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LETTER OF APPLICATION

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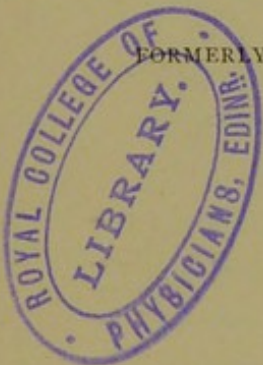
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CANDIDATE

FOR THE POST OF

MEDICAL OFFICER FOR DISEASES OF WOMEN

IN

LEITH HOSPITAL.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE

LAND OFFICE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

FOR THE YEAR 1884

LETTER OF APPLICATION

TO

THE DIRECTORS OF LEITH HOSPITAL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the appointment of Physician for Diseases of Women in the Hospital of Leith, and I venture to lay before you the following facts in support of my application :—

I am at the present time actively engaged in the practice and teaching of the three closely allied subjects of Midwifery, Diseases of Women, and the Maladies of Infancy. That I am regarded both in this country and abroad as an authority upon these subjects may be shown by this fact, amongst others, that I occupy a place on the Editorial Staff of six medical journals, two of which are published in this country, two in America, one in France, and one in Italy. That I am specially qualified to fill the post of Physician for Diseases of Women in Leith Hospital I shall attempt to prove to your satisfaction by (1) a recapitulation of the opportunities I have had of acquiring skill both in the surgical and medical treatment of the diseases peculiar to women ; (2) a statement of my

published works and papers bearing upon Gynecology and Midwifery ; (3) a number of extracts from the opinions of the medical press upon these works ; and by (4) a series of Testimonials from well-known members of the medical profession at home and abroad.

I am thirty-four years of age.

1877-83.
University of
Edinburgh.

After attending certain of the Arts Classes, I devoted five years to my curriculum as a student of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh, and during this time I gained Medals in the classes of Junior and Senior Midwifery, of Operative Midwifery and Gynecology, of Senior Physiology, and of Pathology (in the last three classes standing first), and obtained Class Honours in most of the other subjects.

1883.
M.B., C.M.
Buchanan
Scholarship.

I graduated as M.B., C.M. in 1883, and at the same time was awarded the Buchanan Scholarship in Diseases of Women and Midwifery.

1883-84.
Royal
Infirmary.

During the twelve months subsequent to graduation I had charge of the University Ward for Diseases of Women in the Royal Infirmary under Professor Simpson, and acted at the same time as Dr Simpson's Junior Private Assistant.

1884-85.
Royal
Maternity
Hospital.

In the winter of 1884-85 I was appointed to the post of Resident Physician in the Royal Maternity Hospital in Professor Simpson's quarter ; and, during my term of service there, carried out a series of researches upon the characters of the pulse in pregnant, parturient, and puerperal patients. These researches have since been published.

The spring and summer of 1885 I spent upon the Continent, visiting the medical schools of Berlin, Munich, and Göttingen.

On my return from Germany I was appointed Assistant to the Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the University of Edinburgh, and at the same time became Dr Simpson's Senior Private Assistant, posts which I held for five years. I was during that time actively engaged in teaching, conducting daily, during the Winter Session, large Tutorial Classes, and occasionally taking Professor Simpson's place when he was prevented from lecturing. I had also the advantage of assisting Professor Simpson in his Infirmary and private practice, and was thus early made acquainted with the technique of the most modern operative work in Diseases of Women.

In 1887 I obtained (by examination) the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, and in the following year received also the Fellowship of that College.

In 1889 I took the degree of M.D. The subject of my thesis was, "Some Anatomical and Pathological Conditions of the New-born Infant in their relation to Obstetrics." For this thesis, which has since been incorporated in my work entitled *An Introduction to the Diseases of Infancy*, I was awarded a Gold Medal and the Gunning-Simpson Prize in Obstetrics. In the same year I organized a Special Clinique for Diseases of Infants and Children at the Cowgate Dispensary; this Clinique I have conducted uninterruptedly to the present time, and have given

1885.
Continent.

University
Assistant in
Midwifery.

1887-88.
M.R.C.P.E.
F.R.C.P.E.

1889.
M.D.

Gold Medal.
Gunning-
Simpson Prize.
Children's
Clinique at
Cowgate
Dispensary.

instruction thereat to the students attending my lectures on Diseases of Infancy and Childhood.

1890.
Lectures on
Obstetrics.

In 1890 I obtained the Diploma of Lecturer on Midwifery from the Royal College of Physicians; in the early part of the same year I was appointed Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women to the Medical College for Women, Edinburgh, and have given six qualifying courses of lectures in that capacity. In 1890, also, I began to lecture on Diseases of Infancy and Childhood at the Minto House School of Medicine, and since that year have given annual courses of from forty to fifty lectures on that subject. In the autumn of 1890 I was appointed Physician for Diseases of Women to the Western Dispensary, and in 1892 I succeeded to the post of Physician for Practical Obstetrics in the same Institution.

Diseases of
Women,
Western
Dispensary.

1892.
F.R.S. Ed.

In 1892 I was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, and in the same year I published the first volume of my work, *The Diseases of the Fœtus*, and became one of the Collaborators of the American *Archives of Pediatrics*.

*Archives of
Pediatrics.*

1893-94.
Examiner in
R.C.P.

In 1893 I was appointed Examiner in Midwifery and Diseases of Women for the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians; and in the succeeding year I founded *Teratologia, a Quarterly Journal of Ante-natal Pathology*. I was also appointed a Collaborator to *La Médecine Infantile*. In the autumn of 1894 I was recognised by the Court of the University of Edinburgh as specially appointed Lecturer on Midwifery to the Medical College for Women, Edinburgh.

In 1895 I was appointed Examiner in Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the University of Aberdeen, and this appointment has been confirmed to me for a period of four years. I was recently asked by the Editors of Macmillan's *Cyclopædia of Gynecology*, now in course of publication, to contribute the article on "Malformations of the Female Generative Organs"; this I have done. At the request of Professor Fede of Naples, I have joined the staff of Collaborators on the Italian Medical Journal which is under his editorship; and I have had a similar compliment paid me by the Editor of the new British-American Journal *Pediatrics*. I am also writing the article on "Les maladies du fœtus" for a large French medical work to be published in Paris, under the editorship of Professors Comby, Grancher, and Marfan.

1895.
Examiner,
Aberdeen
University.

Macmillan's
*Cyclopædia of
Gynecology.*

I have acted for six years as one of the Secretaries of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society, and have edited the annual volume of *Transactions* during that time. For five years I have contributed the Periscope of Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*. I am a Member of the Pathological Club, and of several other scientific societies.

Obstetrical
Society.

*Edinburgh
Medical
Journal.*

I subjoin a list of my Contributions to Special and General Medicine, along with some unsolicited Opinions of the Press upon my published works. These are followed by a series of Testimonials, to which I would specially draw your attention.

I trust that you will recognise that the above statement of my qualifications justifies me in my application for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women in your Hospital.

Should you do me the honour to elect me, I shall endeavour personally to establish and conscientiously to conduct the new and important department for Diseases of Women which it is your intention to found in the Leith Hospital.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. BALLANTYNE.

24 MELVILLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, *February* 1896.

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2. *The Diseases and Deformities of the Fœtus: an Attempt towards a System of Ante-natal Pathology.* Vol. I. In process of translation into French. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh, 1892.
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SELECTIONS FROM OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

DISEASES AND DEFORMITIES OF THE FŒTUS :

An Attempt towards a System of Ante-natal Pathology.

Vols. I. and II.

“My shelves are this time packed with books of unusual value, numbers of which I should like to notice. Dr Ballantyne’s two volumes on *The Diseases and Deformities of the Fœtus* are an irresistible temptation. I won my first medical honour—The Fothergillian Gold Medal—for an essay on this subject,—not including malformations,—as far back as 1854. The essay has never passed from my mind, and, in its unpublished form, is reawakened to me by the intelligent work my learned rival has now issued. In his first pages the importance of his subject is admirably brought out by Dr Ballantyne in what he tells us about infant mortality. He relates with candid mind that, although all the deaths which occur in infants in the first years of life cannot be ascribed to foetal morbid states, few will hesitate to assent that a great number of them are due to conditions, the result of intra-uterine disease or mal-nutrition. In Britain the expectation of life for the young infant was no better at the end than at the beginning of the last decade. During the year 1891, the rate of mortality for infants under one year of age was—in London, 154 per thousand: the average rate in the twenty-eight large towns was 167 per thousand, varying from 227 in Preston to 137 per thousand in Brighton, whilst the annual total death-rate for 1891 was 20·2 per thousand, so that infants under a year suffer to an extent which people at large never conceive. I name these introductory remarks as leading to the desire for the still greater lessons that remain. There is another chapter on the General Characters of Foetal Disease which is singularly fruitful to the mind and original in thought. In this chapter, at page 100, the author deals with diseases and morbid conditions in the embryo, and contends that the diseases of the embryo will be found to differ much from those of both foetal and

extra-uterine existence, the physiological conditions that exist before the formation of the placenta not being the same as those which are met with in the latter months of the intra-uterine life. There are no small number of scholars who will be inclined to say in this matter, 'Pray let us hear more on a point so absorbing.' I wish I could; but I prefer to leave to my readers the task of studying the volumes on their own account. They will find themselves students of a work worthy a first place in every medical library the wide world over."—*Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, Asclepiad*, 3rd Quarter, 1895.

" The ground covered by the author is of a most difficult nature, necessitating not alone great ingenuity, but also vast literary research. A guarantee of the thorough manner in which the work is carried out is afforded by the name of the author, and we can only fear that the task of completing it will prove too great even for the untiring energy of Dr Ballantyne. It is, we are confident, the most comprehensive account of the diseases as yet published; and the excellent illustrations of the deformity greatly helps the reader to a more complete understanding of the condition in question."—*Dublin Medical Journal*, December 1895.

"We cannot but admire the scientific zeal which has moved Dr Ballantyne to prepare a second volume of his work. The domain of teratology has the reputation of being far from an El Dorado, nevertheless a really scientific treatise on monsters would be profitable, since its author must gain the reputation of having written a great work. Dr Ballantyne is acquiring that reputation. All the author's subjects are discussed at length, and with great deliberation. The work is full of copious references."—*British Medical Journal*, 12th October 1895.

"The present volume is, therefore, like its predecessor, a monument of industry and research."—*Archives of Pediatrics*, New York, August 1895.

"The second volume of this work is presented to the profession in the modest words of the author as 'an attempt towards' a system of ante-natal pathology. It is, however, the most comprehensive, exhaustive, and yet concise review of the literature of a branch of Medicine and Pathology that has been published in the English Language, and will ever stand as a monument of assiduity of the author. The systematic manner in which the author has treated the subject, the cognizance he has given to all and the most recent opinions, mellowed by his own matured experience, will make the book a standard work of reference, and indispensable to a well-equipped library."—*Australasian Medical Gazette*, 20th August 1895.

"One can imagine the enormous labour expended on this work, by the mass of material which has been sifted and thrown into order. The present volume contains no less than 1486 distinct references. The synopsis of literature of each subject given at the end of the chapter or chapters devoted to it is simply admirable. The indices are full, and the illustrations very well executed. . . . We cannot speak too highly of this encyclopædic work, which ought to be in the library of every practitioner interested in the branch of the science of which it treats. We shall anxiously wait for the publication of the subsequent volumes."—*Indian Medical Gazette*, December 1895.

"The second volume of Dr Ballantyne's series on *The Diseases and Deformities of the Fœtus* proves to be all that the high standard of the first number had led us to expect. It is as evidently the work of a scholar as of an enthusiastic and careful student. The entire work shows extremely systematic arrangement as well as thorough treatment. The bibliographical indexes are wonderfully complete and greatly enhance its value. A prominent and instructive feature of the work is the author's excellent classification of congenital cutaneous diseases. . . . The present number of the series is characterized by the same qualities which make *Teratologia*, Dr Ballantyne's *Journal of Antenatal Pathology*, so valuable a work. It certainly deserves to meet with the same cordial reception which was accorded to its predecessor."—*American Journal of Obstetrics*, September 1895.

"We should expect this book to take its place as a standard work of reference on the subject of which it treats."—*Lancet*.

"We may congratulate Dr Ballantyne as the author of a work which may profoundly influence the hitherto not very satisfactory science of teratology, reducing it to its proper place as a department of pathology."—*British Medical Journal*.

"This is a most timely publication. . . . The author has avoided all strictly theoretical deductions, stating and grouping his facts most carefully, and drawing conclusions solely from data established or confirmed by himself."—*The Practitioner*.

"We cordially recommend Dr Ballantyne's work as one which will prove of real value as well as interest to future workers in various branches of pathology and medicine, and one which is a credit not only to the author, but also to the Medical School to which he belongs."—*Edinburgh Medical Journal*.

"Altogether this work is to be welcomed as a masterly one, destined to

influence profoundly and advance the study of ante-natal disease and death."—*Medical Chronicle*.

"We doubt if there is anyone in the English-speaking world better fitted than Dr Ballantyne to write on the subject of this work."—*Archives of Pediatrics, New York*.

"The increasing interest in the subject of embryology makes this volume timely, and in no single work is it possible for anyone studying this subject to obtain the information presented by Dr Ballantyne."—*New York Medical Journal*.

"The book is full of excellent plates of pathological specimens and frozen sections, and the author has spared no pains to bring it up to date."—*Indian Medical Gazette*.

"The second volume sustains the character of breadth and thoroughness which the initiative of the system led us to expect. . . . But when it is completed it will be the most elaborate and systematic work of reference that has yet appeared in the English, and, so far as we know, in any language. . . . This work should be in the library not only of everyone interested in pediatrics, but of every student of pathology."—*Cleveland Med. Gazette*, Sept. 1895.

". . . . Le volume que nous avons sous les yeux fait prévoir que l'ouvrage complet constituera une œuvre très importante et destinée à devenir classique."—*Dr W. Dubreuilh in Archives cliniques de Bordeaux*.

TERATOLOGIA :

A Quarterly Journal of Ante-natal Pathology.

Vol. I., 1894; Vol. II., 1895.

(Now discontinued.)

"As scholarly a production as anyone need wish to see."—*Provincial Medical Journal*.

"The October number of this unique periodical is quite equal to its predecessors, and that is about as high a mead of praise as could well be afforded."—*Ibid.*, Nov. 1895.

"Dr Ballantyne deserves high praise for his new enterprise. He has started *Teratologia* on his own account, and deserves both aid and success ; we trust and believe that he will gain both."—*British Medical Journal*.

"The importance of the subject with which it is concerned is manifest. . . . The editor's work in this sphere of research is well known, and it augurs well for the success of the work that so capable a man has undertaken its supervision."—*The Lancet*.

"A scholarly production. . . . There is sufficient matter in this first number to show the subject is much wider than is usually supposed. . . . There may be a great future for ante-natal pathology, and we wish Dr Ballantyne's *Teratologia* a very successful career."—*New Zealand Medical Journal*.

"It . . . is devoted to a subject which is as yet unrecognised in periodical literature. We wish Dr Ballantyne's new departure every success, because there was certainly room for a journal dealing exclusively with Teratology, where cases and dissections connected with this obscure branch of science may be gathered together. Hitherto they have been scattered here and there, the very waifs and strays of professional literature. Such an organ was certainly needed. At present the subject has hardly escaped from the region of chaos ; but with earnest workers like Dr Ballantyne, and a journal devoted to its study, we may hope in time to have some clear light thrown into its dark corners, and to discover some scientific bond uniting its as yet disorderly elements. This first number is a promising one."—*Edinburgh Medical Journal*.

"The journal is a novel, and so far interesting and successful experiment in medical journalism."—*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*.

"Those who are interested in this much-neglected field of pathology will owe a debt of gratitude to Dr Ballantyne for bringing out a new journal devoted to the study of diseases and malformations of the foetus. One valuable feature of the new journal is the review of current literature, which is very complete and well arranged, and this alone would make it a valuable work of reference. At present anyone wanting to look up some point about pathological conditions of the foetus is obliged to search through an endless series of books, journals, and reviews on Obstetrics, Pediatrics, Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Histology, Embryology, Heredity, etc., and is in the end uncertain whether the information sought is not concealed after all in some journal on general medicine. The original matter of the number before us is interesting and well illustrated."—*Montreal Medical Journal*.

"This is entirely a new step in medical literature."—*Medical Record, New York*.

"Those who have read Dr Ballantyne's able work, *Diseases and Deformities of the Fœtus*, will welcome this quarterly journal, in the first number of which he has a valuable and well-illustrated paper on 'The Fœtus Amorphous.' A very interesting feature of the work is the portion devoted to the 'Abstracts from Current Literature,' which gives reference to all recent writings on Teratology, and in many cases refers to important points in these communications."—*Bristol Medico-Chirurgical Journal*.

"This very interesting new quarterly, of which we can only speak in the highest terms. . . . It is well got up and neatly printed, whilst the illustrations are remarkably good. We have no doubt the new journal will find numerous readers amongst our obstetricians and pathologists, to whom we can warmly recommend it."—*Australasian Medical Gazette*.

"With an author of Dr Ballantyne's renown this work will certainly fill a need, and we can but wish for it the success it deserves."—*Mathews' Medical Quarterly*.

"The abstracts form an important and most valuable portion of the journal. We must reserve a special word of praise for the admirable 'Analytical Index.' We heartily congratulate Dr Ballantyne on his successful enterprise."—*British Gynæcological Journal*.

"*Teratologia*, a journal originated and edited by Dr J. W. Ballantyne of Edinburgh. . . . The last part of the first volume contains an article on maternal erysipelas, with streptococcic endocarditis in the fœtus, in Italian, and it is proposed, as circumstances may demand, to publish other articles in French and German. Dr Ballantyne certainly deserves support and encouragement in his worthy enterprise, and congratulations on the success that he has already attained in his efforts."—*Medical News, Philadelphia*.

"In parecchie occasioni abbiamo informato i nostri Lettori degli splendidi lavori che l'eminente pediatria inglese *Ballantyne* ci ha dati nel campo della Teratologia e delle malattie intrauterie. Oggi egli fonda addirittura un Giornale di Teratologia; e questo primo numero, che teniamo presente, ci revela sempre *ex ungue leonem*. Senza spendere neppure un rigo di prefazione, entra difilato in argomento, e ci dà uno splendido articolo sul feto amorfo, nel quale non soltanto è passata in rassegna tutta la relativa Letteratura con una scrupolosità, modello, ma vi si aggiungono pure osservazioni personali di gran pregio, come

quelle che sa fare un occhio acuto e perspicace come quello del *Ballantyne*. Congratulandoci con l'illustre Autore, il quale ha realizzato nella sua vita scientifica the *nulla dies sine linea*, ci onoriamo di segnalare questa nuova pubblicazione ai cultori di Teratologia."—*Archivio Italiano di Pediatria*.

THE STRUCTURES IN THE MESOSALPINX:

Their Normal and Pathological Anatomy.

(Jointly with Dr J. D. WILLIAMS.)

"Drs Ballantyne and Williams are to be congratulated on having produced this little book, which is a mine of information on the subjects of which it treats."—*Lancet*.

"In glancing over a work like this, what strikes us is the patient and careful method of examining each specimen; that nothing is guessed at or copied from other works to fill in and form padding; and that only things dissected out, or made evident microscopically, are described. Hence the great intrinsic value of such work."—*Birmingham Medical Review*.

"Contains the results of the examination of the mesosalpinx and the structures lying in it from two hundred and twenty broad ligaments. . . . A valuable contribution to our literature of the subject."—*Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DISEASES OF INFANCY:

The Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene of the
New-born Infant.

"A work of very high order of merit."—*Practitioner*.

"The author is dealing with a subject in which he is thoroughly versed, and has brought together and reduced to order a mass of information which we should be at a loss to find elsewhere. . . . The book may be heartily commended to all serious workers."—*British Medical Journal*.

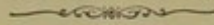
"We can warmly recommend Dr Ballantyne's work."—*Dublin Journal of Medical Science*.

"This is a most interesting and well-written book, which gives a rational conception of the differences which exist between disease as it occurs in the infant and is met with in the adult. Disease, aside from a certain moiety which is truly peculiar to infancy, is in children modified by the anatomical and physiological conditions then in existence, and it is to a close, and in many places an original study of these conditions that the author has devoted himself."—*American Journal of Obstetrics*.

". . . . We heartily commend it, both to teachers and practitioners. There are many excellent plates and woodcuts, which increase the interest and value of the volume."—*Edinburgh Medical Journal*.

"The idea of the book is, to some extent, novel and original. We have books on applied anatomy of the adult, but we have not many books, and these not very accessible, on the anatomy of the child, and this is the first systematic attempt, of which we are aware, to apply the facts of anatomy and physiology, peculiar to infancy, 'to the elucidation of the phenomena of disease in early life, and to found on them the rules which ought to guide us in the feeding and rearing of infants.'"—*Australian Medical Journal*.

TESTIMONIALS.



I.

From A. R. SIMPSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Professor of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children in the University; Ex-President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh; Vice-President of the British Gynæcological Society, etc.

52 QUEEN STREET,
EDINBURGH, January 1896.

FROM intimate acquaintance with Dr BALLANTYNE, I feel justified in expressing my strong conviction that he possesses in quite a singular degree the very qualifications and capabilities that should be sought for in the man chosen to fill the vacant office of Physician for Diseases of Women in the Leith Hospital.

Already, as a student, he was noted for his ability and devotion to work, and on the occasion of his graduation he won the Buchanan Scholarship, which is awarded to the graduate who shows the highest proficiency in Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children, joined to special work in the University Gynæcological Ward, and an honourable record in the general Departments of Medicine and Surgery.

After his graduation, he added to his store of practical experience by acting for a year as non-Resident Clerk in charge of my Ward in the Royal Infirmary, and at a later time as House-Surgeon in our Maternity Hospital. When I saw that he had further developed his powers of investigation, and acquired a familiarity with the best methods of modern research and treatment by subsequent study in some of the

great Continental Schools, I had the satisfaction of securing his services as Assistant, both in my University and Infirmary work and in my private practice. He is thus familiar with the technique of the various gynæcological operations.

That he made good use of his opportunities is evidenced by the many original contributions he has made from time to time to the literature of the department to which he has devoted his time and talents, and the fullest proofs of his eminent power of combined scientific research and clinical observation are to be found in his *Introduction to the Diseases of Infancy*, in his work on the *Diseases of the Fœtus*, and in a valuable work on *The Structures in the Mesosalpinx*, published in conjunction with Dr Williams.

He is, moreover, an admirable Teacher. He had large experience in the conducting of Tutorial Classes in the University, and sometimes took my place to my great comfort when I was prevented from lecturing. In connexion with the Medical College for Women, Edinburgh, he has conducted independent courses of lectures on Midwifery with much success; and his enthusiasm led him to institute a Clinique for Diseases of Children in the Cowgate Dispensary, and also to give lectures on the same subject, which some of our best students have attended with the greatest profit.

I have thus the utmost confidence in commending Dr BALLANTYNE's candidature to the consideration of the Governors, and would add, that if he be appointed as Physician for Diseases of Women, the other members of the Medical Staff will find him to be a most agreeable colleague, the patients will find him to be a kind as well as a skilful Physician, and the students who come under his influence will have in him not only an accomplished Teacher, but a wise counsellor and friend.

A. R. SIMPSON.

II.

From Sir T. GRAINGER STEWART, M.D., F.R.S.E., Physician in Ordinary to H.M. the Queen in Scotland; Professor of Practice of Physic and of Clinical Medicine in Edinburgh University, etc.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
January 1896.

I HAVE much pleasure in certifying that Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE, F.R.C.P. Ed., was one of the most distinguished of the graduates of his year. At his graduation in 1883 he obtained the Buchanan Scholarship, and has ever since distinguished himself specially in the study of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children.

He has held hospital appointments at home, and has studied abroad; has acted as Private Assistant to Professor Simpson, and now holds the licence of the Royal College of Physicians as lecturer in Obstetrics. He is a clear and telling speaker, and an excellent practical Teacher.

His Thesis, to which was awarded both a Gold Medal and a Gunning-Simpson Prize, proved that he possessed eminent literary ability, and his well-known works on the *Diseases of Infancy*, as well as his numerous contributions to current literature, confirm this impression, and show that he possesses the faculty of original observation in no ordinary degree. His professional career up to the present time has won for him the highest respect.

I am fully satisfied that he is now eminently fitted for such an appointment as that of Physician for Diseases of Women in the Hospital of Leith.

T. GRAINGER STEWART.

III.

From W. S. GREENFIELD, M.D., F.R.C.P., Professor of Pathology and Clinical Medicine, Edinburgh University.

7 HERIOT ROW,
EDINBURGH, *January 1896.*

I HAVE been asked by my friend Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE to say a few words in support of his candidature for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women to the Leith Hospital, and have the greatest pleasure in doing so.

I have known Dr BALLANTYNE well since the time when, fourteen years ago, as a senior student, he acted as one of my Class Assistants in the class of General Pathology. He displayed at that time the same qualities of great ability, marked precision and clearness of thought, and remarkable industry, which have since been turned to such good purpose in the special field of work he has selected.

From an intimate knowledge of his career and work, I can without hesitation say that he holds a foremost position amongst the junior men in his own line of work. He has shown that in every branch of it his knowledge is wide and accurate, that what he knows he has mastered, and that, so far as possible, with the aid of personal observation. From this fact, as well as his large practical experience, there are few to whom one can appeal with such confidence in any emergency.

But whilst, in all these respects, Dr BALLANTYNE is eminently fitted for the post which he seeks, he is far more than this.

A man of the highest character, of the greatest kindness and consideration, of untiring industry, and attention to the wellbeing of his patients, he is eminently reliable, and has secured the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has worked. He is sure to add to the reputation of any hospital or medical school to which he is attached, and to prove a most pleasant and valued colleague.

W. S. GREENFIELD.

IV.

From WM. STEPHENSON, M.D., *Professor of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children, Aberdeen.*

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
Jan'y. 14, 1896.

I HAVE known Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE for some years, and have watched his career with much interest. He has been an enthusiastic worker for his profession, and has published a very considerable number of papers, some of them of high value. The training he has undergone in this country and abroad, the special advantages he has enjoyed of acquiring experience, and the appointments he has held, all point him out as one well fitted to hold an Obstetric appointment as Teacher and Surgeon to a Hospital.

So high were his attainments and abilities considered, that the Court of this University selected him out of a large leet, and appointed him in July last as Examiner in Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children.

I consider that the best interests of Leith Hospital would be promoted by his appointment as Physician for the Diseases of Women to that Institution.

WM. STEPHENSON.

V.

*From Sir DOUGLAS MACLAGAN, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E.,
Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Edinburgh.*

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
January 14th, 1896.

I HAD an opportunity about four years ago of expressing my high opinion of the professional acquirements of Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE, F.R.C.P. Ed. I could then speak of him with confident expectation as a junior practitioner who, both scientifically and practically, promised to make for himself a place of distinction in his profession.

That promise he has now amply fulfilled, both by his practice and by his numerous and important contributions to the literature of his profession.

I consider him, therefore, to be in all respects thoroughly well qualified for the office of Physician for the Diseases of Women in Leith Hospital.

DOUGLAS MACLAGAN.

VI.

From Sir WILLIAM TURNER, M.B., LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.S., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh; Member of the General Medical Council.

6 ETON TERRACE,
EDINBURGH, *January 1896.*

I KNOW Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE to be an able young Physician who has paid special attention to the study of Obstetrics and the Diseases of Women and Children.

It was a part of my duty some time ago to read his Thesis submitted for the Gunning-Simpson Prize, and I had the pleasure of joining in the recommendation that the Prize be awarded to Dr BALLANTYNE for it.

Since that time Dr BALLANTYNE has published several books and memoirs on both Obstetrical subjects and Children's Diseases, which show him to be an excellent observer and well acquainted with the literature of his profession.

From the direction of his studies, I have no doubt that Dr BALLANTYNE is well fitted to discharge the duties of Physician for Diseases of Women to a Public Hospital.

WM. TURNER

VII.

From Sir HENRY D. LITTLEJOHN, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.S., *Lecturer at Surgeons' Hall, and Medical Officer of Health for Edinburgh.*

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE,
EDINBURGH, 11th January 1896.

DR J. W. BALLANTYNE, by his distinguished career and his writings, has spread the fame of the Edinburgh School of Medicine to America and the Continent. For this I am grateful to him, and wish him every success in his application for the Leith Hospital appointment.

HENRY D. LITTLEJOHN.

VIII.

From THOMAS R. FRASER, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S. (Lond. and Edin.),
*Professor of Materia Medica and Clinical Medicine, University of
Edinburgh.*

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
NEW BUILDINGS, 13th Jan'y. 1896.

AFTER distinguishing himself highly as a student, and gaining distinction as a young graduate, Dr BALLANTYNE has devoted himself to the study and practice of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He has made valuable original contributions to these subjects, among which are his books on the *Diseases and Deformities of the Fœtus*, and his *Introduction to the Diseases of Infancy*.

Dr BALLANTYNE'S great ability, wide knowledge, and large practical experience qualify him in an exceptional manner for such an appointment as that of Physician for Diseases of Women to the Leith Hospital.

THOMAS R. FRASER.

IX.

*From WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Physiology
in the University of Edinburgh, etc.*

14 DOUGLAS CRESCENT,
EDINBURGH, 14th January 1896.

I HAVE much pleasure in giving a testimonial to Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE, who informs me that he is a Candidate for post of Physician for Diseases of Women in Leith Hospital.

I cannot profess to have any direct knowledge of his special qualifications for that post, but I am able to testify to his conspicuous natural abilities and high attainments. He was First Medallist of his year in the senior division of my class.

It was my duty to read his Thesis on "Some Anatomical Conditions of the New-born Infant," and I found in it ample evidence of the true scientific spirit which is the only certain guide to eminence in medical theory and practice.

WM. RUTHERFORD.

X.

From JOHN CHIENE, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.E., *Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh; Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, etc.*

26 CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
EDINBURGH, *July 1891.*

DR J. W. BALLANTYNE has already given the most ample evidence of his ability in the Departments of Midwifery and Diseases of Women. He is Buchanan Scholar, Gunning-Simpson Prizeman, and Gold Medallist. He has recently undertaken the duties of Lecturer on Diseases of Infancy and Childhood in the Extra-Mural School.

Dr BALLANTYNE has, in my opinion, had a very special training, and has in a marked degree prepared himself for appointment of Obstetric Physician to the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

Looking to his career in the past, and to the energy which he has thrown into his work, I am of opinion that he has the ability and earnestness of purpose which will enable him to perform the duties of the post in an eminently efficient manner.

JOHN CHIENE.

[Reprinted with Professor Chiene's sanction.]

XI.

*From JOHN MOIR, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., Consulting Physician,
Royal Maternity Hospital; formerly Interim Professor of Midwifery
in University of Edinburgh, etc.*

52 CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, 11th January 1896.

I HAVE very much pleasure in testifying as to the high qualifications of Dr BALLANTYNE for the position of Physician for Diseases of Women to the Leith Hospital.

During the whole of his medical career Dr BALLANTYNE has been an earnest, laborious, and painstaking student.

He has, besides, had means of acquiring a practical knowledge of his profession, and specially of Women's and Children's Diseases, possessed by few, and of these he has taken every advantage.

I feel satisfied that Dr BALLANTYNE'S election would prove a credit and benefit to the Institution, and that he would be not only a thoroughly competent Medical Officer, but a kind and sympathetic friend to his patients.

JOHN MOIR.

XII.

From CHARLES E. UNDERHILL, B.A., M.B. (Cantab.), F.R.C.P. Ed.,
*Physician to the Royal Maternity Hospital ; formerly Physician to
the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and President of
the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society.*

8 COATES CRESCENT,
EDINBURGH, *January* 1896.

I HAVE much pleasure in testifying to the very high opinion I have formed of the knowledge and ability of Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE. He is an Obstetric Physician of the greatest industry and energy, and of the highest promise, and has already contributed many valuable papers and four excellent books to the literature of the profession. Since graduating he has devoted all his energies to the study of Obstetrics and the Diseases of Women and Infants, and has had the best opportunities for acquiring a thorough knowledge of these subjects. He has done much excellent original scientific work, and with growing experience is sure to do much more. I can very heartily recommend him as a most fitting Candidate for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women to a large Hospital.

CHARLES E. UNDERHILL.

XIII.

From JOSEPH BELL, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., F.R.S.E., *Ex-President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Consulting Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Surgeon to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.*

2 MELVILLE CRESCENT,
EDINBURGH, *Jany.* 1896.

I HAVE great pleasure in stating my opinion that Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE has claims for any post of responsibility or teaching in Gynæcological or Obstetric work of the very highest order. His publications in Gynæcology and Pediatrics prove him to be an original observer and worker of the very highest excellence; his industry is great, and his zeal for teaching well known. He has practically originated the study of Ante-natal Pathology, and his work in Teratology stamps him as the authority on the subject.

Any Hospital will be fortunate in securing his services.

JOSEPH BELL.

XIV.

From MURDOCH BROWN, M.B., F.R.C.P.E., *Assistant Physician, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh ; Consulting Physician, Western Dispensary.*

9 WALKER STREET,
EDINBURGH, 16th January 1896.

I HAVE great pleasure in supporting the candidature of Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE for the appointment of Physician for Diseases of Women in Leith Hospital. Dr BALLANTYNE and I have been intimately associated for many years in professional work, and I have had many opportunities in private practice of availing myself of his extensive and accurate knowledge, and also of his manipulative dexterity. The high position Dr BALLANTYNE achieved in his graduation as M.D. has been amply sustained in successive years by the manner in which he has devoted himself to the literature of his specialty, and more particularly to the subject of Teratology,—one which, until he took it up, had been much neglected here and elsewhere. I feel certain that if Dr BALLANTYNE be elected to Leith Hospital that he will bring to the Department now being instituted much zeal, great ability and experience, and will maintain worthily the traditions of the School in which he has been trained.

MURDOCH BROWN.

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XV.

*From P. M'BRIDE, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., Aural Surgeon and
Laryngologist, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.*

16 CHESTER STREET,
EDINBURGH, July 1891.

DR BALLANTYNE has requested me to add my testimony to the already numerous guarantees of his fitness for the post of Obstetric Physician to the Bristol Royal Infirmary. It appears to me, however, that testimonials in his case are almost superfluous. No doubt the Governors will acquaint themselves with the titles of Dr BALLANTYNE'S published works, of which I may specially mention the first volume of his book on "Diseases of Children," and his article on the Pathology of the Fallopian Tubes. Considering the value of these and other publications by Dr BALLANTYNE, no doubt as to his fitness for the office to which he aspires can possibly remain.

By his careful observations and scientific studies Dr BALLANTYNE has undoubtedly justified the statement that he is among our first authorities on Diseases of Women and Children, and on Midwifery.

Should he attain the position he now seeks, Edinburgh will lose one of her most talented teachers, and Bristol will be a proportionate gainer.

P. M'BRIDE.

[Given for appointment of Obstetric Physician to the Bristol Royal Infirmary, and reprinted with Dr M'Bride's sanction.]

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XVI.

*From A. H. FREELAND BARBOUR, M.A., B.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.E.,
Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women, School of Medicine,
Edinburgh; Assistant Physician, Gynæcological Department, Royal
Infirmary; Assistant Physician, Royal Maternity Hospital, etc.*

4 CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
EDINBURGH, January 1896.

DR BALLANTYNE possesses exceptional qualifications for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women to the Leith Hospital.

After a distinguished career as a student, he has devoted his attention to Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children. As Professor Simpson's University Assistant, and subsequently as a Lecturer in the School of Medicine and Physician for Diseases of Women to the Western Dispensary, he has had considerable experience in clinical teaching.

He has enriched the literature of Midwifery and Diseases of Women with numerous contributions, embodying original research.

In this way he has specially prepared himself for a position such as he is now applying for, and I am confident that his appointment will prove a valuable addition to the Staff of Leith Hospital.

A. H. F. BARBOUR.

XVII.

From Sir BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON, M.A., M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P.,
F.R.S.

25 MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.,
January 13, 1896.

I HAVE not the pleasure and honour of knowing Dr BALLANTYNE personally, but I have read many of his works with critical care, and I am bound to state that he is an industrious, conscientious, and painstaking Physician, who not only reads extensively from books, but is unusually learned in his observations of natural facts. Under these circumstances I warmly support his candidature for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women at the Leith Hospital.

B. W. RICHARDSON.

XVIII.

*From W. S. PLAYFAIR, LL.D., M.D., Professor of Obstetric Medicine,
King's College, London ; etc.*

31 GEORGE STREET, HANOVER SQUARE, W.,
Jany. 18, 1896.

DR BALLANTYNE'S numerous and valuable contributions on matters connected with Midwifery and the Diseases of Women are well known, hence it seems to be almost superfluous to testify to his fitness for the appointment for which he is a Candidate. It gives me, however, much pleasure to state my conviction that he is in every way eminently qualified for the position to which he aspires.

W. S. PLAYFAIR.

XIX.

From JONATHAN HUTCHINSON, Hon. M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.,
Consulting Surgeon, London Hospital; etc.

15 CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
Jan. 13th, 1896.

I KNOW Dr BALLANTYNE only by his published writings. From them I have formed a very high opinion of his attainments. I feel sure that he is destined to make real advances in our knowledge of the department of Medicine to which he has devoted himself.

I have every reason to believe that he would prove an able officer in the appointment for which he is now a Candidate.

JONATHAN HUTCHINSON.

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XX.

*From J. H. MORGAN, M.A. (Oxon.), F.R.C.S. (Lond.), Surgeon, Hospital
for Sick Children, Great Ormonde Street, London; etc.*

68 GROSVENOR STREET,
LONDON, W., *Jan.* 14, 1896.

DEAR DR BALLANTYNE,—If any word of mine can be of value in assisting you to obtain the appointment of Physician to the Leith Hospital, I can, and do most readily, bear witness to your great knowledge and to the amount of good work which you have done in Ante-natal Pathology. Your Journal has marked a distinctly fresh line of study, and your own contributions are of such value that the Staff of any Institution may well be proud to rank you among its fellows.

Believe me, with every wish for your success, yours very truly,

JOHN H. MORGAN.

XXI.

From STEPHEN MACKENZIE, M.D., F.R.C.P., *Physician to, and Lecturer on Medicine at, the London Hospital, etc., etc.*

18 CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
13th Jan. 1896.

DR J. W. BALLANTYNE is well known to me by his writings, and I have a slight personal acquaintance with him.

Dr BALLANTYNE'S contributions to Obstetric Medicine and Teratology are of a high order, and display a thoroughly scientific mind, indefatigable energy, and large experience.

I can confidently recommend him for the appointment of Physician for Diseases of Women to the Leith Hospital.

STEPHEN MACKENZIE.

XXII.

*From G. ERNEST HERMAN, M.B., F.R.C.P., Obstetric Physician to the
London Hospital, etc.*

20 HARLEY STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
Jan. 1896.

I HAVE pleasure in saying that I have read some of the writings of Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE on Obstetrical subjects, and that in my judgment they are of the highest class, show that he has been trained in a good school, possesses zeal for scientific work, and exceptional knowledge and ability. These qualifications will make his appointment an honour to a Hospital or Medical School.

G. ERNEST HERMAN.

XXIII.

From J. BLAND SUTTON, F.R.C.S. (Eng.), Assistant Surgeon, Middlesex Hospital, etc.

48 QUEEN ANNE STREET,
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W., *Jan'y.* 1896.

DR J. W. BALLANTYNE is well known in Great Britain by his able and valuable scientific work in connexion with Diseases of Women and Children.

It is so very unusual to find men of his stamp willing to engage in the practical (clinical) side of the profession, that it is very necessary to encourage him in his candidature for the vacancy at the Leith Hospital. He is certain to become a valuable officer.

J. BLAND SUTTON.

XXIV.

From ALBAN DORAN, F.R.C.S., *Surgeon to the Samaritan Free Hospital, London, etc.*

9 GRANVILLE PLACE, PORTMAN SQUARE, W.,
Jan. 13, 1896.

I AM pleased to hear that my friend Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE is a Candidate for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women for the Leith Hospital. He will be a valuable addition to the Staff of that Institution, owing to his knowledge of the theory and practice of Gynæcology.

ALBAN DORAN.

XXV.

From AMAND ROUTH, M.D., B.S. (Lond.), M.R.C.P. (Lond.), *Obstetric Physician with care of Out-Patients at Charing Cross Hospital, and Lecturer on Practical Obstetrics and Gynæcology at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School; Physician, Samaritan Free Hospital for Women; Examiner at Conjoint Board, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of England; Consulting Obstetric Physician to St Marylebone General Dispensary; etc., etc.*

14^A MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.,
January 14, 1896.

I HAVE just heard that Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE is a Candidate for the important post of Physician for Diseases of Women to the Leith Hospital, and gladly take the opportunity offered to me to testify to the estimation in which I hold Dr BALLANTYNE as a practical exponent of the science and art of the Branch of Medicine which he has adopted as his speciality.

Dr BALLANTYNE'S works on "Teratology" are the best in the English language, and are the result of laborious pathological and clinical observations. His small book on "Structures of the Mesosalpinx" is a model of what such a work should be, and his reputation as a gynæcologist is, by these and other works, and also by his well-known clinical experience, sufficiently appreciated by his London confrères to make it quite evident that he is in every way "built" for such a post as he is now seeking.

AMAND ROUTH.

XXVI.

*From G. SIMS WOODHEAD, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., Director of the
Laboratories of the Royal Colleges of Physicians (Lond.) and Surgeons
(Eng.).*

THE LABORATORIES EXAMINATION HALL,
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT, LONDON, W.C., *Jan'y.* 1896.

IT gives me very great pleasure to be able to speak most highly of the professional attainments of my old colleague, Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE, who is at present a Candidate for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women in the Leith Hospital.

Dr BALLANTYNE'S career has been marked by so many brilliant successes, and his original contributions to the literature of his special department of Medicine are so important, that he must be looked upon as eminently well qualified to occupy the post for which he is a Candidate. He has trained himself so carefully and thoroughly for an appointment of this nature, that should his application be successful, I feel sure he would discharge the duties in such a manner as would add to his already great reputation, and give entire satisfaction to the Directors and Staff of the Hospital. Dr BALLANTYNE is an upright, considerate, and agreeable colleague.

G. SIMS WOODHEAD.

XXVII.

From JOHN G. M'KENDRICK, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P.E., *Professor of Physiology in the University of Glasgow, etc.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
January 13, 1896.

I HAVE pleasure in stating that Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE'S distinguished career at the University of Edinburgh, and the ability with which he has devoted himself to the study of Obstetrics and the Diseases of Infancy and Childhood, constitute strong claims for the office of Physician for Diseases of Women to the Leith Hospital. His contributions to Medical Science, and more especially to that obscure but interesting department known as Teratology, are of great value, and they have attracted the attention of Physiologists, Pathologists, and Physicians, both at home and abroad. He would be a valuable addition to the Staff, while the appointment would give him the opportunity of contributing to Medical Science in the department of practice he has chosen.

JOHN G. M'KENDRICK.

XXVIII.

From JOHN CLELAND, LL.D., M.D., F.R.S., *Professor of Anatomy,*
University of Glasgow, etc.

THE UNIVERSITY, GLASGOW,
July 1891.

I HAVE not had the pleasure of meeting Dr BALLANTYNE, but some of his contributions to Medical Science have come under my notice, and they exhibit an amount of ability, scientific spirit, and a knowledge of subjects connected with the speciality to which he is devoted, which, taken in connexion with his many other published papers, point him out as being well entitled to apply for the position of Obstetric Physician to an Infirmary, and likely to fulfil the duties with energy and efficiency.

JOHN CLELAND.

[Reprinted with Professor Cleland's sanction.]

XXIX.

*From D. J. HAMILTON, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., Professor of Pathology,
University of Aberdeen, etc.*

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
January 1896.

DR JOHN W. BALLANTYNE, in becoming a Candidate for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women to the Hospital of Leith, has asked me for a Testimonial, more especially as I happened to lecture for the late Professor Sanders during the Winter Session in which he attended the course of Systematic Pathology in Edinburgh University. It gives me much pleasure to do so, as he took the highest place in the class, and displayed, as I well remember, a broad knowledge of the subject such as one only occasionally meets with even in the best students. Since graduating he has not been idle. His contributions to Pathology have been numerous, and of a high order of merit. Many of them have borne a direct relationship to Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children. I do not know who the other candidates for the appointment are, but can only say that, so far as my personal knowledge of his merits goes, Dr BALLANTYNE would make a thoroughly reliable and efficient Medical Officer to the Institution.

D. J. HAMILTON.

XXX.

From JAMES H. KEELING, M.D. (Edin.), F.R.C.S. (Lond.), *Senior Surgeon to Jessop Hospital for Women; Consulting Surgeon to Royal Hospital, Sheffield; Lecturer on Diseases of Women in Sheffield School of Medicine.*

267 GLOSSOP ROAD, SHEFFIELD,
January 13, 1896.

I VENTURE to express the opinion that should the Governors of the Leith Hospital think fit to elect Dr BALLANTYNE as Physician to the Department for Diseases of Women, they will secure a most valuable addition to their Staff.

The Edinburgh School of Gynæcologists and Obstetricians has for the last fifty years been distinguished by profound scholarship and by brilliant practical skill. The competitors are numerous, and to gain a position of any note and importance therein demands no little talent, and also the most rigorous, untiring industry. At a comparatively early age Dr BALLANTYNE has, by his scientific research, practical skill, and worth of character, made his way into the front rank of Edinburgh Obstetricians. The abundant testimony of his Scotch colleagues furnishes ample guarantee of his unusual fitness for the appointment he is seeking. His past career as a skilled Gynæcologist and Obstetrician in both Hospital and private work, as an original investigator, and as an apt and successful Teacher, has led all those who know him to predict for him a future of great eminence and usefulness.

Should he be appointed to the Leith Hospital, he will assuredly be found "the right man in the right place," for he is specially fitted for it. His age and vigour give promise of long and efficient work, and his worth and amiability are such as will render him very acceptable as a Hospital colleague.

JAMES H. KEELING.

XXXI.

*From J. GREIG SMITH, M.A., M.B. C.M., F.R.S.E., Professor of Surgery,
University College, Bristol; Surgeon to the Bristol Royal Infirmary,
etc.*

16 VICTORIA SQUARE, CLIFTON, BRISTOL,
January 13, 1896.

I HAVE pleasure in stating that, in my opinion, Dr BALLANTYNE is highly qualified for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women in any large Hospital.

His writings on Diseases of Women command respectful attention in all countries. In the cognate subject of Diseases of Children his work is very valuable, and in one difficult branch of Children's Diseases it may be said that his position as an authority is almost unrivalled in these islands.

J. GREIG SMITH.

XXXII.

From J. SYMINGTON, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Anatomy, Queen's College, Belfast; late Examiner in Anatomy, University of Edinburgh; Fellow and Examiner in Anatomy, Royal University of Ireland.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, BELFAST,
January 1896.

DR J. W. BALLANTYNE has gained a very high reputation as a Specialist in the departments of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children, but I should have hesitated before expressing any opinion as to the value of his work were it not that some of it happens to be connected with subjects to which I have devoted particular attention.

I consider Dr BALLANTYNE'S original contributions to the Anatomy of the Infant and the Female Pelvic Viscera, and his numerous observations on Teratology, have placed him in the very front rank as an authority on these subjects both at home and abroad.

Dr BALLANTYNE is not only an able investigator, but he is also a very successful Teacher.

As a Lecturer on the Diseases of Children in the Extra-Mural School he was an undoubted success, attracting a good class on a non-compulsory subject.

Should he be appointed Physician for Diseases of Women to the Hospital of Leith, that important Institution would secure the services of a very able and accomplished Physician, who has already given abundant evidence of his desire and capacity to extend our knowledge of scientific Gynæcology and Obstetrics.

J. SYMINGTON.

XXXIII.

*From J. HALLIDAY CROOM, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Lecturer on Midwifery,
School of Medicine, Edinburgh; Physician to the Maternity Hospital,
etc.*

25 CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
EDINBURGH, *January* 1896.

I CAN, with great pleasure and the utmost confidence, commend Dr BALLANTYNE as eminently well suited for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women to the Leith Hospital.

Dr BALLANTYNE has had a most distinguished career, and has, in a most special sense, fitted himself for filling the post for which he is now a Candidate with exceptional ability. As Assistant to the Professor of Midwifery here for some years, he has enjoyed exceptional advantages both in experience of teaching and operative work, as well as in Gynæcology generally. He has enriched the literature of the profession by numerous important papers, and has established his ability as an original worker.

The appointment of Dr BALLANTYNE to such a post would be a distinct advantage to the Hospital, for it would mean an addition to the Staff of one who has already shown ability to teach and to do original work.

J. HALLIDAY CROOM.

XXXIV.

From Professor Dr A. MARTIN, University, Berlin.

BERLIN, 21/1/96.

DR JOHN BALLANTYNE is well known to me personally and by his literary work.

When he was in Berlin in 1885 I frequently met him in my clinique, and had the pleasure not only to see the intense interest he took in my work, but also to recognise in our conversation the great intelligence and practical experience of my young confrère.

Since then I have followed Dr BALLANTYNE'S labours with special interest and great satisfaction. All his work is characterised by very exact scientific methods. Particularly I admire his work on *The Diseases of the Fœtus*, which is undoubtedly a book of great and particular value. The diseases of the fœtus have been wanting in scientific demonstration till the appearance of Dr BALLANTYNE'S work. I do not doubt that Dr BALLANTYNE was the man to manage a *Journal for Ante-natal Pathology*. I hope that this journal will overcome the evident difficulties opposing its prosperity, and rise within a short time to great importance.

I am convinced that if Dr BALLANTYNE is intrusted with the conduct of the new and important department of Diseases of Women in the Leith Hospital, he will be as worthy as any of the competitors, and will manage it to the benefit of the patients and the sincere satisfaction of the Directors of this Hospital.

Prof. Dr A. MARTIN.

XXXV.

*From Dr GUSSEROW, Professor für Geburtshilfe und Gynækologie an der
Universität Berlin.*

ROONSTRASSE, 4, BERLIN, N.W.,
January 19, 1896.

HERR DR J. W. BALLANTYNE ist mir als höchst wissenschaftlich gebildeter Frauenarzt wohl bekannt. Derselbe genießt in Deutschland eines ausgezeichneten Ansehens durch seine wissenschaftlicher Arbeiten auf dem Gebiete der Teratologie und der Gynäkologie. Ich zweifle keinen Augenblick dass Herr Dr BALLANTYNE jede Stellung als Frauenarzt an einem Hospitale vorzüglich ausfüllen wird.

Dr GUSSEROW.

XXXVI.

From Dr W. NAGEL, Privatdocent a. d. Universität, erster Assistent der geburtshülf. gynäkolog. Universitäts-Klinik der Königl. Charité zu Berlin.

LOUISENSTRASSE, 39,
BERLIN, N.W.

SEHR GEEHRTER HERR DR BALLANTYNE,—Da Sie so liebenswürdig waren eine Äusserung von mir über Ihre wissenschaftliche Thätigkeit zu wünschen, so kann ich Ihnen nur sagen, dass Sie mit Ihrer Arbeit, *The Structures in the Mesosalpinx*, einen wichtigen Beitrag zu der Gynäkologie gebracht haben. Mit Ihren übrigen wissenschaftlichen Arbeiten, vor allen mit Ihrem Buch, *The Diseases of the Fœtus*, haben Sie sich eine angesehenem Stellung in unserem Fache geschaffen. Es unterliegt wohl keinem Zweifel, dass ein Arzt mit einer derartigen naturwissenschaftlichen Ausbildung, wie Sie besitzen, in erster Linie geeignet sein muss, die verantwortliche Stelle eines dirigirenden Frauen-Arztes an einem Krankenhause ausgezeichnet auszufüllen, um so mehr, weil Sie als mehrjähriger Assistent der gynäkologischen Universitäts-Klinik in Edinburgh reichlich Gelegenheit gehabt haben sich praktisch auszubilden. —Mit freundlichem Gruss,

Dr W. NAGEL.

XXXVII.

From Dr R. THOMA, formerly Professor e. o. in Heidelberg University, and retired ordinary Professor of General Pathology and Pathological Anatomy in the University of Dorpat, Livonia, Russia.

MAGDEBURG S., 22nd Jan. 1896.

DR J. W. BALLANTYNE, F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., Candidate for the appointment of Physician for Diseases of Women in Leith Hospital, has requested me to write a few lines regarding his fitness, judged from his books and papers.

I have had occasion to read several papers by Dr BALLANTYNE, published in his quarterly journal *Teratologia*, and also his researches upon *The Structures of the Mesosalpinx, their Normal and Pathological Anatomy*.

In my opinion these researches and papers are not only very valuable additions to Medical Science, and proofs of correct, objective, and assiduous investigation, but they also show us the outlines of a scientific worker, who will, if he is fairly supported by his countrymen, in a short time occupy a first rank position in Medical Science.

This is for me the only reason why I should wish Dr BALLANTYNE—whom, as I believe, I have not the pleasure of knowing personally—success in his candidature for the appointment of Physician for Diseases of Women in Leith Hospital. He will in such a position be able to advance greatly the science of Medicine, and add to his present ample knowledge.

Dr R. THOMA.

XXXVIII.

*From A. PINARD, Professeur de Clinique obstétricale et gynécologique à la
Faculté de Paris; Membre de l'Académie de Médecine.*

10 RUE CAMBACÉRÈS, PARIS,
23 Janvier 1896.

MON CHER COLLÈGUE,—Je suis heureux de vous donner un témoignage de ma haute estime scientifique et de vous dire que vos nombreux travaux vous placent au premier rang des gynécologues sur qui nous comptons le plus.

Si mon appréciation ainsi formulée, avec autant de franchise que de concision, peut vous être utile, j'en serai enchanté et le premier à applaudir à votre nomination de "Physician for Diseases of Women in Leith Hospital."—Votre tout dévoué,

A. PINARD.

XXXIX.

From Dr PAUL BAR, Professeur agrégé à la Faculté, Accoucheur de Saint-Louis.

122 RUE LA BOËTIE, PARIS,
19 Janvier 1896.

MON CHER CONFRÈRE,—Votre lettre m'apprend votre candidature au poste de médecin pour les maladies des femmes à l'hôpital de Leith.

Je ne doute pas que vos travaux sur les maladies du fœtus et votre publication de la *Teratologie*, qu'il serait si utile de voir se continuer ne soient un appui décisif pour votre candidature dont je connaîtrai avec grand plaisir l'heureux issue.

Veillez, mon cher confrère, agréer l'expression de mes plus dévoués sentiments.

Dr PAUL BAR.

XL.

From Dr CH. FÉRÉ, Médecin de Bicêtre, Paris.

37 BOULEVARD ST MICHEL, PARIS,
14 Janvier 1896.

LE DOCTEUR BALLANTYNE est bon connu en France pour ses travaux d'obstétrique et de pédiatrie ; son traité sur les maladies et les difformités du fœtus, ses tentatives de centralisation des travaux relatifs à tératologie dans une revue spéciale, constituent des titres scientifiques qui méritent les reconnaissances des savants de l'étranger ainsi bon que de ceux de son pays. La nomination à la place de médecin pour les maladies des femmes à l'hôpital de Leith est à souhaiter non seulement comme une récompense juste de ses travaux mais aussi comme un espoir pour la science.

CH. FÉRÉ.

XLI.

From Dr G. VARIOT, Médecin de l'hôpital Trousseau (d'Enfants malades),
Ancien chef de clinique de la Faculté de Médecine de Paris à l'hôpital
des Enfants malades.

EDIMBOURG, le 11 Janvier 1896.

JE suis heureux d'attester la haute estime que j'ai pour le Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE et spécialement pour ses travaux de pédiatrie. J'ai fait traduire en Français par le Dr Lazard, sous ma direction, *l'Introduction à l'étude des maladies de l'enfance* par le Dr BALLANTYNE. L'édition française paraîtra à Paris chez Doin Editeur, d'ici à quelques mois.

Je ne doute pas que cet ouvrage du Dr BALLANTYNE ne soit consulté avec grand profit par les médecins français qui s'adonnent à la pédiatrie spécialement.

Dr G. VARIOT.

XLII.

From Professor E. PESTALOZZA, Istituto ostetrico-ginecologico di Firenze, Italy.

FLORENCE, *January 17, 1896.*

DEAR Dr BALLANTYNE,—I hear by your letter that you are a Candidate for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women in the Hospital of Leith.

Having for a long time learnt to know you through your interesting researches in Gynecology, as well as by the publication of *Teratologia*, which is so closely bound up with the study of Obstetrics, I have no doubt that your title will be admitted, and in such a case I am sure you will prove a very valuable acquisition to the above Hospital. Believe me, yours faithfully,

E. PESTALOZZA.

XLIII.

*From Professor CESARE TARUFFI, Professor d'anatomia patologica nella
R. Università di Bologna.*

BOLOGNA, 20th January 1896.

IT is a pleasure to me to be able to declare publicly that J. W. BALLANTYNE, Secretary to the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society, etc., has published works of great importance in Gynecology, as also in Teratology, which deserve not only my esteem and admiration, but that also of the best workers in the two above-named sciences.

Without proceeding to detail the many merits of the author's works, I remain,

CESARE TARUFFI.

XLIV.

From Professor G. E. CURATULO, R. Università degli studi di Roma.

VIA GREGORIANA, 50,
ROME, 28th January 1896.

I CONSIDER myself very happy in having an occasion to express the esteem and regard I feel for Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE. His works on Teratology and Gynecology have made his name familiar to all Continental specialists.

I feel that the Committee of the Leith Hospital in appointing Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE as Physician for Diseases of Women will find it a great advantage to the patients and to science.

G. EMILIO CURATULO.

XLV.

From Professor WM. OSLER, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Lond.)

I WEST FRANKLIN STREET,
BALTIMORE, *January 24th*, 1896.

To the Managers of the Leith Hospital.

SIRS,—DR J. W. BALLANTYNE, who is an applicant for the position of Physician for Diseases of Women, is very well known to me as one of the ablest and most progressive students on the fields of Gynecology and Pediatrics. His works have given him a wide and worthy international reputation, and your Institution will be honoured by his connexion with it.

WM. OSLER

XLVI.

From ALEX. J. C. SKENE, M.D., *Professor of Gynecology, Brooklyn.*

THE LONG ISLAND COLLEGE HOSPITAL,
BROOKLYN, N.Y., *Jan. 25, 1896.*

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,—Having been informed that Dr J. W. BALLANTYNE is a Candidate for the post of Physician for Diseases of Women in Leith Hospital, it gives me great pleasure to state that the Doctor is well known in America as one who has made most valuable contributions to the Science and Art of Medicine, especially in the department of Diseases of Women.

Having seen something of his practice, I am also well aware that he is a gentleman of superior medical education and practical ability, and in this statement I know that I am expressing, not only my own opinion, but that of many of the first men in the medical profession in this country.—Most respectfully,

ALEX. J. C. SKENE.

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