

## **Testimonials in favour of Andrew Fyfe for the chair of Materia Medica and Pharmacy.**

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ADDITIONAL TESTIMONIALS

TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
THE LORD PROVOST, THE MAGISTRATES,  
AND THE OTHER MEMBERS  
OF THE TOWN-COUNCIL OF EDINBURGH, PATRONS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

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MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

IN addition to the Testimonials which I have already laid before you, I now take the liberty of presenting others bearing more particularly on my fitness for discharging the duties of the Materia Medica and Pharmacy Chair.

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

I am,

With much respect,

Your obedient humble Servant,

ANDREW FYFE.

EDINBURGH, 23d May 1832.

# ADDITIONAL TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

DR ANDREW FYFE

AND THE OTHER MEMBERS

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OF THE TOWN-COUNCIL OF GLASGOW, PATRONS OF THE UNIVERSITY  
FROM DR J. H. BROWN, TO THE PATRONS OF THE UNIVERSITY.

My Lord and Gentlemen,

In offering my testimony in favour of Dr Andrew Fyfe, as a public lecturer on Chemistry and Pharmacy, I beg leave to do so in consideration of the ample opportunities which a professional intimacy of some duration, and attendance on his numerous courses of lectures, have afforded me of forming a correct estimate of his very high qualifications in this respect, and of his practical and theoretical knowledge of Chemistry and Pharmacy.

Dr Fyfe has devoted himself for several years to public teaching of Chemistry and Pharmacy, and especially to the practical department of the science, called Chemical Pharmacy, and with the most distinguished success, both as a lecturer and an experimentalist, as the evidence of many eminent physicians, formerly pupils, will fully testify. Indeed, it is well known to those conversant with these branches of study, that as a practical and analytical Chemist and Pharmaceutist, Dr Fyfe stands in the very highest estimation with the medical public, and other scientific bodies both at home and abroad; and it is equally well known, that such an individual is likely to be the most successful teacher of *Materia Medica* and Pharmacy, which require, in every step towards their elucidation, the aid of Chemical Analysis.

I may observe, that, in addition to Dr Fyfe's eminent qualifications as a lecturer and a teacher, he has, as the



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IN FAVOUR OF

DR ANDREW FYFE.

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No. XXVII.

*From DR M'ROBIN, to the PATRONS of the University.*

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

IN offering my testimony in favour of DR ANDREW FYFE, as a public Lecturer on Chemistry and Pharmacy, I beg leave to do so in consideration of the ample opportunities which a professional intimacy of some duration, and attendance on his different courses of Lectures, have afforded me, of forming a proper estimate of his very high qualifications in this respect, and as a teacher of Practical Pharmacy and Chemistry.

DR FYFE has devoted himself for several years to public teaching of Chemistry and Pharmacy, and especially to the practical department of the science, called Chemical Pharmacy, and with the most distinguished success, both as a lecturer and an experimentalist, as the evidence of many eminent physicians, formerly pupils, will fully testify. Indeed, it is well known to those conversant with these branches of study, that, as a practical and analytic Chemist and Pharmaceutist, DR FYFE stands in the very highest estimation with the medical public, and other scientific bodies both at home and abroad; and it is equally well known, that such an individual is likely to be the most successful teacher of Materia Medica and Pharmacy, which require, in every step towards their elucidation, the aids of Chemical Analysis.

I may observe, that, in addition to DR FYFE's eminent qualifications as a lecturer and a teacher, he has, as the



author of a late publication on "the Elements of Chemistry and Pharmacy," still further proved to the world his distinguished abilities in handling these subjects, and ranked himself with the first chemists of the day. It is a work, which, while it exhibits abundant traces of much diligent research into the more abstruse doctrines of the science, is at same time replete with information of a clear, methodical, and elementary description, suitable to the nature of such a publication, and the counterpart of his excellent and instructive style of public lecturing.

Permit me to add, that the choice to a vacant chair in your University, of a professional gentleman and a lecturer, bearing so distinguished a name for talents of the truly practical and useful kind, would, in my opinion, tend in a great degree to advance the interests of medical science, and to maintain for the Edinburgh School of Medicine, that high character for practical utility and practical teachers, which have so long formed the basis of its well merited renown.

I have the honour to remain,

MY LORD AND GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) JOHN MACROBIN, M.D.

*Lecturer on the Practice of Physic in the  
University of Aberdeen, and Physician to  
the Lunatic Hospital.*

No. XXVIII.

*From MR MILLER to DR FYFE.*

Edinburgh, 14th May 1832.

DEAR SIR,

It is with much pleasure that your being a Candidate for the Chair of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in this University, affords me an opportunity of acknowledging the many advantages I derived from attending your course of



Lectures on Chemistry and Pharmacy; at the same time, of stating, that from your long experience in teaching, you have acquired an ease in conveying information to your pupils that few can boast of; and that your intimate acquaintance with the science of Chemistry (without which, the duties of teacher of Materia Medica and Pharmacy cannot be properly discharged) eminently qualify you for filling the vacant Chair.

I am,

DEAR SIR,

Yours, with respect,

(Signed) ALEX. MILLER,

*Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.*

To Dr Fyfe, Teviot Row.

No. XXIX.

From DR ALLEN THOMSON to DR FYFE.

80. George Street, May 1832.

MY DEAR SIR,

In reply to your letter of yesterday, I have much pleasure in stating, that at the time when I was your pupil, though I might be considered as too young to be able to form a judgment respecting your general qualifications as a Lecturer, I had ample opportunities of knowing how ably and successfully you taught the science of Chemistry. It appeared to me that the ease and perspicuity of your demonstrations and experiments rendered the study in which your pupils were engaged peculiarly interesting and agreeable, while your uniform kindness, assiduity, and attention, made them all much attached to you.

Believe me,

DEAR SIR,

With much esteem, very truly yours,

(Signed) ALLEN THOMSON, M. D.

*Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.*

To And. Fyfe, M. D.



ledge of Chemistry in your own Class, and at the School  
of Arts; in both of which the greatest gratification

*From DR GLASS, to the PATRONS of the University.*

Smiddygreen, by St. Andrews, Fifeshire,  
15th May 1832.

GENTLEMEN,

DR FYFE having requested me to give my testimony as to his fitness for filling the Chair of Materia Medica, I have the honour respectfully to state, that during the years 1817, 18, and 19, I was under the tuition, private and public, of DR FYFE, and that now, after a lapse of twelve years, during which I have been engaged in the practice of the Medical Profession, it is my thorough conviction, that in point of scientific acquirements, of ability for communicating his knowledge to others, and of private worth, he is eminently qualified to fill with credit the Chair of Materia Medica, and to uphold the high celebrity of the University of Edinburgh.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) W. GLASS, M. D.

*Honourable East India Company's Service,*

*Bengal Establishment.*

*To the Members of the Town Council*

*of Edinburgh.*

as you have become a Candidate for the honourable situation of Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in this

University, at present vacant by the death of Dr Duncan.

I attended the lectures of the late celebrated Dr Murray on Chemistry, for two courses previous to my becoming one

of your class. That Session your class was very

crowded, and the great attention paid by the students afforded a strong and convincing proof of the high estimation in which your interesting lectures were held.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE much pleasure in giving my decided testimony of approbation to your manner of communicating a know-



ledge of Chemistry in your own Class, and at the School of Arts; in both of which I had the greatest gratification in observing the clearness of your definitions, the simplicity of your arrangements, the accuracy of your demonstrations, and the neatness and success of your experiments.

The kindness, likewise, with which you attended to the inquiries of the Students, obviating difficulties, and giving such facilities as enabled them to understand, and incited them to study ardently, was to me a feature that marked you out as well fitted indeed, when uniting so many of the first requisites in a Public Instructor, to be one of the very first in your profession.—I am,

DEAR SIR,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) GEORGE KNIGHT.

*Dr Andrew Fyfe, 11, Teviot Row.*

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No. XXXII.

*From* REV. J. GARDINER *to* DR FYFE.

MY DEAR SIR,

It affords me great pleasure to have an opportunity of adding my humble testimony to your great abilities as a teacher of Chemistry and Pharmacy, the more particularly as you have become a Candidate for the honourable situation of Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in this University, at present vacant by the death of Dr Duncan.

I attended the lectures of the late celebrated Dr Murray on Chemistry, for two courses previous to my becoming one of your pupils in 1826. That Session your class was very crowded, and the great attention paid by the students afforded a strong and convincing proof of the high satisfaction with which your interesting prelections were heard.



Your style uniformly appeared to me clear and perspicuous, and, in unfolding some of the most intricate and most abstruse parts of the science, you never failed in rendering them capable of being understood by the youngest pupil in your class room. I cannot, by any means, on the present occasion, overlook the successful manner in which you performed the various experiments connected with the subjects of which you were treating. From your high attainments, therefore, as a Chemist, and your long practice as a public Lecturer on a department of science so closely allied to the subjects which must come under your consideration, if elected Professor, I have no hesitation in saying, that I know no man more capable than yourself of discharging with fidelity, zeal, and ability, the important duties of the situation to which you aspire. I may add, that if the Honourable the Patrons should be pleased to nominate you as the successor of Dr Duncan, they will confer, in my opinion, a boon upon our University, so long famed for having Professors of genius and talent.

Wishing you every success, and that you may obtain the praise-worthy object of your ambition,

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) JOHN GARDINER.

Edinburgh, May 16, 1832.

No. XXXIII.

*From MR PORTEOUS to DR FYFE.*

Edinburgh, Sept. 17, 1832.

MY DEAR SIR,

HAVING been informed that you have offered yourself as a Candidate for the Chair of Materia Medica and Phar-



macy in the University of Edinburgh, I beg to offer my testimony in your favour.

Having attended several of your courses of Lectures on Chemistry and Pharmacy, as also your courses on Practical Chemistry and Pharmacy, I feel able to judge in the most favourable manner of your qualifications, and great abilities as a Lecturer. The zeal and exertions you displayed for the benefit of your students, as well as your extensive knowledge of the different branches of medicine, cannot fail to be duly appreciated.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours obediently,

(Signed)

J. E. PORTEOUS,

*Surgeon, East India Company's Service.*

To Andrew Fyfe, M. D.

No. XXXIV.

From MR NASMYTH to DR FYFE.

13. W. George Street, Hanover Square, London,  
May 14. 1832.

MY DEAR SIR,

I AM delighted to learn that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in the University; in which I sincerely trust you will be successful, not only on your own account, in which I, in common with all who know your private worth, must feel interested, but also on account of the desire that I must feel, to see my *Alma Mater* obtain a worthy accessory in one who will ensure the scientific fame and practical usefulness of that Chair. Having benefited by several Courses of Lectures delivered in your public classes for Chemistry and Pharmacy, by the application of these in your practical laboratory, and been present at many of your public lectures at the School of Arts, I feel pleased to be able to bear testimony to the masterly manner in which you treat the subjects you profess to teach; and knowing many who have,



in like manner, benefited by your instructions, I can also vouch for the success with which you have taught the Principles of Chemistry in your class, and to the attractive and very satisfactory manner in which you have illustrated these, and shewn the practical application of them in your laboratory. Your peculiarly happy and perspicuous arrangement can only be exceeded by the indefatigable patience with which you explain the principles and practice of the Science, which your unwearied research made very interesting and complete. I have consulted you several times on subjects of Analysis and Practical Chemistry, and always with much satisfaction and benefit.

Allow me to subscribe myself,

Very sincerely and faithfully yours,

(Signed) ALEX. NASMYTH,

*Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of London.*

*To Andrew Fyfe, Esq.*

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No. XXXV.

*From DR OMOND to DR FYFE.*

4. Forres Street, May 14. 1832.

DEAR SIR,

HAVING been a pupil of yours about eight years ago, and having derived benefit from your instructions, I have great pleasure in stating my conviction, that so far as I am capable of judging, you are fully qualified to teach Chemistry and Chemical Pharmacy.—I am,

Your's faithfully,

(Signed) R. OMOND, M. D.

*To Dr Fyfe.*

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No. XXXVI.

*From MR SPENCE to DR FYFE.*

50. Great King Street, 15th May 1832.

MY DEAR SIR,

KNOWING you to be a candidate for the vacant Chair of Materia Medica and Pharmacy, and believing, from the



devotedness with which, for nearly twenty years, I have known you cultivate that branch of science combined with Chemistry, that you are eminently qualified to fill that Chair, with credit to its Patrons, with honour to yourself, and with benefit to the Public, I cannot withhold my testimony in your favour, feeble though it may be, and my best wishes for your success.

Your character, as a successful teacher of these Sciences, is too well known to your brethren, and to the public, for me to notice, and it would be equally arrogant in me to offer any remarks upon your writings, which have already received the approbation of those best qualified to judge of them; but you know, few have had the opportunities which I have enjoyed, of being with you in your private hours of study, and of seeing you, after a day of many hours laborious teaching, commence with renewed zeal, the earnest prosecution of your favourite pursuit, which nothing but an ardent and a real love of science could have produced. In the knowledge of your possessing these attributes, so essential to the success of a public teacher, I can yield to no one; and that you may meet the reward which your talents, industry, and private worth deserve, is the anxious wish of

Your sincere Friend,

(Signed) JOHN SPENCE.

To Andrew Fyfe, M. D.

&c. &c. &c.

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No. XXXVII.

From WILLIAM FERGUSSON, Esq. to DR FYFE.

Edinburgh, 2. Queen Street, 17th May 1832.

MY DEAR SIR,

HAVING attended one of your courses of Practical Chemistry and Pharmacy, I may presume to judge of your qualifications as a teacher. I remember well the great pains you took with your pupils, and the clearness of your de-



monstrations. Even at this distant period, I feel gratified with the instructions I received from you, and will at all times, with pleasure, add my testimony to those which you must already possess in your favour.

I am,

MY DEAR SIR,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) WM. FERGUSSON,

*Member of the Royal College of Surgeons.*

*Dr A. Fyfe.*

No. XXXVIII.

*Testimonial from DR HAMILTON Senior.*

MY friend, DR ANDREW FYFE, being a Candidate for the Professorship of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in the University, I beg to state in his favour on this occasion, that he formerly acted as my clerk or assistant in the Royal Infirmary for nearly two years. In this responsible situation, his opportunity of acquiring knowledge in the treatment of diseases, and in the use of medicines, was most extensive, and I can truly testify, was duly appreciated by him.

His knowledge of Chemistry and Pharmacy, of which he has given abundant proof, peculiarly fits him for fulfilling that part of the Materia Medica Chair, which is connected with the Pharmaceutical preparation of medicines. To his other acquirements, which are of a very superior order, I can also bear ample testimony, that his general conduct through life has been such, as in every respect to entitle him to the character of a gentleman. With these peculiar qualifications, I consider him in every way fitted for discharging the duties of the important Chair to which he aspires.

(Signed) JAMES HAMILTON,

*Honorary consulting Physician to the  
Royal Infirmary.*

Edinburgh, 18th May 1832.



No. XXXIX.

*From* DR WARDEN *to* DR FYFE.

42, York Place, Edinburgh, 19th May 1832.

MY DEAR SIR,

I HAVE great pleasure in acknowledging the very high opinion I entertain of your qualifications as a public lecturer, and of which I had ample opportunity of judging during the series of years that I was your pupil. The style of your lectures, I found remarkable for precision and clearness; and I had occasion to know that you were most successful in communicating a thorough knowledge of the subjects embraced by your courses of Lectures on Chemistry and Pharmacy. Allow me to add, that I have always appealed to you with confidence of obtaining the most recent intelligence, foreign and domestic, not only with regard to these particular sciences, but also on Therapeutics and general medical science. With these impressions, I consider you amply qualified to supply the vacant Professorship of Materia Medica in the University; and with sincere wishes for your success, I am, my dear Sir, very truly yours,

(Signed) ADAM WARDEN, M. D.

*Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons.*

No. XL.

*From* JOHN SAVERY, M. D. *to* DR FYFE.

Hastings, May 15. 1832.

MY DEAR DR FYFE,

I AM happy to hear you are a Candidate for the Chair of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in the University of Edinburgh; as I know no one who will fill it either with more honour to himself, or advantage to those who may be fortunate enough to receive his instruction, than yourself.



Your lectures, as well as your practical courses on Chemistry and Pharmacy, are clear and distinct, so that they cannot be misunderstood. I have received more instruction from them than from all I have attended besides. Your work on Chemistry and Pharmacy has raised your name very high amongst authors of this country; and I can only hope, both for the sake of the College of Edinburgh and yourself, that you may be successful.

I remain, dear Sir, yours sincerely,

(Signed)

JOHN SAVERY, M. D.

*Physician to the General Dispensary, Hastings.*

No. XLI.

*From R. L. MILLIGAN, M.D. to DR FYFE.*

*Lothian Street, 17th May 1832.*

MY DEAR SIR,

I HAVE your letter of to-day, and am glad to learn that you are a Candidate for the Chair of the late DR DUNCAN. Be assured that in this you have my best wishes.

As a pupil of your own, I gladly hail the opportunity you afford me by your request, to state how very amply I consider you qualified, in all respects, to fill the Chair of the late Professor above alluded to. Allow me, therefore, to say, that to speak of your abilities as a Chemist, as well as your intimate acquaintance with Pharmacy, would be idle; for with these qualifications, so peculiarly your own, the whole world is as well acquainted as I am myself. To myself, and all the men of my own standing, you are practically known to be possessed of the highest talent; and it may be only farther necessary for me to state, that I consider you as the fittest person to fill the Chair presently vacant in our University.

Wishing you every success, I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

(Signed)

R. L. MILLIGAN, M. D.

*Dr Fyfe, Teviot Row.*



No. XLII.

*From JOHN LYON, Esq. to DR FYFE.*

Leith High School, 21st May 1832.

DEAR SIR,

UNDERSTANDING that you have offered yourself as a Candidate for the Chair of Materia Medica, at present vacant in the University of Edinburgh, although it may appear presumptuous in me to give any opinion of your qualifications for the office, yet, as I had the pleasure of attending one of your courses of Chemistry, if you conceive that my testimony with regard to the Lectures can be of any service to you, you are heartily welcome to it. The lucid arrangement of the different parts of your course,—the clear and simple style in which your Lectures were delivered,—the masterly manner in which the experiments were performed,—and the way in which you handled the knottiest parts of your subject, clearly evinced that your acquaintance with the science was as intimate as your knowledge of it was profound. The deep attention, too, with which you were listened to by a numerous class, showed that you had acquired the difficult art of adapting your language to the capacities of your auditors, thereby rendering interesting the driest topics, and arresting the listless mind.

Impressed thus with a high sense of your great merits as a public Lecturer, and aware of the connexion of Chemistry with the subjects upon which the office to which you aspire calls to give prelections, I cannot but think, that if your application be successful, you will fill the Chair with the greatest honour to yourself and credit to the University.

I am,

DEAR SIR,

Your's truly,

(Signed) JOHN LYON.



No. XLIII.

*From* DR HORNER *to* DR FYFE.

Hull, 14th May 1832.

MY DEAR SIR,

I AM most happy to learn that you have become a Candidate for the Chair of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in the Edinburgh University. I am peculiarly gratified at this on two accounts; first, that your high and deservedly esteemed talents may be suitably rewarded, and secondly, that an opportunity is now afforded me of expressing those deep sentiments of honour and esteem for you as a preceptor, which I am sure every old Pupil, as well as myself, most sincerely feels. During all the five sessions I studied in Edinburgh, I attended your Lectures on Chemistry and Pharmacy, in addition to a course of Lectures on Chemistry, and on Materia Medica and Pharmacy, delivered at the University; and gratitude for the valuable instruction I then received, as well as justice to yourself, compels me to speak in the highest terms of your great, your peculiar qualifications as a public Lecturer; of your clear, distinct, and happy method of imparting knowledge. Neither should go unmentioned your general willingness, or rather wish to enter into conversation with your pupils after lecture, on those topics which were peculiarly interesting, or more difficult to be understood. With peculiar satisfaction I can dwell upon your courses of Practical Pharmacy and Chemistry which I also attended; it is here that the knowledge and tact of a teacher is particularly seen and appreciated, and I cannot, my dear Sir, speak too highly of your ability in this department, or be too thankful for the valuable rules and *keys* to the science which you then communicated. Indeed to you must I own myself indebted for whatever knowledge of Pharmacy and Chemistry which I now might be allowed to lay claim to.

Knowing then your talent, your ability, and love of science, I cannot but express my ardent wishes for your



success. Your father, by his labours and works on anatomy, gave additional name to the Edinburgh School of Medicine; and I am convinced that those whose duty it is to elect a Professor to the vacant Chair of Materia Medica and Pharmacy, will not find an individual more zealous, more able than yourself, to support the name and honour of the Edinburgh University.

I am,

DEAR SIR,

with the greatest respect and esteem,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) FEWSTER ROBT. HORNER, M. D.

*Physician to the Hull Dispensary.*

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No. XLIV.

*From DR PEACOCK to the PATRONS of the University.*

GENTLEMEN,

BEING given to understand, that the Chair of Materia Medica and Pharmacy, in the University of Edinburgh, is vacant, and that DR FYFE is a Candidate for it, I am anxious to add my testimony in favour of that gentleman. Having formerly been for two years a pupil and inmate of DR FYFE, I have had considerable opportunity of judging of his abilities as a lecturer and teacher of Chemistry and Pharmacy. As a lecturer, DR FYFE is remarkable for his constant endeavour to communicate what is useful and practical to his pupils; he gives all that is known, or worth knowing on the subject, in plain and intelligible language, taking up his hearer's time as little as possible with speculations on disputed points of minor importance; and hence I should conceive him particularly well qualified to teach Materia Medica, a subject so nearly allied to Chemistry and Pharmacy, and which, as it relates to matters of fact, ought to be treated in a precise and practical manner.



As a teacher of Practical Chemistry and Pharmacy, Dr Fyfe particularly excels. The mode of preparing the different medicines in the Pharmacopœia, and the whole series of Chemical and Pharmaceutical operations, he explains so clearly and concisely, that the student, with common attention, cannot but become acquainted with them. As to his work—the Elements of Chemistry and Pharmacy—it is almost needless for me to speak. That it evinces a thorough knowledge of his subject, and is written in a manner calculated to make others understand it, is admitted by all. The remarks which I made on his mode of lecturing, apply equally to his style of writing: it is well adapted for the use of students.

As a graduate for the University of Edinburgh, and having received a considerable part of my education there, I cannot but feel interested in the present election, and entertain a sincere hope that Dr Fyfe may be chosen, as I am convinced, from my own experience of what students require and esteem in their teachers, that he will answer every expectation; and by his high character as a scientific and well-informed man, he will sustain the credit of the Institution.

BEDDOES PEACOCK, M.D.

*Physician to the General Dispensary, Darlington.*

May 13. 1832.

Extract from Second Report.—Of Dr Fyfe's merits as a lecturer, the Directors had ample experience in the course he delivered last year, and in that which he has just finished, he has fully maintained that character for perspicuity in the treatment of his subject, and for skill in the choice and performance of his experiments, which render him so valuable an acquisition to this Institution.



## APPENDIX.

*EXTRACTS from the Annual Reports of the DIRECTORS  
of the Edinburgh School of Arts.*

At the conclusion of the first Session, the Secretary delivered an address to the Students, from which the following is an extract:—

“ I am sure you will all concur with the Directors in thinking, that no expression of thanks can too strongly convey the sense of obligation we must all feel to DR FYFE for his eminent services. No one, who has not had practical experience, can be aware of the labour of a course of lectures on Chemistry, where success depends so much on the judicious selection of experiments, and the dexterity of performing them; and very often, as the experiments appear simple and easy, so much the greater proof is there of labour in the previous preparation. You can all bear witness to the admirable perspicuity and plainness with which DR FYFE communicated his information, and with what care, and with what success, he illustrated his lectures by ingenious experiments. I am sure you must feel grateful to him for so much valuable instruction, and for a great deal of very valuable amusement.”

*Extract from Second Report.*—“ Of DR FYFE’s merits as a lecturer, the Directors had ample experience in the course he delivered last year; and in that which he has just finished, he has fully maintained that character for perspicuity in the treatment of his subject, and for skill in the choice and performance of his experiments, which render him so valuable an acquisition to this Institution.”



*Third Report.*—The subscribers must be aware how much the success of this Institution depends on the teachers; and its continued prosperity is the surest proof of the assiduity and skill with which these gentlemen have discharged their duties. Nothing but an ardent zeal in the prosecution of this good work could have inspired the unwearied industry which they have shewn."

*Fourth Report.*—"The Institution has continued to have the valuable assistance of DR FYFE in the lectures on Chemistry and the Chemical Arts, and the Directors hope that there is no chance of losing the services of so very valuable a Teacher."

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*Extract from the Speech of FRANCIS JEFFREY, Esq. at the Public Meeting of Subscribers in the School of Arts, at the close of the Third Session.*

"THE Subscribers must feel, that they have not discharged their duty, if they separate without returning thanks to those meritorious individuals, to whose exertions they were primarily indebted for the success of this institution—I mean DR FYFE and the other lecturers. When they took into consideration the inadequate remuneration which the limited funds allowed them for their lectures, and the time and labour occupied not only in the lectures, but in the preparation of their experiments, it would be at once admitted, that they were among the highest contributors to the Institution. Those only who attended the lectures could estimate the laborious duties in which those persons were engaged; and when they farther considered, that they were persons eminently qualified for other pursuits, that might have been more beneficial to themselves, but who, from a sense of benevolence, devoted their talents to those lectures, they might then duly estimate the magnitude of the benefit they had conferred on the Establishment. For these exertions, the only reward they had to bestow, was the expression of their gratitude. It was the most appropriate currency in which they could pay such



services, and will, I am sure, be of more value than any other reward, to those on whom it was bestowed. I request permission, therefore, to move, that the meeting do express their high approbation of the ability which DR FYFE and the other lecturers have displayed in their several departments ; and that the thanks of the Subscribers be conveyed to them, for their unwearied exertions in promoting the objects of the Institution."

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*Extract from the Speech of JOHN WOOD, Esq. Advocate, at the Public Meeting of Subscribers to the School of Arts, after the close of the Fourth Session.*

"I AM persuaded that the motion I am about to propose, will be met by the unanimous sanction of the meeting, as it had that of the Directors, and the voice of every pupil who had been within the walls of the School of Arts. There was no one who had heard the report, but must be aware of the strong obligation they lay under to DR FYFE and the other teachers. There was no one who witnessed their labours in the class-room, who had not anticipated that triumphant success which had this day been announced. When they considered the talents and knowledge of these gentlemen,—their kindly manner towards the students,—the adaptation of their lectures to the circumstances of those they taught,—it was not a boon of favour, but a debt of justice,—a duty they owed to themselves, to vote them their thanks. By doing so, they could not add an additional gratification to them ; for what could give more satisfaction to their minds, than being favoured to shed the light and the joy of knowledge on the souls of industrious mechanics ; to extend their usefulness, and open up to them a source of pure, rational, elegant, dignified, and edifying recreation for their leisure hours !—I beg to move, that the thanks of the meeting be given to DR FYFE and the other Lecturers, for the distinguished zeal and ability with which they have conducted their several departments."



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