgh,
May 19, 1870.

I venture to offer a word in support of Dr. Matthews Duncan's application for the vacant Chair of Midwifery, foreign as the subject treated of in that Chair is from my pursuits. On the publication of Dr. Duncan's work on "Fecundity, Fertility, etc. etc.," I was requested to examine it, specially with reference to its value as a contribution to statistical science. I accordingly read the work with considerable care, and concluded that the author is an inductive philosopher of no ordinary stamp—a man gifted with a mind so acute and comprehensive, that eminence is assured to him in any department of science to which he shall attach himself.

That he has already attained eminence in the department of Midwifery is beyond question ; and that still higher eminence is before him no one who knows Dr. Matthews Duncan can entertain a doubt.

PHILIP KELLAND.

XXIV.

From J. HUGHES BENNETT, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E. ; Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, and of Clinical Medicine in the University of Edinburgh ; Author of several standard Medical Works.

1 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh,
May 21, 1870.

It is consistent with my knowledge that for upwards of twenty-five years Dr. Matthews Duncan has paid special attention to Midwifery and the Diseases peculiar to Women and Children ; that his researches in this department of Medical

Science and Art have extended its theory and improved its practice; that his published writings have obtained for him fame and reputation among his medical brethren; and that by his Lectures in the Medical School of this city, he has shown himself to be an able and perspicuous Teacher. I am therefore of opinion, that if elected to the Chair of Midwifery in this University, he will fulfil its duties in such a manner as will prove advantageous to the student, and confer true respectability and increased honour on the Professor's Chair.

J. HUGHES BENNETT.

XXV.

From JOHN BURN, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., lately President of the Obstetrical Society of Edinburgh.

*7 Teviot Row, Edinburgh,
May 19, 1870.*

It gives me much pleasure to state, that I have known Dr. Duncan many years as a most accomplished Physician.

He has made many original researches in the department of Obstetrics and allied subjects, which have increased our knowledge. This his published works abundantly testify. I have occasionally met Dr. Duncan at the bed-side, and can bear my testimony to his practical knowledge, promptitude, and decision, in the treatment of serious Obstetrical cases. From his great reputation and general acquirements, I believe that he is well qualified to fill the Chair of Midwifery in this University.

JOHN BURN.

XXVI.

From W. CUMMING, Esq., M.D., formerly Vice-President of the Obstetrical Society, Edinburgh, etc. etc.

*16 Ainslie Place, Edinburgh,
May 19, 1870.*

The Chair of Midwifery has long been filled by men of ability

and distinction, and it is most desirable that its reputation should be maintained, and, if possible, extended.

That Dr. Matthews Duncan is fitted to do so has been already proved by his education, acquirements, writings, and present position.

His education has been in the highest degree liberal and thorough; his attainments correspond to his great ability, zeal, energy, and opportunities; his writings have gained him a world-wide celebrity; and his position here is well known to be as high as can be reached.

That his teaching powers are equal to his other qualifications I am in a condition to affirm, in consequence of my son having attended his class. Perspicuity, distinctness, impressiveness, and thoroughness, and, let me add, painstakingness, characterised him as a Lecturer; and, to crown all, his Students felt that they were treated by him not only as men of intelligence but also as gentlemen.

For these and other reasons, I regard Dr. Matthews Duncan's election to the Chair as calculated not only to benefit the Students and maintain the reputation of the Chair and University, but also to reflect credit on our city and country.

WILLIAM CUMMING.

XXVII.

From J. G. SWAYNE, Esq., M.D., Physician Accoucheur to the Bristol General Hospital, and Lecturer on Midwifery at the Bristol Medical School; Author of Obstetric Works.

*Harewood House, 74 Pembroke Road, Clifton,
May 19, 1870.*

Dear Sir—As I find that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery, etc., in the University of Edinburgh, now vacant through the death of Sir J. Y. Simpson, it gives me much pleasure, in common with many others, to bear testimony to your eminent qualifications for that office.

Amongst the Medical Men here, with whom I have conversed on the subject, it has been the general opinion that you are the right man to succeed Sir J. Simpson, and I need scarcely say that I cordially endorse that opinion. Although I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting you, I have attended patients who cannot acknowledge too often the debt which they owe to your skill in Obstetrics, and I have long been familiar with your works on this special branch of Medical Science, which are all characterised by great originality of thought and profound research. As a Lecturer on Midwifery, I cannot too freely acknowledge the great assistance they have given me in illustrating my subject; and as a Practitioner, I have derived equal if not greater help from the many valuable practical hints which they contain. Hoping that you may succeed in obtaining what you so well deserve, I am, dear Sir, yours very truly,

JOSEPH GRIFFITHS SWAYNE.

XXVIII.

From J. G. WILSON, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Midwifery in Anderson's University, Glasgow; Physician-Accoucheur to the Glasgow Maternity Hospital, etc. etc.

*9 Woodside Crescent, Glasgow,
May 18, 1870.*

I have very great pleasure and satisfaction in bearing testimony to the eminent qualifications of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

Dr. Duncan has very high claims to advance as a candidate for the Chair in question. He has earned very justly a most distinguished position as an Obstetric physician and teacher. His numerous published contributions to Obstetric literature abundantly attest the zeal and ability with which he has cultivated this branch of medicine. They afford internal evidence as to the possession, on the part of their author, of a thorough acquaintance with all the advances of the science, great aptitude

for original investigation and research, precision of thought and accuracy of observation. The elevation of Dr. Duncan to the Chair of Midwifery, would, I feel assured, be received not only as a most fitting recognition of his labours, but as a great acquisition to the University Medical School.

J. G. WILSON, M.D.

XXIX.

From W. PIRRIE, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Surgery in the University of Aberdeen; Surgeon to the Infirmary; Author of a Standard Work on Surgery, etc. etc.

University of Aberdeen, May 18, 1870.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to bear my decided testimony to the great ability, experience, and reputation of Dr. James Matthews Duncan as an Obstetric Physician, and to his fitness for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

Successful as a student of Midwifery, successful as a practitioner in that department, successful as a teacher, successful as an author, successful in originating new views and gaining for them the approval of those best qualified to form a just appreciation of their merits, and successful in obtaining the confidence of the profession that he is a most reliable obstetric practitioner,—what stronger evidence could be desired of his fitness to become Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh?

WILLIAM PIRRIE, F.R.S.E.

XXX.

From J. H. BALFOUR, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., Sec. R.S.E.; Professor of Botany in the University of Edinburgh, etc. etc.

*27 Inverleith Row, Edinburgh,
May 19, 1870.*

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the eminent ability and acquirements of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan.

He has long occupied a prominent position as a Medical Practitioner and a man of Science in the department of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children; he has specially distinguished himself as a teacher and writer.

He has contributed valuable papers, not merely to medical societies, but also to the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Looking to his thorough practical knowledge of Midwifery, his powers as a Lecturer, his eminence as a man of Science, I have no hesitation in recommending him as being highly qualified for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

J. H. BALFOUR,
M.D., F.R.S.

XXXI.

From LAUHLAN AITKEN, Esq., M.D., lately Assistant to
Professor Sir James Simpson.

Harrogate, May 19, 1870.

Dr. Matthews Duncan has, for many years, been known as one of the most distinguished Accoucheurs and Gynækologists in the United Kingdom.

His early devotion to these branches of our profession, the genius and learning he has displayed in their elucidation, and his numerous valuable works on Obstetrical and allied topics, justly entitle him to the position he has won for himself, and to the reputation he has so rapidly and deservedly acquired.

As an able and acute Lecturer, attracting his students by the logical arrangement of his material; as a subtle and eloquent debater in the medical societies; and as a Physician in large practice, he has long been brought prominently before the general and medical public of Edinburgh, and has gained the confidence and esteem of all.

I feel satisfied that the Curators will have difficulty in finding any man better qualified to fill the vacant Chair in our University.

LAUHLAN AITKEN, M.D.

XXXII.

From F. OGSTON, Esq., M.D., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Aberdeen.

*University of Aberdeen,
20th May 1870.*

I have had the gratification of noticing and following, from the outset, the distinguished professional career of Dr. Matthews Duncan ; his indefatigable industry in seeking to qualify himself, at home and abroad, for the efficient practice of the important branch of medical science to which he has more especially devoted himself ; the prominent and responsible situations, in that department, filled by him with so much credit to himself and advantage to others ; the honours successively heaped on him by his professional brethren in this country and on the Continent ; and his varied researches and valuable and instructive publications in Midwifery and other departments of practical medicine.

I cordially concur in the opinion so widely entertained by the profession as to his special and eminent qualifications for sustaining and extending the far-spread fame of the Chair in the metropolitan University, so long and ably filled by the late Sir James Simpson.

F. OGSTON.

XXXIII.

From O. H. BELL, Esq., M.D., Professor of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, etc. etc.

*The Scores, St. Andrews,
May 20, 1870.*

Dear Dr. Matthews Duncan—It is with no ordinary satisfaction that I embrace the opportunity afforded me of testifying to what seems to me your pre-eminent qualifications to succeed the late Professor Sir James Simpson, in the University of Edinburgh.

For more than ten years I have enjoyed ample opportunities for judging of your ability, accomplishments, and success as a

Lecturer on Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children, as a clinical lecturer on the same, as an operator, as a consulting physician and surgeon in this special department, as a medical examiner in the University of St. Andrews, as a scholar, and as a man of more than professional scientific attainment.

In all of these varied positions I can only state that, in my judgment, you are not excelled. I know of no one so peculiarly well fitted, and, in every particular, so highly qualified to succeed him whose departed genius is now so universally and so justly lamented.

It seems to me needless to enlarge upon your qualifications, known as these are, so well and so much esteemed in and beyond the professional circle of Great Britain.

I shall only add, that I deem it a privilege to be allowed thus far to bear my testimony to the worth of one who has so abundantly proved his fitness for the vacant post, in the conscientious and vigorous exercise of great professional talent, highly cultured, successfully matured, and most zealously utilised on behalf of students, practitioners, society, and science.

I feel assured that, in your appointment to the Chair of Midwifery, all that can be done will be done to lessen the great loss to the University and to the profession of such a man as the late Sir James Simpson; while the appointment will do honour to the name and interests of the University of Edinburgh at home and abroad.—I remain, dear Dr. Duncan, always sincerely yours,

OSWALD HOME BELL.

XXXIV.

From THOMAS SKINNER, Esq., M.D., Obstetric Physician to the Ladies' Charity, Lying-in Hospital, and Dispensary for the Diseases of Women, Liverpool; Physician to the Female Orphan Asylum, Liverpool, etc.; lately Assistant to Professor Sir James Simpson.

1 *St. James' Road, Liverpool, May 19, 1870.*

My Dear Sir—In reply to your note of yesterday, I have

much pleasure in complying with your request—namely, to state my estimation of your qualifications for the vacant Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

You are a married man, in the prime of life, and have seen a good deal of the world, and still more of society, in all or most of its phases.

You have now, for the last thirty years, been connected with Medicine, and, as all of us know, you have been a most successful and ardent and laborious student and practitioner, and are likely to remain so to the end of your life ; and what is more to the point, you have all along made Obstetrics your special study. Whether as an observer, an author, a lecturer, or a practitioner of Midwifery and Gynækology, there can be no doubt that you have for some years past gained for yourself a very wide and sound reputation.

The fields of observation which you have enjoyed, and made so good use of—such as having been for nearly four years the private resident Assistant to one of the greatest men of the age, the late Sir James Simpson, Bart.,—such as your having been in 1846 House-Surgeon to the Maternity Hospital of Edinburgh,—and at present Physician to the New Ward of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, specially erected for the Diseases peculiar to Women and Children,—to say nothing of a most extensive and select private practice, made entirely by your own talents and indomitable energy and perseverance,—give abundant satisfaction that if you are elected to the Chair of Obstetrics, there can be no doubt that its arduous and responsible duties will be efficiently performed.—I remain, my dear Sir, yours faithfully,

THO. SKINNER, M.D.

XXXV.

From P. G. TAIT, Esq., M.A., late Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge ; Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh, etc. etc.

College, Edinburgh, May 16, 1870.

Dear Duncan—No knowledge of Medicine is needed to

enable me to say that you are one of the foremost of the (unfortunately) small number of professional men who rightly value, and earnestly strive at attaining by the only true method, genuine scientific results. Having often seen you at work in my laboratory, and having on many occasions discussed with you questions of great difficulty, I have had ample proof of the acuteness of your intellect, and of your devotion to science.

This latter qualification alone, altogether independent of your extensive practical experience and varied reading in your special department, and your well-known powers of explanatory lecturing, at once indicates you as the proper man to fill usefully a University Chair.

And it is evident to all that the numerous and important original contributions you have made to Obstetric Science (in addition to mere notes of cases, such as any one in good practice can furnish), form a large part of that which, issuing from Britain, is accepted by our competent and dispassionate judges abroad.

The long-celebrated Medical School of Edinburgh University has reason to congratulate itself that it can secure such a man to fill a vacancy in its ranks.—Yours truly,

P. G. TAIT.

XXXVI.

From the Rev. SAMUEL HAUGHTON, M.D., Dublin, D.C.L.,
Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin, etc. etc.

Trinity College, Dublin, 20th May 1870.

I do not know of any person more competent to fill the Chair of Midwifery now vacant in the University of Edinburgh than Dr Matthews Duncan.

His researches in Obstetrics have earned for him a name among scientific men, that renders it almost presumption to express a favourable opinion of his merits.

I believe that if any living man can fill the place of Sir James Y. Simpson, that Dr. Duncan is that man.

SAML. HAUGHTON, M.D.

XXXVII.

From DOUGLAS MACLAGAN, Esq., M.D., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Edinburgh, etc. etc.

28 *Heriot Row, Edinburgh,*
18th May 1870.

Believing Dr. Matthews Duncan to be one of the most scientific cultivators of Obstetric Medicine of the present day ; knowing from his numerous writings the industry and originality with which he has worked in this department of medical science ; and having had abundant opportunity, from professional intercourse with him, of observing his skilful diagnosis and successful treatment of uterine diseases, I regard him as in every way most worthy to be the successor of Sir James Simpson in the Chair of Midwifery, in the University of Edinburgh.

To me, personally, Dr. Duncan would be most acceptable as a colleague.

DOUGLAS MACLAGAN.

XXXVIII.

From ALFRED H. M'CLINTOCK, Esq., M.D., Ex-Master of the Lying-in Hospital, Dublin ; Honorary President of the Dublin Obstetrical Society ; Honorary Fellow of the London Obstetric Society ; Corresponding Member of the Edinburgh Medico-Chirurgical Society ; Honorary Member of the Gynækological Society of Boston, U.S., etc. etc.

21 *Merrion Square, Dublin, N.,*
16th May 1870.

I have been for many years familiar with the Obstetric writings of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, and consider them as ranking among the *most valuable* and *original* contributions, in the English language, to this department of medicine. They all bear the mark of a vigorous, mature, and sound judgment, and give

unmistakable evidence of originality and depth of thought. Through them Dr. Duncan has justly earned for himself the highest reputation as a successful cultivator of science, who has constantly pursued the sure path of cautious inductive investigation. In this latter respect I esteem him to be one of the foremost Obstetricians and Gynækologists of the day. Of his aptitude for Teaching I can form no adequate opinion, having never had, save on one occasion, any personal intercourse with him; but this much I do confidently assert, that if extensive knowledge, large experience, careful observation, sound medical views, and a strictly logical mind, qualify a man for the position of a Teacher and Lecturer, then I should say, that I know of none possessing higher qualifications than Dr. Duncan; and there is no one for whose opinion, on any subject connected with Obstetric Medicine (in the fullest sense of the word), I would entertain a more profound respect.

ALFRED H. M'CLINTOCK.

XXXIX.

From WILLIAM R. SANDERS, Esq., M.D., Professor of Pathology in the University of Edinburgh.

11 *Walker Street, Edinburgh,*
19th May 1870.

The eminent position which Dr. Matthews Duncan has long held, at home and abroad, in the Science and Practice of Obstetrics, and the prominent part he has taken by his researches in advancing that Department of Medicine, constitute claims of the highest kind to the Chair of Midwifery now vacant in the University.

As an author, Dr. Duncan is distinguished by the importance, originality, and scientific character of his Works and Memoirs. I may refer specially to his investigations and discoveries on the condition of the Uterine Mucous Membrane after Delivery; the various states of the Cervix Uteri; on Fibrous Tumours; on Pelvic Hæmatocele; on Inflammations in Connection with the

Uterus (Peri- and Parametritis); on the Laws of Fecundity, Fertility, and Sterility, etc. etc. All these papers possess permanent value, and exhibit rare powers of combining science with practice.

To his success as a Lecturer on Midwifery, and Clinical Teacher and Lecturer on Diseases of Women in the Royal Infirmary, I can, as his colleague, bear ample testimony. For many years I have had opportunities of knowing how highly the positive and practical kind of instruction he communicates has been appreciated by the students, many of whom have spoken to me in the warmest terms of the benefit they have derived. Dr. Duncan's published papers have enabled the profession generally to profit by his powers as a clinical observer of disease.

In connection with Hospital Instruction, I may be permitted to allude to the active share Dr. Duncan has taken in the organisation of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh. Hospitals for practical instruction in Obstetrics and Children's Diseases, are at present most justly regarded as essential parts of any great Medical School, and to the Professor of Midwifery the profession will look for improvement in this direction.

It hardly needs mention that the confidence of the profession and the public has long since placed Dr. Duncan in the foremost rank as an Obstetric Practitioner and Consultant.

In view of these considerations it would, in my opinion, be impossible to find a candidate more worthy to fill the Chair which Sir James Simpson has rendered illustrious.

WILLIAM R. SANDERS.

XL.

From A. CRUM BROWN, Esq., M.A., M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.E.,
F.R.C.P. Ed., Professor of Chemistry in the University
of Edinburgh.

4 Rillbank Terrace, Edinburgh, May 18, 1870.

My dear Dr. Duncan—If profound knowledge of the theory,

and extensive experience and great skill in the practice of Obstetrics were all that ought to be expected from a Professor of Midwifery in a great medical school, I should not have presumed to offer you a Testimonial. The opinion of competent judges decidedly and unanimously points you out as possessing these qualifications in a remarkably high degree.

The fact that for five years I was associated with you as a Lecturer gives me, however, a claim to be heard in reference to other equally important points.

Your mode of communicating knowledge is clear and precise. You never allow guesses to be mistaken for facts, and always draw a sharp line between what is *known* and what is *supposed*.

Your Lectures have always been highly appreciated by your students, who refer to them as having been of great practical value.

Your original researches prove that you possess and use the power, too rare among medical men, of applying true scientific methods in the investigation of medical problems. I feel sure that your appointment to the Chair of Midwifery would be greatly to the honour and advantage of the University.—With hearty wishes for your success, I am, yours very truly,

ALEX. CRUM BROWN.

XLI.

From HARRY RAINY, Esq., M.D., Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Glasgow, etc. etc.

University of Glasgow, 19th May 1870.

I have for many years considered Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, from his talents, his sound judgment, his logical accuracy, and his great experience, as one of the ablest cultivators of the varied subjects relating to Obstetric Medicine.

On this ground I have been in the habit of recommending to his care obscure and difficult cases connected with that department, and the benefits derived from his advice have fully corresponded with my expectations.

As a Writer and Lecturer, Dr. Duncan has given proof of unusual ability in communicating to others his own views with perspicuity and precision.

On these grounds I consider him more highly qualified than any other person known to me for the Professorship of Obstetric Medicine now vacant in the University of Edinburgh.

Should he be appointed to this office, I am confident that he will not only maintain, but extend, the high reputation which the University has so long and so deservedly enjoyed.

HARRY RAINY, M.D.,

*An Alumnus of the University of Edinburgh ;
enrolled as a Medical Student in 1810.*

XLII.

From JOSEPH BELL, Esq., F.R.C.S., Lecturer on Surgery ;
Author of a Surgical Text-Book, etc. etc.

*5 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh,
May 20, 1870.*

My dear Dr. Duncan—As you have honoured me in requesting an expression of my opinion as to your fitness to fill the Chair of Midwifery in the University, I do so with both pleasure and diffidence. With diffidence, because I have no right to speak with authority on Midwifery ; but with pleasure, because I have the most perfect right, as your old pupil, to speak of your powers of communicating information ; and, as your friend, of your vast industry and unwearying devotion to your profession.

As a Clinical Teacher of the Diseases of Women, you are, so far as I can judge, unrivalled in clearness, sagacity, and simplicity ; and, as an Operator, your success has been very great—in some branches unsurpassed.

Your works on Gynækology are deep, and yet lucid ; brief, and yet not dry. I believe your treatise on Perimetritis and Parametritis (which Surgeons are now learning to recognise as frequent and important diseases) marks an era in surgical progress.

Allow me to add that I believe your appointment to the Chair

of Midwifery in the University will be recognised by the profession as the natural result of previous labour.—I am, yours most truly,

JOSEPH BELL.

XLIII.

From ARTHUR MITCHELL, Esq., M.D., Commissioner in Lunacy, etc. etc.

*5 East Claremont Street, Edinburgh,
20th May 1870.*

Dear Dr. Duncan—I have great pleasure in expressing my opinion that you are very eminently qualified to fill the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

You have already had great experience in teaching this subject, and in doing so you have had an uncommon success.

Your practical knowledge of Obstetrical Medicine, and of the Diseases of Women and Children, is proved by the very wide confidence placed in you by your professional brethren and by the public.

Still further, by your original researches you have greatly advanced our knowledge of that branch of medicine with which your name is now intimately and broadly associated. I am myself familiar with many of your writings, and I feel able to speak confidently as to their great practical value.

I think, in short, that it would be difficult to find a man anywhere with qualifications so well marked, so varied, and so happily combined.—Wishing you all success, I am, yours faithfully,

ARTHUR MITCHELL.

XLIV.

From THOMAS ANNANDALE, Esq., F.R.C.S., Lecturer on Surgery; Author of several Surgical Works, etc. etc.

34 Charlotte Square, May 19, 1870.

As a colleague of Dr. J. M. Duncan in the extra-Academical

School, I beg to offer my sincere testimony in regard to his, in my opinion, indisputable claims to the Professorship of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Duncan's valuable books and other writings in connection with Obstetrics have given him a world-wide reputation, and have brought well-deserved credit to our Edinburgh School of Medicine, the latter of which is of the highest importance for the continued prosperity of our University. Having on many occasions had the privilege of listening to Dr. Duncan's lectures and demonstrations before the Professional and learned Societies, I can conscientiously testify to his remarkable power of conveying knowledge and instruction to others in a clear and interesting manner.

In my constant intercourse with students I have also learned how much Dr. Duncan's lectures and instructions are valued by them.

From much personal experience I can also testify to Dr. Duncan's courtesy and good feeling towards his professional brethren; and I may therefore be excused for adding in conclusion that I feel sure Dr. Duncan's appointment to the vacant Chair would give very general satisfaction and pleasure to the profession, because he has honestly and earnestly worked for it.

THOMAS ANNANDALE.

XLV.

From Dr. MARTIN, Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the University of Berlin.

*5 Dorotheen Str., Berlin,
den 17th Mai, 1870.*

Hochgeehrter Herr—Die Nachricht vom Tode des um die Wissenschaft so hochverdienten Sir J. Y. Simpson, Bart., hat mich und alle hiesigen Gynäcologen sehr betrübt. Ich habe als President der Gesellschaft für Geburtshülfe zu Berlin, deren Ehrenmitglied Sir Jas. war, dem berühmten Collegen bereits in

der Sitzung am 10 Mai einen kurzen Nachruf gewidmet. Ueber seinen Nachfolger kann meines Erachtens kein Zweifel sein.

Sie haben bereits durch wissenschaftliche Arbeiten aller Art, wie durch Ihre Lehrthätigkeit, einen so verbreiteten und allgemein anerkannten Ruf und Namen sich erworben, dass ich gar nicht zweifele die vorgesetzte Behörde wird Sie, verehrter Herr College, in die erledigte Professur berufen.

Indem ich Ihnen wie der Universität Edinr. dazu meinem besten Glückwunsch ausspreche bleibe ich, Ihr sie hochactender,

DR. EDUARD MARTIN.

TRANSLATION.

5 Dorotheen Str., Berlin,

May 17, 1870.

Highly Honoured Sir—The news of the death of Sir J. Y. Simpson, Bart., a man so renowned in science, has affected me much, as well as all Gynæcologists here. In our last sitting, on the 10th of May, in my capacity as President of the Society of Midwifery in Berlin, of which the late Sir James was an honorary member, I gave a short obituary notice of our late celebrated colleague. As to his successor, there cannot, in my opinion, be any doubt.

You have, by many and varied scientific works, as well as by the efficiency of your teaching, acquired such a wide-spread and everywhere recognised reputation and name, that I have no doubt at all that you, respected colleague, will be called to the vacant Professorship by the proper authorities.

With best wishes of success for you and for the University of Edinburgh, I remain, with the greatest esteem, yours,

DR. EDWARD MARTIN.

XLVI.

From DR. HEGAR, Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of
Women in the University of Freiburg.

Freiburg, 18 Mai, 1870.

Herr Matthews Duncan hat durch seine Schriften, welche in Deutschland sehr verbreitet und gewürdigt sind, zur Genüge bewiesen dass er auf dem Gebiete der Geburtskunde und Gynäkologie zu den ersten Autoritäten gehört. Insbesondere wird auch anerkannt, das er originelle und productive Leistungen in grosser Menge aufzuweisen vermag.

Ich bin erfreut, die Versicherung geben zu dürfen dass dies das allgemeine Urtheil sämmtlicher Fachlehrer an den deutschen Universitäten ist.

DR. HEGAR,

o.ö Professor der Geburtskunde
und Gynäkologie an der Universität,
Freiburg.

TRANSLATION.

Freiburg, May 18, 1870.

Dr. Matthews Duncan has, by his writings, which are widely diffused and highly esteemed in Germany, proved most satisfactorily that he is one of the highest authorities in the field of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women. It is also specially acknowledged that he can point to a great number of original and productive works.

I am happy to be able to testify, that this is the general opinion of all Professors of this Department in the German Universities.

DR. HEGAR,

Professor of Midwifery
and Gynæcology in the University
of Freiburg.

XLVII.

From T. E. BEATTY, Esq., M.D., formerly Professor of Midwifery; Honorary Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London; Author of "Contributions to Medicine and Midwifery," etc. etc.

18 Merrion Square North, Dublin,
May 21, 1870.

It seems to me superfluous that any of the present generation should offer a testimonial to the merits of one who has achieved such a character as Dr. Matthews Duncan. His talents, his industry, his powers of composition, and the originality of his genius, are amply exhibited in his numerous and varied publications during the last twenty years.

The great eminence to which he has reached, as evidenced by his large private practice, is proof of the estimation in which he is held in the northern metropolis. I consider it most fortunate that Edinburgh now possesses a man of such celebrity, and so very eminently suited to repair the loss of Sir James Simpson in the Chair of Midwifery.

THOMAS EDWARD BEATTY, M.D.

XLVIII.

From H. D. LITTLEJOHN, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence, Surgeons Hall, and Medical Officer of Health for Edinburgh.

24 Royal Circus, Edinburgh,
May 20, 1870.

Dr. Matthews Duncan, by his published writings and his success as a practitioner, has achieved for himself a wide reputation. I had the pleasure of hearing his first course of public lectures, and I was struck with the originality of his views in all departments of Obstetrics, and with the freshness of illustration with which he relieved every subject of his course. The promise he

then gave has been fully realised, and there can be no doubt that there is no author of his standing better known in this country, in America, and in the Continental Schools.

Having regard to the welfare of the University of Edinburgh, and the future of this School of Medicine, I am convinced that Dr. Duncan's appointment is the only one that can adequately supply the great loss we have so recently sustained.

HENRY D. LITTLEJOHN, M.D.

XLIX.

From J. R. HARVEY, Esq., A.B., M.D., Professor of Midwifery in Queen's College, Cork; Consulting Physician, South Charitable Infirmary and County Hospital; Senior Physician to the Lying-in-Hospital.

May 21, 1870.

It would seem that offering a testimonial to Dr. Matthews Duncan, a man who is known throughout the civilised world as a successful cultivator of Obstetric Science in all its bearings, must indeed be a work of supererogation. His works, throwing light as they do on so many questions of great interest both in physiology and practice, constitute a testimonial on which he may well and confidently rely.

In doing it, however, there is this great satisfaction, that one can with the fullest and most conscientious freedom recommend him at once as an author who has advanced the science of his day, and an increasingly successful teacher of many years standing, as eminently fitted to discharge the important duties of the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. I do Dr. Duncan but justice in recording, as I most willingly do, my sense of his very high qualifications for the honourable and responsible post which he seeks.

J. R. HARVEY, A.B., M.D.

L.

From Dr. T. T. BISCHOFF, Professor of Midwifery and Gynækology, and Director of the Midwifery Clinique in the University of Basle, Switzerland.

Basle, 19th May 1870.

Dear Sir—I received to-day your kind letter, by which you give me notice of the lamented death of Sir James Simpson.

Not only the University of Edinburgh will feel the great loss, but also all the Universities of the Continent.

Whoever will teach Midwifery or Diseases of Women and Children, will highly estimate the spirit of inquiry of Sir James. But Edinburgh is happy that, in spite of this loss, it is not at all deprived of celebrated teachers of Midwifery.

Every medical man of the Continent who is aware of the investigations of England and Scotland, knows the name of Matthews Duncan as well as that of Sir James Simpson.

Nobody will doubt that you are the only worthy successor of Sir James in the Chair of Midwifery; and after you will have obtained it, the University of Edinburgh may glory as well as before in surpassing every other University in the study of Midwifery and Diseases of Women.

I give you, dear sir, my best thanks for sending me your interesting memoir upon Mechanism of Parturition. — Yours obediently,

Dr. T. T. BISCHOFF.

LI.

From R. F. DILL, Esq., M.D., Professor of Midwifery in Queen's College, Belfast.

May 20, 1870.

I am extremely glad to hear that Dr. J. Matthews Duncan is a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the Edinburgh University, made vacant by the death of Sir J. Y. Simpson.

Dr. J. Matthews Duncan has for years occupied a foremost place as an author, teacher, and practitioner, and his name and writings are now so well known, that it may appear superfluous to offer a testimonial to one who already possesses such a deservedly high reputation. I may, however, be permitted to say that Dr. Duncan's very able works, which are to be found upon the shelf of every medical man, have been consulted by me with the greatest advantage. I may add that they bear the impress of high literary, scientific, and practical attainments; and coming, as these works do, with all the freshness of thought, originality of conception, and maturity of judgment, they have been favourably reviewed, received, and recommended, and Dr. Duncan now stands out prominently before his medical brethren as a great authority in Obstetric medicine. I have therefore no hesitation in stating that should Dr. J. Matthews Duncan be appointed to the vacant Chair of Midwifery, he must reflect honour upon the University of Edinburgh, and in every way serve and sustain the high character which this institution enjoys as a school of medicine. I have now only to wish Dr. J. Matthews Duncan every success.

R. F. DILL, M.D.

LII.

From JOHN RINGLAND, Esq., A.B., M.B., M.D., University of Dublin; M.R.I.A.; Professor of Midwifery in the Ledwich School of Medicine; recently President of the Dublin Obstetrical Society, etc. etc.

14 Harcourt Street, Dublin, May 21, 1870.

The world-wide reputation of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan as a Practical Obstetrician, and as a writer on and teacher of Midwifery and its kindred subjects, requires no extraneous aid whatever; but, at his request, I most unhesitatingly bear my testimony to the terse and clear style of his writings, and to the masterly manner in which he argues his subjects, the variety and great ability of which testify as well to his industry as to his practical information.

JOHN RINGLAND.

LIII.

From J. BRAXTON HICKS, Esq., M.D., London ; F.R.S. ;
Lecturer on Obstetrics and Physician Accoucheur at Guy's
Hospital ; Fellow, College of Physicians, London ; Examiner in
Midwifery at University of London ; Physician to the Royal
Maternity Charity, etc. etc.

9 St. Thomas Street, London, May 20, 1870.

Dr. J. Matthews Duncan has been known to me as a remarkably accurate and original writer on Obstetric subjects ; so much so, that his views and discoveries are now embodied into the current teaching of the department, and are always regarded as worthy of every attention, because of the recognised talent and trustworthiness of the author. I consider him eminently fitted for the Professorship of Midwifery at the University of Edinburgh.

J. BRAXTON HICKS.

LIV.

From Dr. CHARLES HECKER, Professor of Midwifery at the
University of Munich ; Honorary Fellow of the Obstetrical
Society of London.

Munich, 19th May 1870.

I avail myself with the greatest pleasure of the opportunity to testify to Dr. Matthews Duncan, who is a candidate for the vacant Chair of Midwifery, etc., at the University of Edinburgh, that I know him since years as one of the most eminent capacities in our speciality. His sharp and philosophical manner of thinking, his rare talent for investigation, have enabled him to push forward a series of new ideas, and throw light on a great many obscure parts of our science. He is, moreover, deeply versed in foreign, especially in German, literature, so that he shows himself always familiar with the newest development of delicate scientific questions. I have, therefore, not the slightest doubt that Dr. Matthews Duncan is the best qualified and the most worthy candidate for the Chair of Midwifery which he seeks.

DR. CHARLES HECKER.

LV.

From SIR WILLIAM THOMSON, LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.SS.
L. and E.; late Fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge;
Prof. of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow.

College, Glasgow, 23d May 1870.

My friend Professor Tait has frequently spoken to me of investigations which he has undertaken to test dynamical and physical questions proposed to him by Dr. Matthews Duncan as subjects for experimental research, and I have had opportunities of discussing some of these subjects with Dr. Duncan himself.

I have thus been led to form the opinion that Dr. Duncan's practice, so far as properties of matter are concerned, is based on sound principles of Natural Philosophy; and I have been much struck with the precision and clearness of his most ordinary statements of scientific subjects.

I therefore believe him to be remarkably well qualified for success as a University Teacher in a department of his profession in which his special knowledge and skill are admittedly of the highest order.

WILLIAM THOMSON.

LVI.

From J. CRICHTON BROWNE, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E.; Superintendent of the West Riding Asylum, Wakefield, etc. etc.

Wakefield, 23d May 1870.

My dear Sir—As a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, warmly interested in its prosperity, and anxiously regarding every event in its history from an English point of view, I venture to wish you success in your candidature for the Chair of Midwifery. I know no one so worthy as you to follow Simpson; no one so certain to maintain the fame of the Edinburgh School; so certain to prevent it from suffering an immediate and disastrous

diminution. I wish I could afford you substantial help. At any rate, you have my cordial sympathy.—Believe me, yours most faithfully,

J. CRICHTON BROWNE, M.D., F.R.S.E.

LVII.

From W. O. PRIESTLEY, Esq., M.D., Professor of Obstetric Medicine in King's College, London ; Examiner in Midwifery in the University of London, in the Royal College of Physicians, and in the Royal College of Surgeons of England ; formerly assistant to Professor Sir James Simpson.

*17 Hertford Street, Mayfair, London,
May 21, 1870.*

I have known Dr. Matthews Duncan for some years, and have great pleasure in stating the very high opinion I entertain of his qualifications as an Obstetric teacher and practitioner ; I believe I am not speaking too strongly when I affirm that there is a very general concurrence of opinion in regarding him as one of the most eminent Obstetricians in this country. His written contributions on Midwifery and the Diseases of Women have been very numerous—scarcely a year passing without several contributions from his pen.

His essays are at once thoughtful, ingenious, and practical. There is one quality which is conspicuously notable in Dr. Duncan's writings, and that is, their thoroughly scientific character. The tendency observed in all his works is directly in favour of a broad and philosophic treatment of the subject under consideration, and the reader is undoubtedly impressed both by the originality and precision of the writer.

His treatises on "Fecundity and Sterility," on "Perimetritis and Parametritis;" the miscellaneous collections of his shorter essays, published under the title of "Researches in Obstetrics," have earned for him a world-wide reputation, and gained him the

esteem and admiration of Obstetricians both in this country and abroad.

When it is added that Dr. Duncan is a most successful and careful practitioner, not given to extreme views in practice ; that he is a very able lecturer and clinical teacher ; and that, besides, he has gained the confidence and esteem of the most eminent physicians and surgeons, among whom he has resided for many years in Edinburgh, it seems to me that no more worthy successor is likely to be found to the great Professor, whose lamentable death has inflicted so irreparable a loss on the University of Edinburgh.

WM. O. PRIESTLEY, M.D.

LVIII.

From G. JOHNSTON, Esq., M.D., Master of the Dublin Lying-in-Hospital ; Author of Obstetric Works, etc. etc.

*Rotunda Hospital, Rutland Square, Dublin,
May 21, 1870.*

My dear Doctor—I have very great pleasure in giving my testimony to your high qualifications, and to the great reputation you have so justly gained, both as a well-informed physician and an able expounder of the Obstetric art.

From the high honours to which you have attained, first as a gold medallist during your student career, the confidence placed in you by the late Sir J. Y. Simpson when you were his assistant, and the great experience you must have then acquired, and which has been well exemplified by the many able works you have published, which are held in such high estimation by your medical brethren, besides your well-known ability as a lecturer, ought, I conceive, to render you fully qualified ; and, I may say, there is no one who is so well adapted, or would more ably occupy the Chair of Midwifery now vacant in the University of Edinburgh. Wishing you every success.—Believe me, very sincerely yours,

G. JOHNSTON, M.D.

LIX.

From JOSEPH LISTER, Esq., F.R.S., Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of Edinburgh ; Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, etc. etc.

Edinburgh, May 23, 1870.

Dr. Duncan is known throughout Europe by his writings as an authority in Obstetrics, while he has long taught and practised in that department with distinguished success.

I venture to express the earnest hope that one so highly qualified for the vacant Chair of Midwifery in our University will be elected to fill it.

JOSEPH LISTER.

LX.

From T. SPENCER WELLS, Esq., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the QUEEN'S Household and to the Samaritan Hospital ; Author of a work on Ovariectomy, etc. etc.

If the Curators of the Patronage of the University of Edinburgh were all members of the medical profession, I can hardly conceive the possibility of Dr. Matthews Duncan thinking any testimonial from any of his professional brethren at all necessary to prove his very high qualifications for the Chair of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children.

But, as it may be desirable that some of the Curators should know how valuable the works of Dr. Duncan are thought to be by those who have read and profited by them, I have great pleasure in stating that I regard many of his contributions to medical science and practice as among the most useful additions to our knowledge which have been made during the last twenty years.

T. SPENCER WELLS.

LXI.

From Dr. VON MAYRHOFEN, Professor of Midwifery in
the University of Insbruck, etc. etc.

Insbruck, May 20, 1870.

Dear Sir—I was very pleased by your friendly letter, and sympathise with you the fatal loss of Mr. Simpson.

But I would complain more his death if I should not see in you his worthy successor.

I have often admired your diligent and exact works, which are so valuable for the practitioner. Your knowledge of the German literature has especially surprised me.

It would be superfluous to give you any critique of your performances ; learned men have already given their judgment. I keep back for another occasion (notice) of your last work you envoyed me, because at present I want the time for a detailed discussion.

Finally, I can only express my compassion never to have the opportunity to come into any nearer contact with my professional gentlemen. You could accomplish my leaving the Continent. If I can serve you in whatsoever way, or if you desire any decisive expression of one of your varied works which I recommend all students of diseases of women, I am ready to answer your wishes.—I am, dear Sir, yours respectfully and faithfully,

DR. VIRGIL V. MAYRHOFEN.

LXII.

From Dr. O. SPIEGELBERG, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynækology ; Director of the Gynækological Clinique in the Royal University ; Member of the Royal Medical Council of the Province.

Breslau, 19th May 1870.

Dear Sir—Before receiving your letter I read of the lamented death of Simpson in our newspapers. Great as this loss may be

for science, and for our profession especially, I, from the first moment, never doubted that you are the only person who will fill up the vacant chair in an adequate way. Your writings, labours, and researches, which I always followed with the greatest interest; your profound knowledge, are of a kind that will enable you to take every place in every University. I wonder at all how it can be doubtful whether you will be the successor of the great Simpson, as you are the right man in the right place.

As little valuable this my opinion might appear to those who have to decide in this affair, you may make use of it if necessary.

Believe me, dear Sir and Colleague, to be yours very respectfully,

DR. OTTO SPIEGELBERG.

LXIII.

From DR. SCHROEDER, Professor of Midwifery in the
University of Erlangen.

Sehr geehrter Herr College—Ein wahres Vergnügen macht es mir Ihnen selbst aussprechen zu können in welchem hohem Grade ich Ihre vortrefflichen wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten schätze.

Aus meinem jüngst erschienenen Lehrbuch der Geburtshilfe werden Sie ersehen haben, mit welcher Aufmerksamkeit ich Ihren Untersuchungen gefolgt bin, und welchem hohen Werth ich denselben in praktischer sowohl wie wissenschaftlicher Beziehung zuerkenne.

Lassen Sie es mich aussprechen, dass, so sehr auch der Verlust des grossen Simpson zu beklagen ist, sein Lehramt in Ihnen einen in jeder Beziehung würdigen Nachfolger finden würde.—
Mit ausgezeichnete Hochachtung, Ihr,

DR. SCHROEDER,

o.ö Professor der Geburtshilfe
an der Universität Erlangen.

TRANSLATION.

Much esteemed Colleague—It gives me real pleasure to express to yourself in how high a degree I value your excellent scientific works. From my own lately published work on Midwifery, you will have perceived with what attention I have followed your investigations, and how great a value I recognise in them in practical as well as theoretical respects.

Permit me to express to you, that however much the loss of the great Simpson is to be regretted, his Chair will find in you, in every respect, a most worthy successor.—With greatest esteem, I am, yours,

DR. SCHROEDER,
Professor of Midwifery in the
University of Erlangen.

LXIV.

From Dr. DOHRN, Professor of Midwifery at the University of Marburg; Director of the Lying-in Hospital and School for Midwives at Marburg.

Marburg, Mai 19, 1870.

Die wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten des Herrn Dr. J. Matthews Duncan nehmen einen hervorragenden Platz ein in der englischen Geburtshülfflichen Literatur und würde ich es für einen wissenschaftlichen Gewinn erachten, wenn der Thätigkeit des Herrn Dr. Duncan ein grösserer Wirkungskreis dauernd gesichert würde.

DR. DOHRN.

TRANSLATION.

Marburg, 19th May 1870.

The scientific works of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan occupy an exalted place in the English Literature of Midwifery, and I would hail it as a great scientific gain, if to the energy of Dr. Duncan a greater sphere of action could permanently be secured.

DR. DOHRN.

LXV.

From DR. GUSSEROW, Professor of Midwifery, and Director of the Lying-in Hospital at the University of Zürich; Chancellor of the University, Zürich.

Hochgeehrter Herr—Mit Vernügen komme ich Ihrem Wunsche nach meine Ansicht auszusprechen über Ihre Befähigung zu der Stelle des verstorbenen Sir James Simpson, Bart. Ich habe nur die Ehre Sie aus Ihren Schriften zu kennen aber gerade diese drängen mir wie jedem Sachverständigen unzweifelhaft die Ueberzeugung auf dass Niemand anderer als Sie im Stande sein dürften die mit Recht weltberühmte Geburtshülffliche Schule Edinburgh's würdig zu vertreten.

Es scheint mir ein besonderes Glück für die Universität Edinburgh zu sein dass dieselbe, nach einem fast unersetzlich erscheinenden Verlust, nachdem der erste lebende Gynækolog der Welt gestorben ist, sofort eine so hervorragende und wissenschaftlich so erprobte Kraft wie die Ihrige zur Verfügung hat um den grossen Verlust auf das beste zu ersetzen.—Genehmigen Sie die Versicherung meiner vollkommensten Hochachtung,

GUSSEROW, M.D.

TRANSLATION.

Honoured Sir—With pleasure I comply with your wish that I should express my views regarding your qualifications for the Chair of the late Sir James Simpson, Bart. I have the honour of knowing you only from your writings, but it is just these which convince me and every competent judge that undoubtedly you, and no one else, are most worthy to succeed to the vacancy in the justly world-renowned School of Midwifery in Edinburgh.

I consider it particularly fortunate for the University of Edinburgh that, after a loss that seemed almost irreparable, by the death of the first living Gynækologist of the world, it can at once command such a prominent and scientifically experienced power as yours, in order to repair to the best the great loss.—Accept the assurance of my most complete esteem.

GUSSEROW, M.D.

LXVI.

From DR. B. S. SCHULTZE, Professor of Midwifery, Jena.

Jena, May 20, 1870.

Hochgeehrter Herr College—Ich spreche eine allgemein anerkannte Thatsache aus, wenn ich sage, dass ein nicht unbedeutender Theil der Fortschritte, welche unsere Wissenschaft in den zwei letzten Decennien gemacht hat, an Ihren Namen geknüpft sind. Ich denke daraus dass für Sie volle Berechtigung abgeleitet werden, den von James Y. Simpson leer gelassenen Platz einzunehmen.—Hochachtungsvoll Ihr ergebener,

B. S. SCHULTZE,
Prof. der Geburtshülfe.

TRANSLATION.

Jena, May 20, 1870.

Much honoured Colleague—I express a universally acknowledged fact, when I say that a not inconsiderable portion of the progress which our science has made in the last twenty years is closely connected with your name. I conclude from this that you have complete right to fill the Chair left vacant by the death of James Y. Simpson.—With the highest esteem, your devoted,

B. S. SCHULTZE,
Professor of Midwifery.

LXVII.

From DR. POPPEL, Lecturer on Midwifery in the University of Munich.

München, den 19 Mai 1870.

Unterzeichneter constatirt mit grösstem Vergnügen dass die wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten des Herrn J. Matthews Duncan, etc. etc., schon von jeher in Deutschland die grösste Anerkennung gefunden haben.

Die ausgedehnte Berücksichtigung und gründliche Beurtheilung, die derselbe in seinen Arbeiten der ausländischen Fachliteratur angedeihen lässt muss bei uns geradezu Staunen erregen.

Es unterliegt keinem Zweifel nach allgemeinem Urtheile Fachkundiger, dass Herr Matthews Duncan eine Autorität ersten Ranges in seinem Fache ist.

DR. POPPEL,

Privatdocent der Geburtshülfe.

TRANSLATION.

Munich, May 19, 1870.

The undersigned testifies with the greatest pleasure that the scientific works of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, etc. etc., have always met in Germany with the highest recognition.

The extensive notice and thorough criticism with which he considers, in his works, the foreign literature of his department, must indeed cause astonishment to us.

There is not the slightest doubt, from the general judgment of experts, that Dr. Matthews Duncan is an authority of the first rank in his department.

DR. POPPEL,

Lecturer on Midwifery.

LXVIII.

From Dr. WOLDEMAR LUDWIG GRENSER, Royal Saxon Privy Medical Councillor; Professor and Director of the Lying-in Hospital, Dresden.

Dresden, 20ten Mai 1870.

Herr J. Matthews Duncan, M.D., Prof., etc. etc., in Edinburgh, hat sich durch seine zahlreichen literarischen Arbeiten im Gebiete der Gynäcologie einen so bedeutenden Ruf in Deutschland erworben, und ist als ein so vorzüglicher Klinischer Lehrer bekannt, dass

nach der Ueberzeugung des Unterzeichneten einer Universität nur Glück gewünscht werden kann, eine solche Lehrkraft zu acquiriren.

DR. WOLDEMAR LUDWIG GRENSER,
Königl. Sächs. Geheimer Medicinalrath,
Professor und Director des
Entbindungsinstituts.

TRANSLATION.

Dresden, May 20, 1870.

Dr. J. Matthews Duncan, etc. etc., in Edinburgh, has gained by his numerous literary works in the branch of Midwifery, such a conspicuous reputation in Germany, and is known as a clinical teacher of such eminence, that, according to the conviction of the undersigned, one can but wish a University the luck of acquiring such a power of teaching.

DR. WOLDEMAR LUDWIG GRENSER,
Royal Saxon Privy Medical Councillor ;
Professor and Director of the
Lying-in-Hospital.

LXIX.

From Dr. A. BREISKY, Professor of Midwifery in the University of Berne ; Extraordinary Member of the Medico-Chirurgical Society, Edinburgh.

Bernæ, 19 Maji 1870.

Illustr. Dominum J. Matthiam Duncan, M.D., in arte obstetricia nec non in scientiis de morbis mulierum et infantum, medicum, lectorem, atque auctorem, celeberrimum bene mihi notum esse, libenter profiteor.

Pluribus enim in scriptis suis vir hicce, per totam Germaniam æquabiliter notus et æstimatus testimonia dedit eximie

eruditionis æque ac ingenii, profunditatem scientiæ felicissime penetrantis.

Si igitur exprimere mihi liceat opinionem meam an ill. doctorem Matthiam Duncan dignum censeam cathedræ artis obstetriciæ insidere respondere non hæsitarem quod collegas professōres in Universitate Edinburgena intima ex mente congratulandos haberem, si in doctore Matthia Duncan collegam tam illustrem quam optime meritum receperint.

DR. A. BREISKY,

Art. Obstetr. Professor Publ. Ord. in
Universitate Bernensi (Helvetiæ) ;
Societ. Med. Chir. Edinburgenæ
Socius Extr.

TRANSLATION.

Berne, 19th May 1870.

I acknowledge with pleasure that Dr. J. Matthews Duncan is well known to me to be of high renown in the Obstetric Art, in the Diseases of Women and Children, and as a Physician, Lecturer, and Author.

For, in his very many writings, this gentleman, as well valued as known throughout the whole of Germany, has given equal evidence of distinguished learning, and of genius successfully exploring the depths of science.

If, therefore, I am permitted to express an opinion as to whether I consider Dr. Matthews Duncan worthy to occupy the Chair of Midwifery, I should not hesitate to answer: I would, with all my heart, consider that my colleagues, the Professors in the University of Edinburgh, were to be congratulated if they should receive as a colleague Dr. Matthews Duncan, a man as illustrious as most deserving.

DR. A. BREISKY,

Prof. Midwifery, Univer. Berne
(Switzerland).

LXX.

From Dr. FRANCISCO RIZZOLI, Professor of Midwifery in
the University of Bologna.

Bologna, 21 Maggio 1870.

Onorevolissimo Collega,—Appresi con vero rammarico la morte dell' Illustre Professor J. Simpson, e la scienza e l'arte che con tanto onore professava, deplorana con dolore questa irreparabile sciagura. Egli è in causa di sì funesto avvenimento che converrà disporre della Cattedra da lui splendidamente illustrata; ma io vitengo che se si terrano nella dovuta considerazione i segnalati, è grandi servigi da voi prestati alla scienza, se si avra a calcolo la fama che pei medisinii vi siete acquistata non si esitera per certo ad affidare a voi quel nobile seggio, ed a daroi per tal modo quell' attestato di stima e di onoranza che ben meritate. Ve ne faccio di cuore il piu sincero augurio, ed in questa lusinga mi e grato di riputarmi.—Vostro devotiss. collega,

PROFESSOR FRANCISCO RIZZOLI.

TRANSLATION.

Honoured Colleague,—I heard, with true regret, the news of the death of the illustrious Professor Simpson, and the science and the art which he so honourably professed painfully deplore this irreparable misfortune. In consequence of this unhappy event it will be requisite to fill the Chair rendered so splendidly illustrious by him; I consider, however, that if the great and signal services which you have rendered to science be taken into due account, as well as the fame which you have won by them, there can surely be no hesitation in confiding to you that noble Chair, thus giving you an assurance of esteem and honour which you well deserve. I most heartily wish you success, and with this wish I willingly subscribe myself, your devoted colleague,

PROFESSOR FRANCISCO RIZZOLI.

LXXI.

From Dr. WINCKEL, Professor of Midwifery in the University
of Rostock.

Rostock, 18th Mai 1870.

Hochverehrter Herr College—Den Tod Ihres berühmten Gynæcologen Simpson, den ich, leider ohne seine persönliche Bekanntschaft machen zu können, sehr verehrte, habe ich aus den Zeitungen entnommen. Sie als sein früherer Assistent, Theilnehmer seiner wichtigsten Entdeckungen, selbst auch im Auslande rühmlichst bekannt durch eine Reihe werthvoller wissenschaftliches Streben reiche Erfahrung und kritischen Scharfblick documentirender Arbeiten werden seine Stelle würdig ersetzen können. Ich zweifle daher nicht dass die Curatoren der Edinburgher Universität keine bessere Wahl treffen können. Für die Uebersendung Ihres Aufsatzes sage ich Ihnen meinen besten Dank, ich hoffe mich nach einiger Zeit erkenntlich zeigen zu können. Es sollte mich sehr freuen wenn Sie, hochgeschätzter Herr College mir bald Ihre Ernennung als Nachfolger Simpson's mittheilen könnten. Genehmigen Sie inzwischen die Versicherung der vorzüglichsten Hochachtung und Ergebenheit, mit der ich mich nenne Ihnen,

Dr. F. WINCKEL,
Professor an der Universität Rostock.

TRANSLATION.

Rostock, 18th May 1870.

Much esteemed Colleague—I have learnt from the newspapers the death of your celebrated Gynækologist Simpson, whom, I am sorry to say, I have not known personally, but whom I highly respected. You, as his former assistant, partaker in his most important discoveries, well known even on the Continent by a series of valuable works, which prove your scientific efforts, extensive experience, and critical acumen, are fitted worthily to fill his place. I have, therefore, no doubt that the Curators of the University of Edinburgh could make no better choice. I

give you my best thanks for sending me your paper, and I hope shortly to be able to return the compliment. It would give me much pleasure, if you, valued Colleague, were soon to inform me of your appointment as Simpson's successor. Accept, in the meanwhile, the assurance of the most distinguished esteem and devotion with which I sign myself, yours,

DR. WINCKEL,
Professor in the University of Rostock.

LXXII.

From J. B. PETTIGREW, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., Conservator of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons; Pathologist to the Royal Infirmary, etc. etc.

*Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh,
May 25th, 1870.*

Dr. Duncan's claims to the vacant Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh are so pre-eminent, and so universally admitted, that I have greater pleasure in writing than he can possibly have in receiving the few words I have to state in his favour.

Dr. Duncan's career has been one of uninterrupted success.

Distinguished as a student in Arts and Medicine, he has been especially so as a Lecturer and Obstetrician.

This will occasion no surprise when the conscientious, earnest, and thorough-going nature of the man, and the splendid opportunities he has enjoyed, are taken into account.

Dr. Duncan possesses, in no ordinary degree, the qualifications necessary to a successful Professor.

He is learned, liberal, refined; a master of several languages, ancient and modern; an eloquent and highly-approved lecturer; a dexterous manipulator and operator; and an author of decided originality and power.

His whole training has been in the direction of the present appointment.

He has amassed a valuable Obstetrical Museum—an addendum of vast importance to a lecturer and teacher.

He has acquired the art of fluent oral exposition; he has trained himself to think and to write; and, better than all, nature has endowed him with the power to advance science by original research—a gift which enables him to stamp his impress upon the times present and to come.

The University of Edinburgh wants *thinkers* as well as *lecturers*, and in this respect Dr. Duncan is a most eligible candidate. He will, in my opinion, if appointed, prove a worthy successor of even the world-renowned Sir J. Y. Simpson.

J. BELL PETTIGREW.

LXXIII.

From G. S. KEITH, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., formerly
Assistant to Professor Sir James Simpson.

57 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh,

May 24th, 1870.

I gladly bear testimony to Dr. Matthews Duncan's claims to the Chair of Midwifery in Edinburgh University. His whole life and professional course point towards this as their proper culmination. After a thorough philosophical and scientific education at Marischal College, Aberdeen, where he greatly distinguished himself, Dr. Duncan pursued his medical studies here also with great zeal and success. Shortly after the completion of his studies, Sir James Simpson formed so high an opinion of his talents and energy that he fixed on him as an assistant. I had for some years the pleasure of being associated with him in this capacity. During this period, besides assisting Sir James in his class and practice, Dr. Duncan did a large amount of work in connection with many of his best medical and obstetric papers, and he gave valuable and hearty aid in carrying on various series of experiments, of

which I may specially mention those referring to chloroform and other anæsthetics.

Dr. Duncan's subsequent contributions to obstetric literature are well known, and their strict and scientific character stamp him as a man eminently qualified for following out any medical study to which he may set himself. His speciality has been all along Obstetrics, and he has shown himself not only able to investigate but also to teach. His clinical prelections are, I know, highly valued by the students, as well as his more formal lectures; and I believe that he will prove himself a not unworthy successor to his late master—whose best lessons he has well learned, and is thoroughly qualified to teach.

GEORGE S. KEITH, M.D.

LXXIV.

From F. C. FAYE, Esq., M.D., Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children at the University of Norway; First Physician to the Maternity, and Director of the Midwifery School, Christiania.

Christiania, May 20, 1870.

Dr. J. M. Duncan has expressed the wish to have a testimonial from me regarding his professional qualification. I think that Dr. Duncan is so well-known as a scientific, skilful, and at the same time practical man, that I regard a testimonial from me of little real use. Still, myself a Professor of Midwifery, I have, perhaps, some right to tell my meaning from a closer knowledge to Dr. Duncan's workings, and so to give me the honour to say that I think Dr. Duncan in a very high degree fit for the Professorship at the University of Edinburgh, vacant after the lamented death of the world-famed Sir J. Simpson.

F. C. FAYE, M.D.

LXXV.

From JAMES DRUMMOND, Esq., M.D., formerly Assistant to
Professor Sir James Simpson, etc. etc.

28 Upper Grosvenor Street, W.
London, May 24, 1870.

My dear Duncan—I am delighted to learn that you are a Candidate for the vacant Chair of Midwifery in the Edinburgh University.

Your varied and original works on many of the most difficult points in Obstetric science, have, both at home and on the Continent, placed your name in the front ranks of Gynækologists; your success as a teacher and as a practitioner has been equally marked; and, at this moment, I know no one in our country with better claims or higher qualifications for the distinguished position for which you offer yourself. With best wishes for your success, believe me, yours most sincerely,

JAMES DRUMMOND.

LXXVI.

From ROBERT BARNES, Esq., M.D., London; Obstetric Physician and Lecturer on Obstetrics at St. Thomas' Hospital; Examiner in Midwifery to the University of London, and to the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, etc. etc.

31 Grosvenor Street, W., 24th May 1870.

The Medical Profession will look with peculiar interest upon the election of a successor to a Chair rendered famous by the genius and work of Sir James Simpson. It is not to be expected that a successor equally illustrious can be found. But industry, knowledge, experimental skill, and the critical faculty, are sterling merits that will surely sustain the reputation of the Edinburgh Chair of Midwifery. These merits Dr. M. Duncan

possesses in an eminent degree. He is an accurate and sagacious thinker; and his power of clear and logical exposition is conspicuous.

The list of his contributions to the science and practice of Obstetrics is the best testimony to his zeal and capacity. Many of these have deservedly commanded the earnest attention of Obstetric teachers and practitioners, and will influence Obstetric practice. So well, indeed, are they esteemed by those who are best able to judge of their worth, that he might well have dispensed with the laudatory reviews appended to the list. Reviews are anonymous, and therefore divested of responsibility. They are often written either in terms of indiscriminate praise by men who know little of the subject, or in a spirit of detraction moved by rivalry.

As one who has carefully watched the literature and work done during the last twenty years, I venture to express my belief that it would be very difficult to find a man more fitted to fill the Edinburgh Obstetric Chair with distinction than Dr. M. Duncan.

ROBERT BARNES.

LXXVII.

From ARTHUR GAMGEE, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E.; Lecturer on Physiology at Surgeons' Hall; Physician to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

Edinburgh, 25th May 1870.

Dear Dr. Duncan—In asking me for an opinion of your claims to the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh you have, I doubt not, wished to elicit the opinion of a former pupil as to your teaching powers, and as to the position which you have occupied in the eyes of students of the Edinburgh School of Medicine.

I feel that I am expressing the opinion of all who have been your pupils, when I say that your teaching ever secured for you

their respect and admiration. It was philosophical, severely accurate, and such as to lead those who heard you to observe and think for themselves.

The number and acknowledged excellence of your scientific writings testify to your possessing in a high degree the culture and power of original thought, which are pre-eminently fitting in the occupant of an University Chair.

That you may succeed is, I am sure, not only my earnest wish, but that of all your former students, who know that you will fill with great honour the important position to which you now aspire.—I remain, dear Dr. Duncan, ever sincerely yours,

ARTHUR GAMGEE.

LXXVIII.

From Dr. SIMON THOMAS, Professor of Midwifery and Gynækology in the University of Leyden, etc.

Lugduni Batavorum,
die 18vo m. Maii 1870.

L. S.

Inter illos viros, quorum in disciplinis merita per multos annos et mihi et multis popularibus meis admirationem moverunt primarium locum obtinet V. D. *J. Matthews Duncan.*

Præsertim ex ejus operibus majoribus, quæ proximis annis edidit in lucem ;

Fecundity, Fertility, Sterility, and allied Topics. Edinburgh, 1866.

Researches in Obstetrics. Edinburgh, 1868.

A Practical Treatise on Perimetritis and Parametritis. Edinburgh, 1869—

Magis magisque eum spectavimus et obstetricatorum et gynæcologum talem esse, quo Scotia gloriari possit ; in quo viro non tantum solida eruditio sed ingenita sollertia singularis conspicitur, et qui labore indefesso et præditus illis dotibus, quæ requiruntur ad primariam docendæ artis obstetriciæ provinciam cum laude et gloria obtinendam eminent plerisque æqualium.

Cum Britannia, cum toto orbe erudito lugens mortem viri incomparabilis Jacobi Simpson non dubito libere meam sententiam dicere, inter Anglicos obstetricatores et gynæcologos, quorum notitiam mihi honori duco, esse neminem, quem illo digniorem successorem esse credam, neque esse alium quemquam, de quo certius sperare possem fore ut jacturam, quam fecerit Academia Edinburgensis, sarciri et compensari melius possit.

A. E. SIMON THOMAS,
Art. Obst. & Gynæcol. Prof. in Academia
Lugduni Batavorum.

TRANSLATION.

Leyden, 18th May 1870.

Among those men whose services in the cause of science have excited my own admiration and that of my fellow-countrymen for many years, the learned J. Matthews Duncan holds a first place.

Especially from the larger works which he has published within the last few years—

Fecundity, Fertility, Sterility, and allied Topics. Edinburgh, 1866.

Researches in Obstetrics. Edinburgh, 1868.

A Practical Treatise on Perimetritis and Parametritis. Edinburgh, 1869—

We have seen him more and more show himself such a master in Midwifery and the Diseases of Women, that Scotland may well be proud of him. In him is conspicuous not merely solid learning, but an extraordinary inborn ability; and through his indefatigable labours, and by the possession of those faculties which are required for filling the highest position as a teacher of Midwifery with credit and distinction, he stands out prominently above most of his contemporaries.

Lamenting, with Britain, and the whole of the learned world, the death of the incomparable James Simpson, I do not hesitate freely to express my opinion that among Englishmen who have devoted themselves to Midwifery and the Diseases of Women,

and whose acquaintance I reckon an honour, there is no one who I believe would be a worthier successor than he would be, and there is no other one in regard to whom I could, with greater certainty, hope that he would better repair and make up for the loss which the University of Edinburgh has sustained.

A. E. SIMON THOMAS.

LXXIX.

From Dr. SIMON THOMAS, Professor of Midwifery in the University of Leyden.

*Lugduni Batavorum,
die 18vo m. Maji 1870.*

L. S.

Neminem in Britannia digniorem credo quam V. D. *J. Matthews Duncan*, qui in inelyta Academia Edinburgensi viro incomparabili *Jacobo Simpson* succedat.

A. E. SIMON THOMAS,
Art. Obst. et Gynæcol. Professor in Acad.
Lugdun. Batav.

TRANSLATION.

Leyden, May 18th, 1870.

I believe that no one in Britain is more worthy to succeed to the incomparable *James Simpson* in the renowned University of Edinburgh than the learned *J. Matthews Duncan*.

A. E. SIMON THOMAS,
Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women
in the University of Leyden.

LXXX.

From Dr. WALTER FRANKE, Lecturer on Midwifery at the
University of Halle.

Halle, 20 Mai 1870.

Herr Matthews Duncan, seit Jahren durch seinen ausgezeichneten wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten im Gebiete der Geburtshülfe mir, sowohl, als seinen Specialcollegen auf dem Continent überhaupt, wohl bekannt, ist meiner innigen Ueberzeugung nach ein vortrefflicher Geburtshelfer und tüchtiger Gelehrter, und vollständig befähigt und würdig, den Lehrstuhl für Geburtshülfe an der Universität Edinburgh zum Besten der Wissenschaft, zum Wohl der Studirenden Jugend, zum Heil der Hülfe suchenden Frauen auszufüllen.

Dr. WALTER FRANKE,
Docent. für Geburtshülfe an der Universität
Halle, Wittenberg.

TRANSLATION.

Halle, 20th May 1870.

Dr. Matthews Duncan, for many years well known to me and all authorities on our subject on the Continent by his distinguished scientific works in the department of Midwifery, is, according to my most sincere conviction, an excellent Obstetrician and most able scholar, and completely qualified and worthy to occupy the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, for the benefit of science, the advantage of the students, and for the welfare of women requiring help.

Dr. WALTER FRANKE,
Lecturer on Midwifery at the University of
Halle, Wittenberg.

LXXXI.

From DR. SCHWARZ, Professor of Midwifery in the University
of Göttingen.

Göttingen, Mai 20, 1870.

Geehrter Herr—Indem ich Ihnen für Ihre Zusendung meinen verbindlichsten Dank sage, bezeuge ich Ihnen zugleich meinen lebhaften Wunsch den durch Simpson's Tod erledigten Lehrstuhl Ihnen übertragen zu sehen. Unter Ihren Landsleuten dürfte es keinen geben, dessen Leistungen und Verdienste um die Gynäkologie so sehr und so allgemein wie gerade die Ihrigen, von den Deutschen Fachgenossen gewürdigt und geschätzt werden. Sicher wird es Ihnen auch in Ihrem Vaterlande nicht an der Anerkennung fehlen, die Sie so sehr verdienen, und ich zweifle nicht, dass man Ihnen die Stellung gewähren wird, auf welche Sie meines Erachtens gerechten Anspruch machen können.—Mit allem Respect, der Ihrige,

SCHWARZ.

TRANSLATION.

Göttingen, May 20, 1870.

Honoured Sir—In thanking you most sincerely for your transmission, I express to you at the same time my lively wish to see the Chair, become vacant through the death of Simpson, conferred upon you. Amongst your compatriots there is, I believe, not one whose labours in, and services to, Gynækology are so highly and universally respected and esteemed as yours by the German experts. Surely there will be no lack of recognition in your country of the merit you so highly deserve, and I doubt not that they will award you the Chair to which you, according to my judgment, have such just claims.—With greatest respect,
yours,

SCHWARZ.

LXXXII.

From DR. COHNSTEIN, Lecturer on Midwifery in the
University of Berlin.

Berlin, 19 Mai 1870.

Herr Dr. J. Matthews Duncan in Edinburgh hat sich um die Geburtshülfe und Gynäcologie so mannigfache Verdienste erworben, dass es überflüssig erscheint, ihm weitere Anerkennung zu schaffen. Seine Arbeiten über den Geburts Mechanismus, über die Beschaffenheit des *Cervix Uteri in Graviditate*, über die Gebärmutter Innenfläche nach der Ausstossung des Kindes waren ebenso Epoche machend und zu neuem Studium anregend, wie die Abhandlungen über *Peri- und Parametritis*. Wie *Duncan* seine literarische Laufbahn mit der Uebersetzung hervorragend deutscher Arbeiten begonnen hat, so ist er bis jetzt dem Ernst und Eifer deutscher Forscher zugethan geblieben.

Duncan erfasst alles Neue mit Freude und mit lernbegierigen Interesse, um es gründlicher Prüfung und exacter Kritik zu unterwerfen.

Wir kennen kein Gebiet der Geburtshülfe oder Gynäkologie, das *Duncan* nicht, wenn auch nur casuistisch bereichert hätte. Wir beklagen den Tod *Simpsons*, aber freuen uns, dass *Duncan* den Verlust zu ersetzen berufen ist. Mehr als jedem andern wird es ihm gelingen, den bewährten Ruf der Edinburger Hochschule in Achtung und Ansehen zu erhalten. Mit den besten Wünschen für das weitere Wohlergehen *Duncan's*,

DR. COHNSTEIN,
Docent der Geburtshülfe an
der Universität, Berlin.

TRANSLATION.

Berlin, May 19, 1870.

Dr. Matthews Duncan of Edinburgh has acquired such divers

merits in the field of Midwifery and Gynækology, that it appears superfluous to send him further acknowledgment.

His works on the "Mechanism of Delivery," the condition of the *Cervix Uteri in Graviditate*, the inner surface of the matrix after the birth of the child, are much marked epochs (in the progress of our science), and incited to new study, as did the treatise on *Peri- and Parametritis*.

As *Duncan* commenced his literary career with the translation of prominent German works, so he has constantly remained attached to the fervour and zeal of the German inquirers.

Duncan seizes everything new with joy, and with an interest and desire for learning, in order to subject it to a thorough examination and exact critique. We know no department of Midwifery or Gynækology, which *Duncan* has not enriched even if only casuistically.

We regret the death of *Simpson*, but we rejoice that *Duncan* is called to repair the loss. He, more than any one else, will succeed in keeping up in esteem and renown the high reputation of the University of Edinburgh. With the best wishes for the continued welfare of *Duncan*,

DR. COHNSTEIN,
Lecturer on Midwifery in the
University of Berlin.

LXXXIII.

From HENRY OLDHAM, Esq., M.D., Consulting Obstetric
Physician to Guy's Hospital, London, etc. etc.

The Athenæum, London, May 1870.

My knowledge of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan has principally been derived from his contributions to Obstetric Science, and they have been so numerous and varied, and evince so much originality, sound observation, and laborious industry, as long since to have established him as amongst the foremost of the Obstetric Physicians of the present day.

It appears to me that Dr. J. Matthews Duncan is well qualified

to maintain the high character of the Obstetric School of Edinburgh as a successor to Sir James Y. Simpson.

HENRY OLDHAM, M.D.

LXXXIV.

From JAMES SPENCE, Esq., F.R.S.E., Surgeon to the QUEEN in Scotland ; Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh ; late President of the Royal College of Surgeons, etc. etc.

*21a Ainslie Place, Edinburgh,
25th May 1870.*

The high reputation which Dr. Matthews Duncan has already earned for himself as an author and cultivator of Obstetrics in this country and on the Continent, together with his great experience and success as a practitioner and teacher of Midwifery, seems to me the best evidence of his eminent qualifications for the duties of a Professor of that branch of medical science.

JAMES SPENCE, F.R.S.E.

LXXXV.

From W. TURNER, Esq., M.B. Lond., F.R.S.E., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh, etc. etc.

May 25, 1870.

Dr. J. Matthews Duncan enjoys so wide-spread and so well-grounded a reputation, not only as an experienced and skilled practical Obstetrician, but as a scientific inquirer into the principles which govern Obstetrical practice, that any further testimony of his professional skill in this department of medicine seems altogether superfluous. But as he is required in his candidature for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, vacant by the death of Sir J. Y. Simpson, to produce evidence of

his fitness to discharge its duties, I have no hesitation in saying that his work for many years past has placed him in the first rank of living Obstetricians. His researches into the circumstances which affect the Fecundity, Fertility, and Sterility of Women, exhibit a remarkable power of analysing and reaching the root of difficult physiological problems, connected with his special branch of the profession.

His Memoirs on the Construction of the Pelvis, and on the Forces concerned in Parturition, testify to the care with which he has studied the mechanism of labour. Numerous essays on difficult questions which arise in the course of Obstetrical practice, show his familiarity with the diagnosis and treatment of the diseases of women. Moreover, Dr. Duncan is a teacher of well-established reputation.

For many years he has successfully conducted a Summer Course on Midwifery, and, as I attended his lectures some thirteen years ago, I can speak from personal knowledge of his exact and careful method of expression, and of the sound and practical character of his teaching.

I believe that the appointment of Dr. Duncan to the Chair of Midwifery would add to the reputation of the University of Edinburgh as a school of practical medicine.

WM. TURNER, M.B. (Lond.)

LXXXVI.

From Dr. VEIT, Privy Medical Councillor and Professor of
Midwifery in the University of Bonn.

Bonn, 23d Mai 1870.

Hochgeehrter Herr College—Mit dem grösstem Vergnügen erfülle ich Ihren Wunsch, meine Meinung in Betreff Ihrer Bewerbung um den Lehrstuhl der Geburtshülfe zu Edinburgh unumwunden auszusprechen. Mir ist es nicht zweifelhaft, dass unter den schottischen Gynäcologen, gerade Siederjenige sind, der durch seine hervorragenden Wissenschaft-

lichen Leistungen den ersten Anspruch hat, des grossen *James Simpson* Nachfolger zu werden, und ich kann nicht mir denken, dass irgend einer meiner deutschen Collegen herüber anders urtheilen werde. Wenn das Universitäts Curatorium die wissenschaftliche Tüchtigkeit in erster Reihe berücksichtigt, wird Ihre Ernennung auch nicht ausbleiben. Nehmen Sie daher gleich hier meine aufrichtigsten Glückwünsche entgegen.—Ingrösster Benennung, Ihr ganz ergebener,

DR. VEIT,
Geh. Med. Rath.

TRANSLATION.

Bonn, May 23, 1870.

Much Honoured Colleague—With the greatest pleasure I fulfil your wish to express freely my opinion in respect of your application for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. I have no doubt at all that amongst the Scotch Gynækologists, you are just the one who, by his prominent scientific works, has the first claim to become the successor of the great *James Simpson*, and I cannot think that any one of my German colleagues could judge otherwise on the subject. If the Curators of the University put scientific ability in the first place, you cannot fail to be chosen. Accept therefore here, at once, my most sincere wishes for your success.—With highest esteem, your most devoted

DR. VEIT,
Privy Medical Councillor, Bonn.

LXXXVII.

From Dr. CARL HENNIG, Professor and Examiner in Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Leipzig.

Ich erfülle hiermit die angenehme Pflicht, zu erklären, dass ich den Arbeiten des Herrn *J. Matthews Duncan* in Edinburgh

seit einer längeren Reihe von Jahren meine Aufmerksamkeit gewidmet habe und seine Thätigkeit in der Edinburger Geburtshüllichen Gesellschaft mit steigendem Interesse verfolge. Seine physiologischen Forschungen in der Gynäkologie, seine genauen Beobachtungen von Krankheitsfällen, und seine Theilnahme an den Ereignissen in der medicinischen Welt des Auslandes machen Herrn Matthews Duncan in meinen Augen zu einem der würdigsten Nachfolger im Amte meines unvergesslichen Freundes Sir James Simpson.

DR. CARL HENNIG,

Professor und Examiner für Geburtshilfe, Frauen und Kinderkrankheiten an der Universität Leipzig.

TRANSLATION.

I fulfil herewith the agreeable duty of declaring that I have devoted for a number of years my attention to the works of Dr. *Matthews Duncan*, and followed with increasing interest his activity as a practitioner of Midwifery in Edinburgh. His physiological researches in Gynækology, his accurate observations in cases, and his interest in the events of the medical world of the Continent, render Dr. Matthews Duncan, in my opinion, one of the most worthy successors to the Chair of my ever memorable friend Sir James Simpson.

DR. CARL HENNIG,

Professor of and Examiner in Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the University of Leipzig.

LXXXVIII.

From GEORGE H. KIDD, Esq., M.D., Fellow and Examiner in Midwifery to the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland; Examiner in Midwifery to the Queen's University; Obstetric Surgeon to the Coombe Lying-in Hospital, etc. etc.

17 Merrion Square, East, Dublin,

May 26, 1870.

I have been asked to express my opinion as to the qualifica-

tions of Dr. J. M. Duncan for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, but it seems to me that his reputation is itself sufficient to prove him to be pre-eminently qualified for the office.

Having been editor of the *Dublin Quarterly Journal of Medical Science* from 1861 till 1869, I was obliged to make myself familiar with medical writings, and I can have no hesitation in saying that Dr. Duncan has done more to advance the study of Midwifery as a science, and to reduce our knowledge to accuracy and precision, than any living writer with whom I am acquainted; and it is needless to add that precision and accuracy are two of the most important characteristics to be looked for in a Professor.

GEORGE H. KIDD.

LXXXIX.

From DR. LITZMANN, Professor of Midwifery in the University of Kiel, etc. etc.

Kiel, Mai 21, 1870.

Geehrter Herr College—Indem ich Ihnen für die gütige Zusendung Ihrer neuesten Schrift bestens danke, kann ich nur noch den Wunsch hinzufügen, dass Ihre Bewerbung um den durch des unvergesslichen *Dr. Simpson's*, Tod erledigte Lehrstuhle von Erfolg gekrönt sein möge, da meiner aufrichtigen Ueberzeugung nach, ein würdigerer Nachfolger nicht gefunden werden kann.—In vorzüglicher Hochachtung, Ihr ergebenster College,

LITZMANN.

TRANSLATION.

Kiel, May 21, 1870.

Honoured Colleague—In thanking you for your kindness in forwarding me your latest paper, I can only add my wish that your application for the vacant Chair of the

ever-memorable *Dr. Simpson* may be crowned with success, as according to my sincere conviction a more worthy successor can not be found.—With the highest esteem, your devoted Colleague,

LITZMANN.

XC.

From Dr. GUSTAV A. BRAUN, Imperial Royal Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the Joseph's Academy, Vienna.

Wien, 21st Mai 1870.

Hochgeehrter Herr College—Ihrem Wunsche entsprechend bezeuge ich hiermit, dass ich die von Ihnen in den letzten Jahren veröffentlichten Arbeiten ueber Geburtshülffliche Fragen kenne und dieselben stets hochgeschätzt habe. Sie liefern den Beweis, dass Sie nicht blos in theoretischer sondern auch in practischer Beziehung im Fache vollkommen zu Hause sind, und berechtigen mich Sie als vertrauungswürdigen Candidaten für einen Geburtshilfflichen Lehrstuhl, somit auch specielle für den von *Sir J. Simpson* innegehabten, hiermit bestens zu empfehlen. Zugleich ermächtige ich Sie diesen Brief als Zeugniss für Ihre Wissenschaftliche Fachbefähigung für die Lehrkanzel nach Gutdüncken zu benützen.

Verzeihen Sie dass ich Deutsch schreibe, doch bin ich jetzt wenig im Englischen geübt.—Mit ausgezeichnete Hochachtung Ihr ergebenster,

DR. GUST. A. BRAUN,

k. k. Professor der Geburtshilfe und Frauenkrankheiten
an der Josef's Academie.

TRANSLATION.

Vienna, May 21, 1870.

Honoured Sir and Colleague.—In compliance with your request, I certify herewith that I am familiar with the writings published by you within recent years, on the subject of Obstetrics, and that I have ever valued them highly. They afford proof

that you are thoroughly acquainted with your subject, not only from a theoretical, but also from a practical point of view, and justify me in strongly recommending you as a most trustworthy candidate for a Chair of Midwifery, even more especially for that which is now vacant by the death of Sir James Simpson.

At the same time I authorise you to avail yourself as you think proper of this letter as a certificate of your scientific competency for the Chair. Pardon me for writing in German, since I have now little practice in the English language.—With distinguished esteem, your devoted,

DR. GUST. A. BRAUN,
Imp. Roy. Prof. of Midwifery and Diseases of
Women, Vienna.

XCI.

From Dr. KEHRER, Professor of Midwifery in the University
of Giessen.

Giessen, 23 Mai, 1870.

Hochgeehrter Herr College—Gestatten Sie mir, auch ohne die Ehre persönlicher Bekanntschaft, der aufrichtigen Hochachtung gegen Sie einen Ausdruck zu geben, in dem ich Ihnen anbei das neueste Heft meiner Beiträge zur Geburtskunde übersende. Sie gehören zu den ehrenwerthen Fachgenossen, welche der Praxis Ihr volles Recht geben, aber nicht vergessen, Ihr lebhaftes Interesse an der theoretischen Seite unseres Faches durch streng wissenschaftliche Forschungen fortwährend zu bethätigen. Gerade dieser Umstand ermuthigt mich zu der Hoffnung dass sie das beifolgende Heft mit seinem vorzugsweise theoretischen Inhalte Ihrer Aufmerksamkeit würdigen, und sollten die darin niedergelegten Anschauungen Ihren Beifall finden, zu deren Weiterverbreitung in Ihrem Vaterlande beitragen. Ich würde Letzterer um so dankbarer anerkennen, als mir sehr wohl der grosse wissenschaftliche Einfluss bekannt ist, den Sie auf Ihre Landsleute üben. Simpson's Tod hat auch bei uns, die wir seine wissenschaftliche Bedeutung in hohem grade gewürdigt, die aufrichtigste Theil-

nahme erregt. Wer wird sein Nachfolger werden? Ich kenne die Bewerber nicht, aber ich denke ohne Ihnen schmeicheln zu wollen dass kein englischer Geburtshelfer geeigneter sei, ihm zu folgen und ihn zu ersetzen als gerade Sie.

Wer von den englischen Collegen könnte eine regere wissenschaftliche Thätigkeit, eine grössere Fülle höchstgediegener, geistreicher, theilweise geradezu classischer Arbeiten aufweisen? Wem stünde gleichzeitig eine so reiche Erfahrung aus der Hospital und privat Praxis zur Verfügung als Ihnen?

Ich urtheile hier fernstehend ganz objectiv nach Ihren Publicationen deren ich viele gelesen habe, und die mir stets den Eindruck geben, dass deren Verfasser ein ebenso nüchtern und vorurtheilsloser wie gedankenreicher und tief in seinen Gegenstand eindringender Forscher, ausserdem auch ein sehr geschickter, überlegter Arzt sein müsse.

Diese Meinung über Sie theilen übrigens auch andre deutsche Geburtshelfer. Wollten Sie unsre deutschen geburtshüllichen Schriften nachsehen, sie würden sich überzeugen, wie viele Ihrer Wahrnehmungen und Gedanken auch in unsre Fachschriften übergegangen sind.

Es sollte mich ausserordentlich freuen, wenn ich Ihnen recht bald zur Edinburger Professur gratuliren könnte. Genehmigen Sie die Versicherung aufrichtiger Werthschätzung. Ihrer ganz ergebenen Collegen,

DR. KEHRER,
Professor der Geburtshülfe an
der Universität.

TRANSLATION.

Giessen, May 23, 1870.

Highly Honoured Colleague—Permit me, even without the honour of your personal acquaintance, to give expression to the sincerely high esteem in which I hold you, while I send you at the same time the latest number of my contributions to Obstetrics. You belong to the honourable experts who do full justice to the practice, but yet do not neglect to labour actively in the theoretical part of our branch, by close scientific investigations. It is

just this circumstance that encourages me to hope that you will favour the accompanying pamphlet, with its chiefly theoretical contents, with your attention; and should the views propounded in it meet with your approbation, to be instrumental in their extension in your country. I would acknowledge it the more gratefully, as I am well aware how great the scientific influence is which you possess over your countrymen. Simpson's death has caused the most sincere sympathy, as we highly valued his scientific importance. Who will be his successor? I do not know the Candidates, but I think, without wishing to flatter you, that no English Obstetrician is better calculated to succeed and to replace him than just you.

Which of the English Colleagues could produce a more lively scientific activity, a greater number of most sterling, able, partly indeed classical, works? Who can boast of greater experience in Hospital and private practice?

I judge thus, being at a distance, quite objectively by your publications, many of which I have read, and which have constantly given me the impression, that their author must be as much a sober and unprejudiced, as an original and deeply-penetrating, inquirer into his subject, besides being a very skilful and meditative physician.

This opinion respecting you other German Obstetricians share with me. If you were to examine our German obstetrical works, you would convince yourself how many of your observations and ideas have passed into our scientific treatises.

It would give me uncommon joy if I could soon congratulate you as an Edinburgh Professor. Accept the assurance of the honest appreciation of your devoted colleague,

DR. KEHRER,
Professor of Midwifery in
the University.

XCII.

From Dr. VON SCANZONI, Professor of Midwifery at the University of Würzburg; Director of the Lying-in Institution, etc. etc.

Schloss Zinneberg den 24/5/70.

Hochverehrter Herr College—Indem ich Ihnen für Ihre freundlichen Zeilen vom 14 d. M., die ich auf einer kleinen Erholungsreise begriffte, erst gestern erhielt, bestens danke, beeile ich mich Ihnen hiemit meine Ueberzeugung auszusprechen dass ich es für einen grossen Gewinn für die Wissenschaft und für die Edinburger Universität betrachten würde, wenn man Sie zum Nachfolger *Simpsons* ernennen wollte. Hätte ich die Stelle zu vergeben, so würde ich keinen Augenblick in meiner Wahl schwanken. Ich wüsste nicht wer Ihnen unter den mir bekannten Edinburger Collegen vorgezogen werden könnte, wenn es sich um die Anerkennung wahren Wissenschaftlichen Verdienstes handelt. Genehmigen Sie hochverehrster Herr College die Versicherung meiner ausgezeichnetesten Hochachtung mit welcher ich bin, Ihr ganz ergebener,

V. SCANZONI.

TRANSLATION.

Castle Zinneberg, May 24th, 1870.

Highly-honoured Colleague—Thanking you for your friendly letter of the 14th inst., which I only received yesterday while on a journey of recreation, I hasten to express to you my conviction that I would consider it a great gain to science, and to the Edinburgh University, if you were elected as successor to *Simpson*. Had I the disposing of the post, I would not hesitate in my choice for a moment. I do not know who could be preferred to you amongst those colleagues I know in Edinburgh, if it is the question as to

recognition of real scientific merit.—Accept, honoured Sir and Colleague, the assurance of the most distinguished esteem with which I am your devoted

V. SCANZONI.

XCIH.

From Dr. S. KRISTELLER, Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the Royal University of Berlin.

*Berlin, 40 Heiligegeist Str.,
Mai 26, 1870.*

Sehr geehrter Herr College—Es hat mir grosse Freude gemacht, zu erfahren, dass Sie Sich um den vacant gewordenen Lehrstuhl des seeligen Herrn James Simpson bewerben. Bei der internationalen Solidarität, welche in unserer Zeit die wissenschaftlichen Männer aller Länder verbindet, haben wir Gynäecologen in Deutschland Ihre Arbeiten stets mit der lebhaftesten Anerkennung aufgenommen. Denn es gehört Ihnen zuvörderst das grosse Verdienst die Schriften deutscher Autoritäten in Ihrem Vaterlande verbreitet zu haben, sodann aber haben sie auch durch selbstständige sehr werthvolle Leistungen die gynäcologische Disciplin gefördert. Ich bekenne es Ihnen sehr gern, dass Ihre Bücher und Aufsätze bei uns mit grossem Interesse gelesen werden, und dass Ihre Schriften sehr viel dazu beigetragen haben, unsere Wissenschaft auf den Standpunct hinaufzuheben, den sie heute einnimmt.

Es ist daher meine feste Ueberzeugung dass es hier als ein sehr glückliches Ereigniss angesehen werden würde, wenn Sie mit Ihrer Bewerbung reüssirten, und dass Sie durch Ihre vorzügliche Befähigung und durch Ihren grossen Eifer den guten Ruf der Edinburgher Schule nicht nur erhalten, sondern dass Sie auf dem Wege des von uns Allen tiefbetrauernten Sir James Simpson fortschreitend, diese Schule noch zu weitem Ehren bringen werden.—Ich habe die Ehre zu sein, verehrter Herr, mit vorzüglicher Hochachtung, Ihr ergebenster College,

SAMUEL KRISTELLER,

Lehrer für Geburtshülfe und Gynäcologie an der
Königlichen Universität zu Berlin.

TRANSLATION.

Honoured Colleague—It has given me great joy to learn that you are a candidate for the vacant Chair of the late Sir J. Simpson. In virtue of that unity of interests which in our days binds together scientific men of all countries, we German Gynækologists have always received your works with the liveliest sense of indebtedness. For not only have you done us the great service of diffusing in your own country the writings of German authorities, but you have also by your own valuable works extended the science of Female Diseases. I have much pleasure in informing you that your books and memoirs are read here with great interest, and that your writings have contributed very much to raise our science to the position which it at present occupies.

Hence it is my firm conviction that it would here be looked upon as a very lucky thing should you succeed in your application, and by your eminent skill and great zeal not merely maintain the fame of the Edinburgh School, but, treading in the path of the by us all deeply lamented Sir James Simpson, bring that school to still higher honour.—I have the honour to be, respected Sir, with great esteem, your devoted colleague,

SAMUEL KRISTELLER.

XCIV.

From Dr. T. HUGENBERGER, Professor of Midwifery and Accoucheur to the Maternity Institute, under the Patronage of Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Helena-Paulowna.

*S. Peterbourg, 10/22 Maya 1870,
Sto. Fontanke, D. No. 132.*

Milostivue Gosudaer, Yakov Matveovitch—Skorbya na dalnem severi, vmestyе so vsem ouchonem mirom, o potere znamenitogo Sera Djemsa Simsona, ya vtoje vremya spishou, svobschet Vam, chtі prieskivaya muisleno emou preemnika, ya nevolno ostanav-

livayous na vashem imeni. Vashi mnogochislenie schatelnie literatournie troudie, vnimatelno izouchaemue i ou nass ouprochilie po vsej spravedlivostie za Vamé kak vchoujikh krayakh tak i na rodine slavou naidostoineishgo ouchenika velikago nastavnika. Eto imeno privodit menya ktomou zakloucheniyou, chto zamenyit kafedrou Sera Djemsa—pervouyou vo vsej Velikobritanyie—mojet nikto inoi kak Vui.

Primitye mnogoouvajaemuji tovarish, Ouverenie viskrenem moem kvam ouvarjenii.

FEODOR GOUGE,

Prof. i akousher pri Povivalnom Institute,
pod pokravleniem yeyo Imperatorski
Vuisochestvo Gosoudarina
Velichestvo Velikoi Knyayina
Ellena Pavlovna.

TRANSLATION.

*S. Petersburg, 10/22 May 1870,
Sto. Fontanke, D. 132.*

Gracious Sir, James Matthews—Mourning as I do, in the distant North, with all the learned world, the loss of the celebrated Sir James Simpson, I at the same time hasten to communicate to you, that, searching mentally a successor to him, I involuntarily pause at your name. Your numerous and diligent literary works, which are studied attentively by us, have justly secured for you in foreign countries, as well as in your own, the reputation of being the most worthy disciple of a great master. This then brings me to the conclusion that, to replace Sir James Simpson in the Chair of Midwifery—the first in Great Britain—there can be no one more efficient than yourself.

Accept, therefore, my much-esteemed friend, the assurance of my sincere regard,

THEODOR HUGENBERGER.

XCV.

From Dr. STOLTZ, Professor of Midwifery, and Dean of the
Faculty of Medicine, Strasbourg.

Strasbourg, 24th Mai 1870.

Monsieur—C'est par votre lettre seulement que j'ai appris la mort si regrettable du docteur J. Y. Simpson, qui en 1839, m'avait aussi demandé un *testimonial* pour sa candidature à la Chaire qu'il a ensuite occupée avec tant d'éclat. Depuis ce moment des relations très amicales s'étaient établies entre nous, et à printems j'étais sur le point de faire un voyage en Angleterre, en grande partie pour revoir cet eminent collègue.

Vous me demandez, Monsieur, mon appréciation sur vos œuvres qui vous donnerait droit à la succession du Dr. Simpson, comme professeur à Edimbourg. Votre nom m'est parfaitement connu. Je ne connais pas aussi bien toutes vos productions scientifiques ; mais celles qui me sont tombées sous les yeux me paraissent empreintes des qualités que l'on y recherche, la clarté dans l'exposition, et le raisonnement basé sur l'expérience. Il ne me paraît douteux, que si le jury vous choisit pour successeur du défunct Dr. J. Y. Simpson vous serez dans quelque temps à la hauteur de celui que vous aspirez à remplacer.—Recevez, Monsieur, avec mes civilités empressées l'assurance de ma considération bien distinguée,

A. STOLTZ,

Prof. d'accouchs. ; Doyen de la
Faculté de Médecine.

TRANSLATION.

Sir—It is only by your letter that I have learned of the regretted death of Dr. J. Y. Simpson, who in 1839 also asked from me a testimonial for his candidature for the Chair which he afterwards filled with so much renown. Since that time the most intimate relations existed between us, and in Spring I was on the point of coming to England, principally to see this eminent Colleague again.

You ask me, Sir, my opinion of your works to justify your desire to succeed Dr. Simpson as Professor in Edinburgh. Your name is perfectly known to me. I am not so thoroughly acquainted with all your scientific works, but such as have come under my observation, appear to me to be impressed with the qualities which one would look for in them—clearness in explanation, and reasoning based on experience. There appears to me to be no doubt, that if the electors choose you as the successor of the deceased Dr. J. Y. Simpson, you will in a little while equal him whom you aspire to succeed. Accept, Sir, with my particular compliments, the assurance of my highest esteem,

A. STOLTZ,
Professor of Midwifery, etc.

XCVI.

From ROBERT GREENHALGH, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, etc. etc.

*72 Grosvenor Street, W., London,
27th May 1870.*

Dear Dr. Duncan—Although I cannot help feeling that any testimonial from me, or any one else, in favour of one of your world-wide celebrity, must be superfluous, still I have great pleasure in bearing my testimony to your fitness for the important and responsible chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. Your untiring zeal and devotion to your profession; your classical attainments and general knowledge; your vast acquaintance with the ancient and modern literature of medicine, especially of this department; your experience as a practitioner; teacher; and your numerous valuable contributions to medical literature, are a few among many other qualifications which may be justly urged on your behalf.

Wishing you the success you so richly merit.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT GREENHALGH.

XCVII.

From JOHN BROWN, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Author of
 "Locke and Sydenham," "Rab and his Friends," etc. etc.

23 Rutland Street, Edinburgh,
 28th May 1870.

I have watched the professional career of Dr. Matthews Duncan with great interest and admiration. He has gone from strength to strength—widening and deepening in all that makes a man a great observer and thinker, a safe and capable practitioner, and a sound, luminous, and effective Teacher.

And while he has steadily concentrated the full force of a vigorous and exact understanding, and a resolute will on his own special department of knowledge and practice, he has done this all the more effectually, by not only making himself accomplished in the entire round of medical knowledge and art, but moreover by availing himself (as may be seen in his admirable work on "Fecundity, Fertility, etc."), directly and through others, of whatever is best in the higher philosophies of matter and mind. He is a Master of Arts as well as a Doctor of Medicine, and a Physician in the original sense.

It is for those who are experts to adjudicate upon the value of Dr. Duncan's contributions to Obstetrical Science and Art. I know him as a man of genuine capacity and worth, strong-brained, right-minded, true-hearted, with that deep, abiding sense of the sacredness of truth in everything—in observation, inference, and statement, not less than in word and deed—in science not less than in life, without which genius, learning, and eloquence, be they ever so great, must be mischievous. He knows what is essential, and therefore what it is needless to know, or teach, or do; and by his force of character, his moral and intellectual *momentum*, he has made, and will always more and more make, a safe, energetic, and persuasive Teacher, and, what is not less important, an influential Master. He can forge as well as furnish the minds of his pupils, addressing himself to their reason not less than

to their memory, and impressing and guiding all the energies of their nature, not merely in what is best to be known in his own *métier*, but in all that is manly and honourable, thorough, and just. Our University will be fortunate, indeed, if it find a better man for the vacant chair.

J. BROWN.

XCVIII.

From W. SHARPEY, Esq., M.D., Sec. R.S., F.R.S.E., Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in University College.

*University College,
London, 28th May 1870.*

Dr. Matthews Duncan having requested me to testify to his fitness for the Professorship of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, I beg leave to say that I am not sufficiently conversant with practical Obstetrics to offer an opinion on that head; but Dr. Duncan's numerous writings on Physiological questions connected with Midwifery, some of which I have read with profit, evince that he has diligently and successfully cultivated the scientific side of his subject, and would, doubtless, in this respect, contribute powerfully to maintain the high reputation which the Chair of Midwifery in Edinburgh has gained through its late Professor.

W. SHARPEY, M.D.

XCIX.

From A. PEDDIE, M.D., F.R.C.P., Edinburgh, Author of "The Pathology of Delirium Tremens," and of papers on the "Contagious Nature of Puerperal Fever," "Spinal Apoplexy," "Mammary Secretion and its Pathological Changes," and other contributions to the Medical Journals, etc. etc.

*15 Rutland Street,
Edinburgh, 28th May 1870.*

Dr. J. Matthews Duncan has so thoroughly identified himself

with the Medical School of this city, as a teacher and writer in the department of Obstetrics, that promotion to the Professorship now vacant seems natural, well-earned, and most fitting.

For upwards of 20 years he has laboured most perseveringly and successfully in this line of study and practice. His writings have been extensive, varied, and valuable—many of them highly interesting and instructive, as elucidating obscure or overlooked points—and all of them distinguished by extreme accuracy in the notation of facts, and soundness in the views deduced therefrom. The same characteristics have all along marked his prelections, which, while philosophical in strain, have yet been highly practical, and conveyed in clear terse language, well fitted to take a fast hold on the mind of the student.

On the whole, I believe that the appointment of Dr. Duncan to the vacant Chair of Midwifery would fully maintain, if not advance, the reputation of our University.

A. PEDDIE.

C.

From JOHN A. BYRNE, Esq., M.B., M.R.I.A., Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children to the Medical School of the Catholic University of Ireland; Ex-Assistant Master to the Rotunda Lying-in-Hospital; Ex-Examiner in Midwifery and Gynæcology to the Queen's University of Ireland, etc. etc.

37 Westland Row, Dublin.

The writings of Dr. Duncan upon the different subjects connected with the Obstetrical and Gynæcological departments of Medicine, are of so distinguished and remarkable a character, that any praise of mine would indeed be most feeble.

Dr. Duncan, from the earliest period of his career, has devoted himself to the study of these branches of medicine, and to the elucidation of the difficult and intricate problems with which they abound; and the results of his labours have appeared in

the form of two excellent volumes—viz. “Fecundity, Fertility, and Sterility,” and “Researches in Obstetrics.”

In those valuable and highly-esteemed works, and in many other contributions besides, he has endeavoured most successfully to impart the most advanced and accurate knowledge of those important subjects, which knowledge is the result of information gleaned from every deserving source, and elaborated and enriched by his own experiments and observations ; and thus he has added, in a most considerable manner, to those sciences ; and it is my firm conviction that these, his writings, will be of the greatest service to Obstetrical and Gynæcological Science, and that they will always be regarded, and justly so, as most important additions to medical literature. It would be absurd to enter into any detail of them here ; they have run the gauntlet of criticism, and they will, I am certain, henceforward be ranked amongst the standard works upon those subjects. It would be purposeless in me to say, that those volumes should be in the hands of every teacher and student of Obstetrics, for no man can be said to be thoroughly acquainted with the literature of the subject who has not perused them most carefully and attentively, for in them he has opened up a mine of wealth, and doubtless this will be marked by others imitating his example ; and it is my sincere hope and wish that he himself may be placed in a position to follow up his investigations and researches. I trust that he will be elected to the Chair so ably filled by the great Simpson, and that Edinburgh will evince, by electing him, that she is able to discern real merit and ability.

JOHN A. BYRNE.

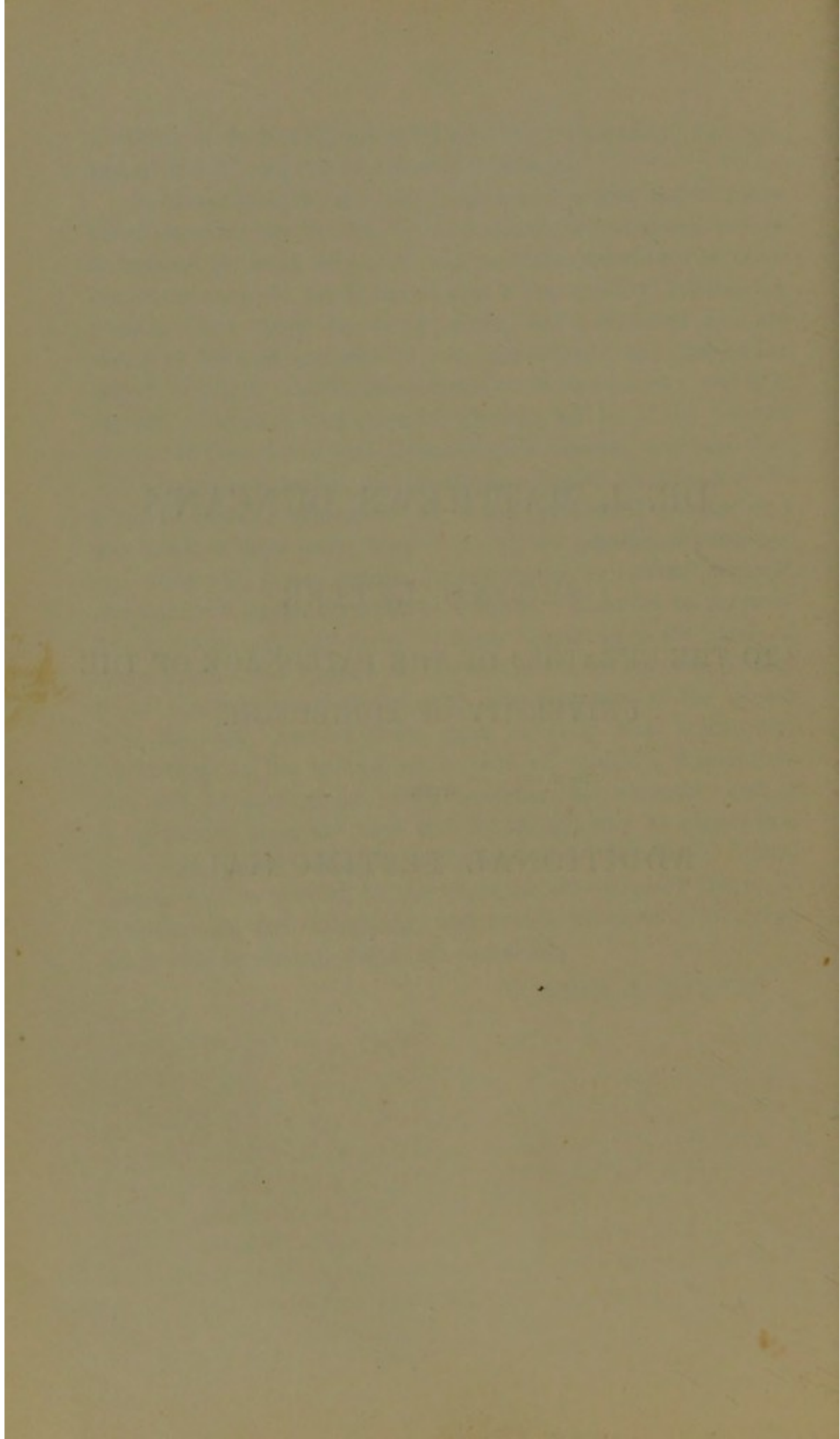
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TO THE
CURATORS OF THE PATRONAGE OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

IN now presenting you One Hundred and Thirty-four Testimonials, I wish to make a few remarks upon them.

I might have largely increased their number by adding others from men of eminence and worth, whose opinions are valuable; but I have found it necessary to limit their number, and I have procured and laid before you those which I regard as best adapted to indicate the view of my qualifications which is generally held by those most qualified to judge.

Owing to their great number, it is necessary, with a view to even the most imperfect estimate of them, to classify these Testimonials as I now do.

1. FROM PROFESSORS OF MIDWIFERY, ETC., IN UNIVERSITIES.

These are Fifty in number, and are derived from France, Russia, Prussia, German States, Norway, Sweden, Italy, Austria, besides America and Great Britain and Ireland.

2. FROM LECTURERS ON MIDWIFERY, ETC., in Universities or known Medical Schools.

These are Twenty in number, and are derived from Great Britain and Ireland, and the Continent of Europe.

These two categories include the most valuable Testimonials which any one in my position can present, for they certainly give a fair view of the opinions of the Obstetricians of the whole world.

3. FROM ASSISTANTS TO THE LATE PROFESSOR SIR JAMES SIMPSON.

These are Five in number, and include certificates from almost all the chief Assistants of the late Professor up to the latest.

4. FROM PROFESSORS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

These are Fourteen in number, including the whole of the Medical Faculty, without one exception.

5. FROM THE MOST DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS, TEACHERS, AND PRACTITIONERS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF GREAT BRITAIN.

These are Forty-two in number.

6. FROM FORMER AND PRESENT LECTURERS IN THE EXTRA-ACADEMICAL MEDICAL SCHOOL OF EDINBURGH.

7. FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE EDINBURGH ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

8. FROM FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY FORMER AND PRESENT PUPILS.

I trust that I have done enough in the way of producing evidence as to my fitness for the Office which I seek, and as to my just claims to your favourable consideration.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.

EDINBURGH, *June 27, 1870.*

ADDITIONAL TESTIMONIALS.

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CI.

From CHARLES MURCHISON, Esq., M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., Fell.
Roy. Coll. Phys. Lond. ; Physician and Lecturer on Medicine,
Middlesex Hospital; Consulting Physician and Vice-President,
London Fever Hospital.

7 Wimpole Street, London, W.

6th June 1870.

I have much pleasure in testifying my high sense of the fitness of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, vacant by the death of Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart.

As a writer on Obstetrics Dr. Duncan has long had a European reputation, and for more than twenty years he has been a successful Lecturer on Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children. In January 1850 I attended the lectures which he delivered in the University during the absence of Professor Simpson, and I remember well the clearness and force with which he imparted instruction. Both as a writer and as a lecturer on Obstetrics Dr. Duncan's reputation is such that I may say his election to the vacant chair in the Edinburgh University is regarded almost as a matter of course by the medical profession throughout the three kingdoms.

CHARLES MURCHISON.

CII.

From Dr. R. OLSHAUSEN, Professor of Midwifery in the University of Halle, and Director of the Clinical Institute for Obstetrics.

Halle, 26 Mai 1870.

Herrn Matthews Duncan, M.D., welcher mir durch seine schriftstellerischen Leistungen im Fache der Gynækologie wohl bekannt ist, ehre ich als tüchtigen Forscher und Mann der Wissenschaft, und halte denselben für eine Professur der Gynækologie für ganz besonders geeignet.

Dr. R. OLSHAUSEN,
Professor p. o. der Universität Halle,
und Director der Gynækolog. Klinik.

TRANSLATION.

Dr. Matthews Duncan, who is well known to me by his literary labours in the field of Gynækology, I honour as an able inquirer and man of science, and I consider him as quite especially fitted for a Chair of Midwifery.

Dr. R. OLSHAUSEN.

CIII.

From Dr. PERNICE, Professor of Midwifery in the University of Greifswald.

Greifswald, 26 Mai 1870.

Verehrtester Herr—Der Tod Sir Simpson's hat auch im Deutschland gerechtes Bedauern erweckt; auch wir haben den dringenden Wunsch, des berühmten Mannes Lehrstuhl durch einen würdigen Nachfolger besetzt zu sehen. Ich für meine

Person kann darüber nicht zweifelhaft sein, dass Sie, den der grosse Gynäcolog sich selbst als Assistenten gewählt, der ihn bei seinen Untersuchungen unterstützt und wiederholt vertreten hat, am besten dazu geeignet ist, in seinem Geiste das Amt zu verwalten. Wäre aber auch eine solche Beziehung zwischen Ihnen und Sir S. nicht vorhanden, so wären Sie doch ein Vertreter unseres Faches, wie ihn Ihre Landsleute nur wünschen können. Ihnen steht neben einer umfassenden Erfahrung, einer gediegenen Beobachtungsgabe und einer klaren Form der Darstellung eine Kenntniss auswärtiger Leistungen zu Gebote wie man sie nur selten findet. Gern gebe ich Ihnen das Zeugniss, dass Ihr Name unter den Besten bei uns genannt wird. Möge Ihre Bewerbung eine günstige sein.—Mit vollkommener Hochachtung bin ich, Ihr ergebenster College,

DR. PERNICE,

Professor der Geburtshülfe an
der Univers. Greifswald.

TRANSLATION.

Most Honoured Sir—The death of Sir J. Simpson has, even in Germany, caused just regret, and we too have a keen desire to see the Chair of that celebrated man filled by a worthy successor. I, for my part, can have no doubt, that you, whom the great Gynækologist himself selected as his Assistant, who aided him in his experiments, and frequently filled his place, are best qualified to administer the office in the spirit in which he did. But even had there been no such relation between you and Sir J. Simpson, you are just such a representative of our subject as your countrymen must desire. Besides extensive experience, a genuine gift of observation, and a clear style of exposition, you have at command a knowledge of foreign works such as one rarely finds. Willingly do I give you testimony that your name is named by us among the best. May your candidature be successful.—With complete esteem, I am, your devoted Colleague,

DR. PERNICE.

CIV.

From J. W. BEGBIE, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., formerly Lecturer
on the Practice of Medicine.

Edinburgh, May 30, 1870.

The eminent distinction attained by Dr. Matthews Duncan as a teacher, an author, and a physician, specially engaged in obstetric practice, is so generally known and so universally acknowledged, that I feel it to be quite unnecessary to do more than express the opinion that his appointment to the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, would contribute in no ordinary measure to the welfare of that Institution.

J. WARBURTON BEGBIE.

CV.

From RICHARD DOHERTY, Esq., M.D. Edin., Professor of
Midwifery, Queen's College, Galway.

Galway, May 30, 1870.

Having heard that Dr. Matthews Duncan intends to offer himself as a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, it gives me pleasure to add my testimony to the many he no doubt possesses of his fitness for that distinguished position. Dr. Duncan is known to me merely by reputation and by his writings, but they are such as convince me he would prove a worthy successor to the late Sir James Simpson, whose loss the world has reason to deplore.

Dr. Duncan's communications to the press on professional subjects are characterised by accuracy of observation and originality in deduction, which promise well for the advancement which medical science is likely to receive from him.

I have reason to believe, too, he holds a high place in the estimation of his professional brethren.

RICHARD DOHERTY.

CVI.

From THOMAS R. FRASER, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E.,
 Laureate of the Institute of France ; Corresponding Member
 of the Therapeutical Society of Paris ; Lecturer on Materia
 Medica and Therapeutics ; Examiner on Materia Medica in
 the University of London, etc. etc.

Edinburgh, May 31, 1870.

It would be difficult to imagine an instance in which a candidate so undoubtedly and eminently possesses every conceivable claim for the office to which he aspires, as in the present instance of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan's Candidature for the Chair of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Edinburgh.

Notwithstanding the great difficulty of creditably occupying the position of successor to the late illustrious occupant of this chair, and of maintaining the wide reputation which his name conferred upon it, there can be no doubt that Dr. Duncan is fully qualified to effect both these objects. In support of this, it is sufficient to refer to the numerous published works and memoirs with which Dr. Duncan has enriched the literature of that department of medicine to which, during a long course of years, he has devoted himself, and to the prominent position he has gained as an authority in Midwifery, not in this country alone but also in France and Germany and in America. As a teacher of Midwifery Dr. Duncan's long experience and brilliant success must also constitute claims of a very high order. Writing as a former pupil, and as one who had the special advantage of acting in a position immediately subordinate to him in the Royal Infirmary, I can never forget the great value that was always attached to his instructions, the lucid and philosophic character of his prelections, and the personal affection with which he was regarded by all his pupils.

While I am thus of opinion that no one can advance more powerful claims for this important office, I am likewise convinced that it will undoubtedly further the reputation of the University if Dr. Duncan's claims receive the consideration they deserve from the Patrons of this Chair.

THOMAS R. FRASER.

CVII.

From T. GRAINGER STEWART, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E., Physician to the Royal Infirmary ; Lecturer on Clinical Medicine ; Author of a Work on Diseases of the Kidneys, etc. etc.

*32 Queen Street, Edinburgh,
May 31, 1870.*

Dr. Matthews Duncan has long been a most successful Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women, and from the remarks of many of his students I have formed a high opinion of his powers as a teacher. He has written many original papers, and is the author of several works which have been very favourably received. During the time that I was Pathologist and Physician to the Infirmary, he invariably manifested a most intelligent interest in the cases which proved fatal in his wards, and I learned much from the remarks he made concerning them. I have no doubt that if elected to the Chair of Midwifery in the University, he would prove an excellent Professor of Midwifery, and in regard to Diseases of Women would impart most valuable instruction to his students.

T. GRAINGER STEWART.

CVIII.

From JAMES H. KEELING, Esq., M.D., Lecturer on Midwifery in the Sheffield Medical School ; Surgeon to the Hospital for Women, etc.

June 4, 1870.

As the successor of the late brilliant Professor of Obstetrics in the University of Edinburgh, few will doubt that Dr. Matthews Duncan would be veritably the right man in the right place. His repute as an original investigator, his long practical familiarity with Midwifery and Diseases of Women, his ripe hospital experience, and his success as a teacher, combine to form a very weighty claim on the consideration of those with whom rests the appointment to the vacant Chair.

If Dr. Duncan be elected, the choice will certainly be hailed with satisfaction throughout the profession, especially by those who have graduated in Medicine at the University, and are interested in the maintenance of its prestige.

JAMES H. KEELING.

CIX.

From A. B. STEELE, Esq., L.K.Q.C.P., Lecturer on Midwifery, etc., in the Liverpool Royal Infirmary School of Medicine; Physician to the Liverpool Ladies' Charity and Lying-in-Hospital.

54 Rodney Street, Liverpool.

June 4, 1870.

I have pleasure in recording my high appreciation of the great reputation and distinguished ability of Dr. Matthews Duncan as an Obstetric author and teacher, and gladly avail myself of this opportunity of acknowledging the valuable assistance his published researches have afforded me in the exercise of my profession as a practitioner and teacher of Obstetric Medicine and Surgery.

A. B. STEELE.

CX.

From ANGUS MACDONALD, Esq., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Physician-Accoucheur to the New Town Dispensary; First Prize-man in Dr. J. M. Duncan's Class, 1863; Gold Medallist, Sir J. Y. Simpson's Class, 1863-4.

41 Northumberland Street, Edinburgh,

31st May 1870.

My dear Dr. Duncan—The highly scientific character and thoroughly practical bearings of your published works, as well as your acknowledged professional standing, prove you incontestibly to be an enlightened and learned Obstetrician of vast experience and of consummate ability. Any further remarks of mine in

that direction seem, therefore, equally uncalled for and unnecessary.

But as one of your former pupils, it behoves me to state that I attended, with much profit and great pleasure, both your systematic and your clinical course, and that I consider your qualifications as a Lecturer to be of a very high order indeed; your style of teaching is thorough, earnest, and impressive; your language clear and forcible; and your reasoning calm, cogent, and convincing. Besides this, I must add that you never spared pains, trouble, nor time, to imbue your pupils with a perfect knowledge of your branch of medical science.

In fine, I feel bound to affirm that I know of no one who, on account of his contributions to obstetric medicine, has claims equal to yours upon the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, or who is so likely as yourself to maintain the European fame gained for that appointment by the genius of its late illustrious occupant.—I am, my dear Sir, yours sincerely,

ANGUS MACDONALD.

CXI.

From T. LAYCOCK, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh; Physician to the QUEEN for Scotland.

13 Walker Street, Edinburgh,
June 3, 1870.

Dear Dr. Duncan—It seems hardly necessary that I should add the expression of my opinion to the many valuable and weighty testimonials as to your fitness to occupy the vacant Chair of Midwifery in the University. I may be allowed to say, however, that I am well satisfied you will be a real acquisition to our Medical Faculty, and not less zealous than able to maintain its fame as a school of medicine.

Should the Curators select you, they will, I think, find ample ground in your future career to justify their choice.

T. LAYCOCK.

CXII.

From Dr. LAZAREWITCH, Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Kharkoff ; Honorary Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London, etc. etc.

Kharkoff, Russia, May 27/15, 1870.

To the Curators of the Patronage of the
University of Edinburgh.

My Lords and Gentlemen—Every one who takes a deep interest in science and humanity, must earnestly desire that the Chair vacant by the death of the great promoter of Medical Science, Professor Simpson, may be filled by a worthy successor—as such, every one must regard Dr. Matthews Duncan.

By his profound and varied scientific investigations, Dr. Duncan has thrown much light on the department of Midwifery and Gynæcology. Every work of his hitherto published is a real acquisition to science. I am convinced that an immense number of persons who justly esteem Dr. Duncan's merits, will rejoice with me if he shall occupy the celebrated Chair of Midwifery of the University of Edinburgh.—I have the honour to be, my Lords and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

F. LAZAREWITCH.

CXIII.

From Dr. SVEN SKÖLDBERG, Lecturer on Midwifery at the
Medical School of Stockholm.

Stockholm, May 31, 1870.

Dear Dr. Matthews Duncan—Having learnt that you are a candidate for the office recently held by the late lamented Sir J. Y. Simpson—the Chair of Midwifery of the University of Edinburgh—I take the earliest opportunity to offer you my

humble testimony of your thorough fitness for the post in question ; and should my appreciation of your profound learning and especial capacity for teaching be of any use to you, it will afford me a sincere pleasure.

I was, as you may remember, your pupil during three months, which fully enabled me to judge of your efficient method of instruction.—Dear Dr. Duncan, yours truly,

SVEN SKÖLDBERG.

CXIV.

From Dr. CARL BRAUN, Professor of Midwifery in the
University of Vienna.

Wien, den 5 Juni 1870.

Hochgeehrter Herr *College, Dr. Duncan in Edinburgh*—Der Tod des hochgeachteten Prof. *Simpson* hat mich tief betrübt, weil die *Gynaekologie* durch seinen Tod einen *genialen* Forscher verloren hat. Ich finde darin aber, dass Sie sich um die Professur der *Gynaekologie* in Edinburgh bewerben einen Trost, weil ich mit Zuversicht erwarte, dass durch Ihre Ernennung zum Professur der *Glanz* der *Edinburgher* Universitaet zur Zukunft noch erhöht werden wird. Wenn *Simpson* als operateur einen wohl verdienten Namen hat, so haben Sie durch Ihre zahllosen Forschungen in der Physiologie und Pathologie der Geburtskunde und Frauenkrankheit so ausgezeichnetes geleistet, dass ich mit vollster *Sympathie* Ihren berühmten Namen nenne, und mich sammt meinen Fachgenossen sehr freuen würde, wenn Ihre hochgeschätzten literarischen Arbeiten auch in Ihrer Heimath die wohlverdiente Anerkennung finden würden. Mit grösster Verehrung empfiehlt sich—Ihr ergebener,

Dr. CARL BRAUN,
Universitäts Professor.

TRANSLATION.

Vienna, June 5th, 1870.

-Highly honoured Colleague, Dr. Duncan in Edinburgh—
The death of the highly-respected Professor Simpson has deeply affected me, because Gynækology has lost, through his death, an enquirer of genius. I find, however, consolation in the fact that you have become a Candidate for the Professorship of Gynækology in Edinburgh, because I expect with confidence that, by your nomination to the Chair, the lustre of the Edinburgh University will be yet more increased in the future. If Simpson has a well-deserved reputation as an Operator, you have so eminently distinguished yourself by your numerous researches in the Physiology and Pathology of Midwifery and Diseases of Women, that I mention your celebrated name with the fullest sympathy; and I and my colleagues will much rejoice if your highly-esteemed literary works also meet in your own country with that recognition they so well deserve.—With the greatest respect, I am your devoted,

Dr. CARL BRAUN,
Professor of Midwifery.

CXV.

From E. B. SINCLAIR, Esq., A.M., M.D., T.C.D.; King's Professor of Midwifery, School of Physic, Ireland, Trinity College, Dublin.

*49 Upper Mount Street, Dublin,
June 7, 1870.*

I am not personally acquainted with Dr. Matthews Duncan, who is a candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, now vacant in consequence of the lamented death of Sir J. Y. Simpson.

I am, however, thoroughly acquainted with Dr. M. Duncan's writings, from which I have repeatedly obtained most valuable information. I consider Dr. Duncan to be possessed of high

scientific attainments and untiring in making use of them for the elucidation of Medico-Physiological questions of the greatest interest. He is also, in my opinion, a most accomplished Obstetrician.

Judging from his writings, I know of no one more worthy to fill the place lately occupied with such brilliancy by the illustrious physician whose loss we all deplore.

E. B. SINCLAIR.

CXVI.

From JOHN BASSETT, Esq., Surgeon ; Professor of Midwifery,
Queen's College, Birmingham.

*Hockley Hill, Birmingham,
June 1870.*

It affords me much pleasure to state that I have for some years been familiar with the writings of Dr. Matthews Duncan in the Obstetric department of my profession, and that from the elucidation, learning, industry, and originality which they display, I consider him to be pre-eminently qualified for the appointment of Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

JOHN BASSETT.

CXVII.

From J. THORBURN, Esq., M.D. ; Lecturer on Midwifery and
Diseases of Women, Manchester Royal School of Medicine ;
Physician to Manchester Southern Hospital for Women and
Children.

*333 Brighton Place, Oxford Street,
Manchester, June 7, 1870.*

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the high qualifications of Dr. Matthews Duncan, and to his eminent fitness for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

To those, like myself, at a distance, it seems strange that any

such testimony should be required, the medical profession in England having taken for granted, for some years past, that when a vacancy arose Dr. Duncan would succeed to it, as a matter of course.

-As a teacher of Midwifery and Diseases of Women myself, I can safely affirm that since the late Sir James Simpson there is no one to whom we are so largely indebted for valuable contributions to Obstetric science. I have not the honour of a personal acquaintance with Dr. Duncan ; but as a writer and thinker I always turn to him for information with the same confidence that I am sure will be felt by his future pupils and fellow-professors.

J. THORBURN, M.D.

CXVIII.

From PROTHEROE SMITH, Esq., M.D., formerly Lecturer on Midwifery in St. Bartholomew's Hospital ; Physician to the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, etc. etc.

42 Park Street, Grosvenor Square, W.

I have much pleasure in stating that I have intimately known Dr. Matthews Duncan for many years, having been first introduced to him when I was on a visit to the late Sir James Y. Simpson, with whom he was then residing. Dr. Duncan, by his publications as well as by the results of his practice, has shown a superiority of attainments and of professional skill, second only to that of the late lamented and talented possessor of the Chair of Midwifery in Edinburgh, which eminently qualifies him to be the successor of so great genius. Dr. Matthews Duncan, by his "Researches in Obstetrics," has obtained such a celebrity as a patient experimenter, a deep thinker, a sound physiologist, and a clear writer, as will place him high amongst the distinguished Obstetricians of his day. I feel assured if he be successful in gaining the appointment for which he is now a candidate, that his talents will be extensively utilised in teaching others how to gain that honourable distinction to which he himself has attained.

PROTHEROE SMITH.

CXIX.

From ALEXANDER GIBSON, Esq., M.D., Lecturer on Midwifery, etc. etc., Newcastle-on-Tyne College of the Medical Faculty of the University of Durham.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, June 6, 1870.

I testify with much pleasure to the peculiar fitness of Dr. Matthews Duncan for the Professorial Chair of the University of Edinburgh, rendered vacant by the lamented death of Sir James Y. Simpson.

Dr. Duncan's qualifications are of a very high order, and demand for him the utmost consideration. His great ability as a practitioner, his long experience and success as a lecturer, and his brilliant reputation as an author in Obstetrical Medical Literature, give to his candidature for the vacant Professorial Chair an extraordinary interest and importance, and afford irresistible arguments in his favour in the forthcoming election.

ALEX. GIBSON, M.D.

CXX.

From FLEEMING JENKIN, Esq., F.R.S.E., Professor of Civil Engineering in the University of Edinburgh, etc. etc.

Edinburgh, 5 Fettes Row, June 7, 1870.

My Dear Dr. Duncan—Although I have no right to the honour of adding my name to the long list of those who bear testimony to your high professional standing, I may perhaps be allowed to state that my knowledge of your statistical works has led me to form a very sincere hope that our University may have the advantage of numbering among its professors one who so well understands the scientific methods of collecting and observing complex facts, and who can reason upon them with complete impartiality and freedom from foregone conclusions.

FLEEMING JENKIN.

CXXI.

From R. BEVERIDGE, Esq., M.B., L.R.C.S.E., Physician to the
Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and Lecturer on Clinical
Medicine.

Aberdeen, June 6, 1870.

It affords me very great pleasure to bear testimony to the high qualifications of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan. His writings on various subjects connected with Obstetrics are so widely known, and so highly appreciated, that it seems almost unnecessary to refer to them. If a world-wide reputation as an author and a teacher be held as giving him just claims on the Chair for which he is a Candidate, I know no one in this country so well qualified as Dr. Duncan to fill this important office. I believe I but express the general feeling of the Medical Profession when I say, that when the death of Sir James Simpson became known, the name of Dr. Matthews Duncan was in every one's mouth as his fittest successor.

R. BEVERIDGE.

CXXII.

From Dr. SÄXINGER, Professor of Midwifery, and President
of the Clinique of Midwifery and Diseases of Women,
Tübingen.

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Hochgeehrter Herr College—Ich danke vielmals für die freundliche Zusendung Ihrer vorzüglichen Arbeiten, welchen die Wissenschaft so viel schon verdankt.

Es ist mir hochehrfreulich, Ihnen hochverehrter *Herr College* mittheilen zu können, dass ich meine Anschauungen, in der von uns vertretenen Wissenschaft, durch einen als Gelehrter und Practiker gleich hochstehenden Mann wie *Sie* wesentlich bereichert habe, durch Ihre so interessanten wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten welche Sie zweifellos berechtigen, als den ersten *Concurrenten* von *Sir James Simpson* aufzutreten.

Genehmigen Sie hochgeehrter *Herr College* nochmals den Ausspruch meiner besonderen Hochachtung in welcher ich mich zeichne als.—Ihre ergebener College,

Professor Dr. SÄXINGER,
Vorstand der Geburtshilfflich-Gynækolog.
Klinik zu Tübingen.

TRANSLATION.

June 4, 1870.

Honoured Colleague—I thank you very much for having kindly forwarded to me your excellent works, to which science is already so much indebted.

It is very gratifying to me to be able to tell you, that my views in the science which we pursue have been materially enriched by a man occupying, as you do, an equally high position as a practitioner and scholar, by your extremely interesting scientific works, which undoubtedly entitle you to appear as the first among the claimants for the Chair occupied by the late Sir James Simpson.

Accept, respected Sir and Colleague, once more, the expression of the most particular high esteem with which I subscribe myself your devoted Colleague,

Professor DR. SÄXINGER,
President of the Lying-in and Gynækological
Clinique at Tübingen.

CXXIII.

From WILLIAM NICHOLSON PRICE, Esq., Surgeon, Lecturer
on Midwifery, Leeds School of Medicine, etc.

*22 Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, London,
June 9, 1870.*

Dear Sir—Your note was forwarded to me here from Leeds,

hence the delay of my reply. Although my saying anything in favour of your fitness to succeed Sir James Y. Simpson must be almost a work of supererogation, considering how widely your qualifications for the Chair are known, yet, I have much pleasure in stating how much assistance I have experienced from your works in studying our branch of professional knowledge. Were it mine to visit Edinburgh, and so become personally acquainted with, and enjoy the advantage of listening to the oral teaching of one who enjoys so high a reputation as yourself as a worker for the advancement of Obstetrical knowledge, I should gladly avail myself of the opportunity of doing so.—I remain, yours faithfully,

WM. NICHOLSON PRICE.

CXXIV.

From DAVID MASSON, Esq., Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature in the University of Edinburgh, etc. etc.

Edinburgh, June 9, 1870.

My dear Sir—In the question of your fitness to succeed Sir James Simpson in the special professorship which he held, I am, as you know, one of those who have no right to give an opinion at first hand, but can only stand aside and weigh the evidence. I may say, however, without presumption, that the vast evidence in your favour convinces me that your fitness is singular and pre-eminent, and that I am the more glad of this, because, from what I know of you personally, and from the impression of massiveness of mind and true scientific ingenuity which I have received from some of your writings, I believe your election would be, in all general respects, good for the University.—Believe me, yours faithfully,

DAVID MASSON.

CXXV.

From T. WHITESIDE HIME, Esq., A.B., M.B., L.R.C.S.Ed.,
Lecturer on Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children,
Sheffield School of Medicine; Medical Officer to the
Hospital for Diseases of Women, etc.

The great and well-deserved reputation of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan are such as render his claim for the Chair of Midwifery in Edinburgh worthy of success.

It is not his excellence as a writer, nor his success as a practitioner, which alone so strongly recommend him, but the combination of great erudition, industry, and sound judgment which distinguish him, and point him out as pre-eminently suited for the office he seeks.

I feel satisfied that the reputation of the University of Edinburgh, so well sustained by the late Sir James Simpson, will be in no degree diminished by the appointment of Dr. Duncan as his successor.

THOS. WHITESIDE HIME.

CXXVI.

From GEO. J. ALLMAN, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., etc., Professor of
Natural History in the University of Edinburgh, etc.

21 *Manor Place, Edinburgh,*
June 10, 1870.

Dr. Matthews Duncan has asked me for an expression of my opinion as to his fitness for filling the Chair of Midwifery now vacant in the University of Edinburgh.

I should willingly give it if I believed that an opinion coming from one whose pursuits in no way qualify him for forming a judgment on the more special duties of such a chair could be considered as of any weight. As it is, I can only say that, apart from the simply practical side of the subject, Dr. Matthews Duncan's researches in the more purely scientific aspects of

Obstetricy are such as all interested in the advancement of science must regard with no common satisfaction—researches which I know have obtained the appreciation of men best qualified to judge of them, and which have acquired for their author a scientific reputation which falls to the lot of few practising physicians.

GEO. J. ALLMAN.

CXXVII.

From THOMAS KEITH, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., Author of Papers on Ovariectomy, etc. etc.

*2 North Charlotte Street,
Edinburgh, 14th June 1870.*

I did not respond to Dr. Duncan's first request for a testimonial, for he seemed to be too much of a friend for such a thing from me.

Surely in the first series of testimonials there is evidence enough of his fitness, in every way, to fill the present vacancy.

But I have known him ever since the school days. He has always been a determined worker, and has ever been honourable and true. That he will discharge the duties of the Chair in a way that has never yet been done I have no doubt, and the honour of the University and of our Medical School will be safe with him.

THOMAS KEITH.

CXXVIII.

From T. GAILLARD THOMAS, Esq., M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York.

*New York City, United States of America,
June 1, 1870.*

To the Curators of the Patronage of
the University of Edinburgh.

My Lords and Gentlemen—Learning that the death of the

late Sir James Simpson has created a vacancy in the Chair of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Edinburgh, I hasten, most respectfully, to express to you my conviction that the selection of Dr. J. Matthews Duncan would do more than that of any other gentleman to perpetuate the fame and usefulness of an institution, the influence of which has for years been felt throughout the medical world.

In America there is no one whose reputation as an author, influence as a teacher, and weight as a sound practical physician, surpass that of Dr. Duncan. While his appointment could not fail to give satisfaction at home, it would certainly have an influence for Edinburgh as a medical centre which could be equalled by no other of which I know.

Submitting this, my personal opinion, to you with great respect, and assuring you that I believe that it is identical with that of the most prominent of the Obstetricians and Gynækologists of this country, I remain your obedient servant,

T. GAILLARD THOMAS.

CXXIX.

From WALTER CHANNING, Esq., M.D., formerly Professor of Midwifery and Medical Jurisprudence in Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

June 1, 1870.

Dear Sir—Yours of the 16th May 1870 came to hand on the 29th, and most sincerely do I hope you will obtain the important office for which I believe you are most thoroughly prepared.—Most truly your sincere friend,

WALTER CHANNING.

CXXX.

From Dr. PIETRO LAZZATI, Professor of Midwifery, Milan.

Milan, June 12, 1870.

Dear Sir and Colleague—Your kind letter of the 14th of May

came to hand, but very late, and I have been delayed until to-day answering it, having been so very much engaged.

I have examined your memoirs in refutation of the views shown by Naegele on the manner in which the fœtus generally presents itself at the moment of parturition, and I am truly happy to find you, my dear Colleague, who are known to be first-rate in midwifery, share my opinion upon the same arguments, opinion, by me published in 1863, in a preface to the *Clinical View of the Royal School of Midwifery*, inserted in the *Universal Annals of Medicine* of that year; there also the ideas of Naegele are disproved, as they are so sagely confuted by you in your memoirs, nor could they be otherwise, you being both learned and wise in the art of midwifery, you who have had for a master the great and illustrious "Simpson," can only interpret the ordinary mechanism in its true sense.

I hope to hear soon from you, and also from the papers of your appointment to the Professorship of Midwifery, and for the Diseases of Women and Children at the Edinburgh Institute. There could not be any one better than yourself to be the successor of the illustrious "Simpson," who was too early taken from the science and arts.

I beg you will still preserve me your esteem and friendship, as I shall not fail to do for yourself. Thanking you for the confidence you have shown me, I beg to remain yours most truly,

DR. PIETRO LAZZATI.

CXXXI.

From H. MILLER, Esq., M.D., Professor of Midwifery, etc.,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Louisville, Kentucky, June 1, 1870.

Dear Sir—Your brochure "On the Synclitic Motion of the Foetal Head in the Mechanism of Parturition," was duly received, for which be pleased to accept my thanks. I shall treasure it as a valuable addition to the collection of your

essays which compose your "Researches in Obstetrics," republished in this country in 1868. Your writings are generally and favourably known among us, and for my own part, I may say without flattery, that I have been instructed by them.

The news of the death of Sir James Y. Simpson shocked me as much as if I had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with him, for I had read his works until I seemed to hold intimate communion with him. After the shock had subsided, I asked myself, Who will fill the vacuum caused by his lamented death? and I could think of no one save yourself who, in my opinion, would be a worthy successor. I sincerely hope that you may be appointed to the vacant Chair, and believe that the dignity and usefulness of Obstetric Science will, in that event, be sustained in the Edinburgh School.—I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

H. MILLER.

CXXXII.

From PRESENT and FORMER LECTURERS in the EDINBURGH EXTRA-ACADEMICAL SCHOOL.

Edinburgh, June 1870.

We, the undersigned, having regard to the very high services which Dr. Matthews Duncan has rendered to the Medical School of this city, feel it right to express, collectively, our high appreciation of his worth, and our decided opinion of the pre-eminence of his claims to the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh.

Dr. Duncan is not only a teacher of great and acknowledged ability, who has exerted a wide influence for good in this school, but he is, in addition, a man of individual and original mind, who has by his work won for himself a position in the front rank of his department, not merely in this country but throughout Europe.

For the sake of medical science, no less than in the interest of this great medical school, we should rejoice were Dr. Duncan

to be elected to a position which, we consider, he has pre-eminently fitted himself to occupy.

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DOUGLAS MACLAGAN,

Formerly Lecturer on Materia Medica.

W. T. GAIRDNER,

Formerly Lecturer on Practice of Medicine.

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Lecturer on Practical Surgery.

CXXXIII.

From the DIRECTORS of the ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL
for SICK CHILDREN.

EXTRACT from the Minutes of a Meeting of the Directors of the
Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children, held within the
Secretary's Chambers on 9th June 1870.

The Directors of the Sick Children's Hospital having learned that their Chairman, Dr. Matthews Duncan, is a candidate for the vacant Chair of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, unanimously resolve: That this is a fitting opportunity for expressing their deep sense of the great and constant interest which that gentleman has taken in the hospital ever since its commencement, and the invaluable services he has rendered to it, both professionally and as one of its Directors.

Dr. Matthews Duncan was one of the original promoters of the institution, and no one connected with its establishment took a warmer interest or exercised a greater influence in promoting its success. He was one of the Ordinary Physicians from the opening of the hospital, and continued so until his connection with the Royal Infirmary made it necessary for him to resign the office. But he has never ceased to be a Director, and no member of the Board has given more unswerving attention to the business of the hospital, and to everything calculated to advance its interest. In their intercourse with him at the Board, the Directors have felt, and now desire to express their sense of, the unvarying courtesy, the high professional attainments, and the great practical judgment and ability which Dr. Duncan has exhibited in all matters relating to the government of the hospital; and these qualities, combined with his faculty of expressing his views in a clear and convincing manner, have been at once of great value to the hospital, and eminently satisfactory to his fellow Directors. Impressed with these sentiments, and entertaining the conviction that the appointment of Dr. Matthews Duncan to the vacant Professorship, would sustain and advance the interests

of the Chair and of the University, the Directors consider that they would not be doing justice to themselves if, on such an occasion as this, they did not bear their testimony to the high character and qualification of that gentleman.

The Secretary was instructed to transmit to Dr. Matthews Duncan an extract of this Minute.

Extracted from the Minutes by

JOHN HENRY,
Honorary Secretary.

CXXXIV.

From 420 FORMER and PRESENT PUPILS.

To J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. Ed., etc.

Charlotte Square, Edinburgh,

Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children,

Edinburgh, etc. etc.

Edinburgh, May 16, 1870.

Dear Sir—We, the undersigned, your former and present pupils, and students of Medicine here, while lamenting the occasion which has called forth this address—viz. the death of the late Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart., hasten to express to you our warmest wishes for your success in the Candidature for the Chair now vacant in our Alma Mater.

It is unnecessary to say how strong our opinion is, that the reputation of the University and Curators, the good of the City and Students, will eminently be consulted by your appointment.

Considering how intimately associated you have been for many years with the Obstetrical Department of the Edinburgh School of Medicine; your great and acknowledged success as a Teacher; the many able and clear contributions to medical literature which have proceeded from your pen, and made your name familiar wherever Midwifery is taught; it appears almost superfluous on our part to add anything to the testimony which these afford.

All who have listened to your lectures well remember the precision and accuracy of statement, the clear and exact reasoning which pervaded them; the ease and elegance of your delivery; and the painstaking care with which you endeavoured to enunciate matter of fact, as distinguished from mere conjecture. Those who have attended your Clinique in the Royal Infirmary, have heard you give proofs of profound practical knowledge, and candidly deliver the result of many years' experience. There, from the correctness and weight of your observations, from your strictly precise method, and extensive acquaintance with the literature of other countries, every hearer has obtained the most entire conviction of your power as a Teacher.

Impressed with the assurance that the reputation of the University would be maintained by your elevation to the Chair of Midwifery, we would respectfully urge your claims on the Curators.

With our best wishes for your success, we remain, your sincere Friends and Pupils,—

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