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TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

GEORGE PATERSON, M.D. F.R.C.P.

PHYSICIAN TO THE ROYAL INFIRMARY OF EDINBURGH, AND LECTURER ON
CLINICAL MEDICINE,

AS CANDIDATE FOR THE

CHANDOS PROFESSORSHIP OF MEDICINE IN THE
UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS.

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TO THE VERY REVEREND
THE PRINCIPALS, AND THE PROFESSORS,
PATRONS OF THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE
IN THE
UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to offer myself as a Candidate for the CHANDOS Professorship of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, now vacant by the lamented decease of DR. REID.

In the capacity of a public teacher of Medicine, and in the superintendence of young men training for the Medical profession, I have, for a number of years, had considerable experience.

Since the year 1833, when I took my Medical Degree in the University of Edinburgh, I have been almost without interruption connected as Medical Officer with one or other of the Public Institutions of the City, to which Medical Students are in the habit of resorting to be trained in the practical duties of their profession. In the year 1841, (being one of the Medical Officers to the Edinburgh New Town Dispensary,) I was elected Physician to the Royal Infirmary, and am now the Senior Physician to that Institution. In this capacity I have delivered five complete Courses of Clinical Lectures in Medicine, qualifying for the Diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edin-

burgh, and various other public Examining Boards; and during two winter sessions I delivered a portion of the University Course on the same subject. As a Clinical teacher I have considered it my duty to apply the Theory and Principles of Medicine; and to point out the Therapeutical actions and uses of Remedies, not less than the Symptoms of diseases and the Morbid anatomical changes which result from them.

I have also, for several years, been one of the Examiners appointed to test the qualifications of Candidates for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians having Degrees from foreign Universities.

I hope soon to be able to lay before you the Testimonials which I have received from leading members of the profession in Edinburgh and elsewhere, who can state, from personal knowledge and observation, their opinion of my qualifications for the Office to which I aspire. Should I be so fortunate as to obtain it, I shall earnestly strive to maintain the reputation and privileges of your ancient Seat of Learning,—and in particular, so to discharge the duties of this Chair of Medicine as shall appear best calculated to render it efficient, and to promote the credit and interests of the University.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE PATERSON, M.D.,

Fellow and Secretary of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh; Senior Physician and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine in the Royal Infirmary.

15, DUNDAS STREET, EDINBURGH,

August 13, 1849.

TESTIMONIALS.

I.

From the late THOMAS SHORTT, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Physician to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine.

[[This Testimonial, and the following one, though obtained several years ago, when first entering upon professional life, are included in the present series, both from respect for the memory of the writers and the value still attached to the favourable opinion expressed by them.]

ROYAL INFIRMARY,
EDINBURGH, October 3, 1835.

I hereby certify that Dr. George Paterson, a Graduate of this University, acted for upwards of twelve months as my Clerk, in this Hospital. He was previously entrusted with the Pathological department of the house, and has since been attached to the Surgical Wards. In all these situations he has given very great satisfaction, and has shown a degree of zeal, talent, and industry, that is seldom to be met with. Dr. Paterson has had the advantage of a most liberal education, both literary and professional; and I have great pleasure in being able to add that I consider his attainments to be of the highest order.

THOMAS SHORTT.

II.

From the late J. W. TURNER, Esq., Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary

EDINBURGH, *October 8, 1835.*

MY DEAR SIR,—In complying with your request of giving you a testimonial of your services as House Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary since December last, I feel I should not be doing justice to you or to my own feelings, if I merely gave a formal certificate.

My observation of your professional knowledge and skill, of your attention to your duties, and of your honourable feelings and gentlemanlike conduct, while acting as my clerk, gave me a confidence in you which I felt of the greatest value, and makes me the more sensibly feel the loss I sustain in your departure. At the same time it gives me the best assurance of your success in your professional pursuits, which I will feel at all times most happy to promote.

I remain,

Yours most sincerely,

J. W. TURNER.

III.

From SIR GEORGE BALLINGALL, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Military Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

TAUNTON, SOMERSETSHIRE,
8th August 1849.

Dr. Paterson has been long known to me as a well educated, intelligent, and zealous cultivator of Medical Science.

His experience as a Physician to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and his successful teaching of Clinical Medicine in that Institution, have, in my opinion, qualified Dr. Paterson very fully for a Professorship of Medicine.

GEO. BALLINGALL.

IV.

From WILLIAM PULTENEY ALISON, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Practice of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 6th August 1849.

I hereby certify that I have been long intimately acquainted with Dr. George Paterson, Physician to the Infirmary here, and have a very high opinion of his abilities, information, professional judgment, and experience. Of all these qualities he gave ample evidence in assisting me during the Sessions 1846-7, and 1847-8, in the Clinical instruction in the Royal Infirmary here; and I have no doubt that if he were appointed to the Professorship at St. Andrews, he would be found, as a Teacher of Medicine, as Examiner for the Degree, and as a Practitioner, to be a most important and useful acquisition to the ancient city of St. Andrews.

W. P. ALISON, M.D.

V.

From ROBERT CHRISTISON, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 16th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in certifying my favourable opinion of your qualifications for the vacant

Professorship of Medicine at St. Andrews. As the title of the Professorship is general, so ought the qualifications for it to be extensive. The Professor of Medicine being the only Medical Professor in the University, he must, I presume, be an accomplished practical Physician, well trained in every branch of medical learning; but above all, conversant with the details of the practice of Physic, and with Pathology and Physiology, upon which it mainly rests. On these subjects your opportunities of acquiring knowledge have been such as are seldom enjoyed; and I can bear testimony to the assiduity and success with which you have cultivated them.

In a community like that of the University of St. Andrews, there are other qualifications which also appear to me of paramount importance, viz., general accomplishment, good manners, a kindly disposition, correct conduct, and firm integrity. Intimate acquaintance with you, since you were first a student of this University, nearly twenty years ago, enables me to assure the electors, that in all these respects they will find you all that they could desire.

With your experience in teaching, and the practical knowledge you possess of the capabilities of students, coupled with your stores of medical learning and science, you can be at no loss in conducting any course of medical lectures which it may be found advisable for you to undertake.

I beg in conclusion to add, that, in the event of your nomination to the vacant Chair, you will be found to possess the great advantage of being an experienced and prudent practitioner, in whose practical skill and sagacity your colleagues and others may place implicit reliance.—I am, yours most truly,

R. CHRISTISON.

VI.

From THOMAS STEWART TRAILL, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of
Medical Jurisprudence in the University of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY,
6th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in expressing the high sense I entertain of your attainments as a Physician, and your agreeable manners as a gentleman. These qualifications, combined with your success here as a Lecturer, point you out as eminently qualified to teach the Science of Medicine, wherever you may be called to conduct it.

With best wishes for your success, believe me to be, your sincere friend,

THOS. STEWART TRAILL.

VII.

From JAMES MILLER, Esq., Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh, and one of the Surgeons to the Royal Infirmary.

EDINBURGH, 51, QUEEN STREET,
10th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—Permit me to say, that I consider you, as must all who have the pleasure of your acquaintance, very fully qualified for the vacant Chair of Medicine in St. Andrews.

You are intimately acquainted with your profession in all its departments, and have the power of communicating your knowledge to others in no very common degree.—Believe me, my dear Sir, very truly yours,

JAMES MILLER.

VIII.

From WILLIAM THOMSON, M.D., Professor of Practice of
Medicine in the University of Glasgow.

GLASGOW COLLEGE, 8th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have received your note announcing your intention to offer yourself for the Chair of Medicine at St. Andrews, vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Reid.

With the knowledge I have had of you for a number of years past, I can sincerely say, and I do not feel it necessary to say more, that were I one of the Electors, I should consider myself most fortunate in having it in my power to give my vote to a Candidate in all respects, public and personal, so desirable as a colleague.—I remain, my dear Sir, very truly yours,

WM. THOMSON, M.D.

IX.

From ALLEN THOMSON, M.D., F.R.S.E., Professor of Anatomy
in the University of Glasgow.

COLLEGE, GLASGOW, 8th August 1849.

Having been well acquainted with Dr. George Paterson for many years, I readily accede to his request, that I should state my opinion of his qualifications for a Professorship of Medicine, with a view to his offering himself as a Candidate for the Chair now vacant in the University of St. Andrews.

Dr. Paterson having enjoyed all the advantages of an

extended general and professional education, has been led by his literary and scientific tastes to cultivate philosophical views of Medicine. His reading is extensive and various, and his language is fluent and correct. His lectures on Clinical Medicine in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, have shown that he possesses the power of communicating his knowledge in clear and appropriate language. I may add, that he possesses, in an eminent degree, that honourable feeling and urbanity of manners which are calculated to secure for a public teacher the respect of his pupils, and the esteem of his colleagues and the public.

I am not aware what branch of Medicine it may be thought desirable to have taught in connexion with the Chair now vacant in St. Andrews; but I have no hesitation in expressing my belief that Dr. Paterson, by his ability, tastes, and acquirements, will prove an acquisition in any Professorship of Medicine of which he undertakes the duties.

ALLEN THOMSON, M.D.

X.

From ALEXANDER FLEMING, M.D., Professor of Materia Medica in Queen's College, Cork, and one of the Editors of the "Monthly Journal of Medical Science."

Having known Dr. Paterson intimately for several years, and having had the advantage of acting for one year as Resident Medical Officer in the wards of the Royal Infirmary under his charge, I have had excellent opportunities of judging of his fitness to occupy the vacant Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews. Dr. Paterson

possesses an extensive and intimate knowledge of the literature of Medicine, British and Foreign, in the acquisition of which his familiarity with the continental languages has given him great facilities. In communicating his varied information to students, he is distinguished by perspicuity, sound judgment, and correct arrangement; a combination of qualities which has obtained for his Lectures on Clinical Medicine a very favourable reception from his pupils. Dr. Paterson is no less accomplished as a gentleman than as a Physician, and in his deportment to students is justly appreciated for his kindness and urbanity.

I believe him to be exceedingly well qualified for the appointment he now solicits.

ALEXANDER FLEMING, M.D.

XI.

From SIR WILLIAM NEWBIGGING, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and one of the Managers of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 14th August 1849.

I have been acquainted with Dr. Paterson for many years, and have now great pleasure in expressing the high opinion I entertain of him as a scientific and accomplished Physician. He is Senior Physician of our Royal Infirmary, and as such, has delivered several Courses of Clinical Lectures on the cases under his own care; and for the University, at the desire of the Medical Faculty thereof. These duties he has discharged to the entire satisfaction of the Managers, of whom I am one. This situation affords the best opportunity of acquiring extensive experience in the practical

part of the Profession of Medicine, of which I have access to know that Dr. Paterson has fully availed himself. I have no hesitation in stating it as my opinion, that Dr. Paterson, from his excellent moral and professional qualities, is eminently fitted to occupy the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews.

WILLIAM NEWBIGGING.

XII.

FROM ADAM HUNTER, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and lately a Manager of the Royal Infirmary.

18, ABERCROMBY PLACE,
EDINBURGH, 16th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I know not that my testimony will impart much additional weight to the value of the Certificates and Testimonials which you will receive from parties better qualified to judge of your merits as a Physician and a gentleman than I am; but as you have requested my opinion of your fitness for the appointment of Professor of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, now vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Reid, I most cheerfully comply with your wishes.

If I recollect aright, my first knowledge of you as a medical man began several years ago, while I acted as one of the Managers of the Royal Infirmary. To many of my colleagues your name was well known, and your merits were always spoken of in terms of the highest commendation, in consequence of the fidelity and zeal with which you had discharged the duties of Resident Clerk of the Infirmary some years previously. Your early appointment to the

more important office of Physician to the Institution under our care, was an undoubted proof of the opinion entertained; and from that date I had favourable opportunities of forming my own judgment, which, to the full, has realized all I had been led to expect of your abilities and professional attainments. During the years which have succeeded, your practical experience has been matured by careful observation of disease in the Wards of the Infirmary, while your powers of communicating knowledge on professional topics, have been cultivated by the successful courses of Clinical Lectures which you have delivered to the students attending the Medical School.

As you merit, so I heartily wish you success in your present canvass.—Believe me ever, my dear Sir, yours most truly,

ADAM HUNTER.

XIII.

From DAVID MACLAGAN, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh, and lately one of the Managers of the Royal Infirmary.

EDINBURGH, 9th August 1849.

I have known Dr. George Paterson for many years. It is with much pleasure I embrace the opportunity which his being a Candidate for the Professorship of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, affords me of bearing my testimony to his merits and qualifications. With the advantages of a good general, as well as professional education, and the opportunities, both of practical experience and of enlarged cultivation of Science generally, which he has enjoyed,

I know few persons better prepared to communicate to Students with facility and perspicuity, valuable information in Medicine and its collateral branches. The zeal, industry, and business habits Dr. Paterson has manifested in the discharge of his duties as Senior Physician, and as a Clinical Lecturer in the Royal Infirmary ; and more recently in the situation of Secretary of the Royal College of Physicians, and also as Secretary of the Committee of the Colleges of Physicians and of Surgeons on Cholera, are such as must be valuable in every situation. These qualities, along with the purity of his moral character, and the amiability of his disposition, are, in my opinion, well calculated to secure the esteem and confidence of his colleagues, and the respect and affection of his pupils.

DAVID MACLAGAN.

XIV.

FROM ROBERT RENTON, M.D., Fellow and lately President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh ; and a Manager of the Royal Infirmary.

Understanding that a vacancy has occurred in the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, by the lamented death of Dr. John Reid, I take the liberty of submitting to the notice of the Patrons of the Chair, the name of an individual as a Candidate for that appointment.

The gentleman alluded to is Dr. George Paterson, who has been well-known to the profession and myself for many years. During a considerable portion of that period, Dr. Paterson has officiated in the capacity of Physician to the Royal Infirmary, and has been engaged for several years

in lecturing on Clinical Medicine in that Institution. To his competency and success in both these capacities, the Managers of the Infirmary, both lay and professional, will, I am sure, be happy to give their willing and valuable testimony. If the patrons, in appointing a successor to Dr. Reid, are anxious to provide for the students a useful instructor in Medicine, practical and theoretical, I know few better qualified to fulfil their views in both respects than Dr. Paterson. With great professional zeal and knowledge, combined with extensive acquirements, literary and scientific, Dr. Paterson possesses the feelings and manners of a gentleman, and would, if elected to the vacant Chair, form a very agreeable, as well as a very effective colleague to his brethren in the University of St. Andrews.

R. RENTON.

XV.

From JOHN CAMPBELL, M.D., Fellow and one of the Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons, and lately one of the Managers of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 2, QUEEN STREET,
16th August 1849.

It affords me very great pleasure to offer my testimony in favour of Dr. George Paterson, who is a Candidate for the Chandos Professorship of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, vacant by the death of Dr. Reid.

I have known Dr. Paterson since the commencement of his professional career in Edinburgh, and have always regarded him as a gentleman of very superior talents and acquirements, who has cultivated the science of Medicine

with much ardour and success, not only in its general principles, but also in its practical details. I believe his medical and scientific attainments to be of the first order; and as he is also known as an able public teacher of Clinical Medicine, and is, besides, gifted with a ready and pleasing elocution, I consider his qualifications such as to entitle him to the strongest recommendation as a person most eminently fitted for filling the situation for which he is now a Candidate.

JOHN CAMPBELL.

XVI.

From JOHN G. M. BURT, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and one of the Managers of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

88, GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH,
18th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—The zeal and success with which you have cultivated and taught the Science of Medicine in its most important departments requires no testimony of mine; it being sufficiently well known here to your professional brethren, as it has been so often testified to by the numerous young gentlemen who have had the benefit of your example and direction.

The position which has been assigned to you in the Royal College of Physicians, appears to me to be the strongest evidence of the estimation in which you are held by those best qualified to judge of your professional attainments: and the esteem and gratitude of your pupils, which I have so often heard expressed, can leave no doubt as to your

fitness for any such Chair as that to which you aspire in the University of St. Andrews.

I cannot, as a Manager of the Royal Infirmary, omit to state, that on public grounds I should regret your being removed from Edinburgh, having witnessed the great interest you have taken in many important matters connected with the medical department of the Hospital, and valuing as I do the many suggestions you have so judiciously offered to the consideration of the Managers; nor can I otherwise than feel, that your leaving Edinburgh will deprive our College of a most valuable officer, and myself and others of the society of a talented and accomplished friend.

Wishing you all happiness in whatever sphere you may occupy,

Believe me always faithfully yours,

JOHN G. M. BURT.

XVII.

From DAVID CRAIGIE, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Editor of the "Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal," and formerly Physician to the Royal Infirmary.

EDINBURGH, 14th August 1849.

I have for several years known Dr. George Paterson as my colleague in the office of Physician to the Royal Infirmary. It is unnecessary to mention here what qualifications are requisite to enable any one to hold that situation, and how great opportunities of professional information the possession of such an office affords. Dr. Paterson is well known to possess an accurate and extensive knowledge both

of the theory and the practice of Medicine ; and I should think him perfectly well qualified to discharge creditably the duties which I understand are expected to be performed by the Professor of Anatomy and Medicine in the University of St. Andrews.

DAVID CRAIGIE.

XVIII.

FROM JOHN LIZARS, Esq., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, late Professor of Surgery to the Royal College of Surgeons, and Senior Operating Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

38, CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
17th August 1849.

DEAR SIR,—During the time we officiated together in the Royal Infirmary I had ample opportunities of observing your professional attainments, and can have no hesitation in stating that I consider you highly qualified to fill the vacant Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews. With every wish for your success, I remain yours truly,

JOHN LIZARS.

XIX.

FROM ALEXANDER WATSON WEMYSS, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and formerly Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

DENBRAE, 16th August 1849.

I have great pleasure in bearing my testimony to the talents and professional qualifications of Dr. George Pater-

son, who has been well known to me since the time when he acted as Resident Clerk or House Surgeon in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, in the year 1835.

Dr. Paterson is now the Senior Physician in that Institution—a situation of high trust and responsibility, and requiring the highest professional character and attainments. This appointment, I may also add, affords the most ample practical experience.

From the opinion I have formed of Dr. Paterson, I consider him eminently qualified to fill the Medical Chair in the University of St. Andrews, or any similar situation.

ALEX. WATSON WEMYSS.

XX.

From ROBERT SPITTAL, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and formerly one of the Physicians to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 16th August 1849.

I have had the pleasure of Dr. Paterson's acquaintance for a long period, and was his colleague as one of the Physicians of the Royal Infirmary for several years, where, more recently, Dr. Paterson has also officiated as one of the Lecturers on Clinical Medicine—both of these appointments necessarily embracing duties of a high order, and involving great responsibility.

Dr. Paterson has thus had ample experience as a lecturer and public teacher; and his style of address I know to be agreeable, easy, and elegant. His talents and acquirements I believe to be of a high order; while at the same time he has been gifted with a most amiable disposition.

For these and other reasons, I am of opinion that Dr. Paterson is well qualified to fill the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, vacant by the lamented death of my friend Dr. Reid.

ROBERT SPITTAL.

XXI.

From JOHN ROSE CORMACK, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, formerly Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence, and Editor of the Monthly Journal of Medical Science.

ESSEX-HOUSE, PUTNEY, *August 1849.*

Having had the pleasure of a long and intimate acquaintance with Dr. George Paterson, I feel no hesitation in saying that I believe him to be admirably qualified for the successful Teaching and Practice of Medicine. His knowledge of Medicine as a science is profound, and his familiarity with disease at the bedside is such as can only be possessed by those who, along with his talents and varied accomplishments, have enjoyed for a series of years his unrivalled opportunities of Clinical study.

His appointment to the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, would be, in my opinion, of great importance to that ancient seat of learning, as well as a benefit to the inhabitants of the City and neighbourhood.

JOHN ROSE CORMACK.

XXII.

From P. D. HANDYSIDE, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and formerly Lecturer on Anatomy, and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

66, QUEEN STREET,
EDINBURGH, 10th August 1849.

Dr. George Paterson, being a Candidate for the vacant Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, appears to me very fully qualified to execute the functions of that office.

To a highly accomplished mind and amiable manners, Dr. Paterson adds the quality of true devotedness to his profession, in which, by the consent of his brethren and the public, he occupies the position of a Physician of experience, observation, and rising eminence. As an accurate, scientific lecturer on Medicine, he has met with much success, and is cordially esteemed.

In the event of Dr. Paterson being removed to St. Andrews, the only matter of regret would be, that Edinburgh and its Medical School must thus be deprived of a Physician who has proved himself highly fitted to adorn both.

P. D. HANDYSIDE.

XXIII.

From A. H. DOUGLAS, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Physician to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine.

I have been long and intimately acquainted with Dr. George Paterson; and have had the honour to act as his colleague in the Infirmary of this city.

It affords me great pleasure to testify to the universal esteem in which he is held in Edinburgh.

Dr. Paterson is a skilful and an accomplished Physician ; he is an able speaker in public ; and he is an experienced teacher. He is also distinguished for his business habits, and for his courteous and amiable demeanour.

I consider Dr. Paterson pre-eminently qualified for the Professorship of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews ; and, in the event of the patrons electing him to that honourable office, I am very sure he will be found to be an able teacher, a valuable colleague, and a useful Practitioner of Medicine.

A. HALLIDAY DOUGLAS, M.D.

XXIV.

FROM JAMES ANDREW, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and Physician to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

15, QUEEN STREET, 13th August 1849.

MY DEAR PATERSON,—I am very happy to learn that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews. Your well known and established reputation as an accomplished Physician and gentleman, render it quite unnecessary for me to say anything on that point. As an acquaintance, friend, and colleague in the Infirmary, I have had many opportunities of knowing and fully estimating your professional worth, and active business habits. It is also well known to me how very highly your Lectures on Clinical Medicine have been esteemed by the most competent judges who have heard you lecture. I may add that it is not in the private school of Medicine alone

that your abilities have been tested : you have been well known in by-gone years as a first-rate working man in the Royal Medical Society and New Town Dispensary ; and you are at this day known to us as a valuable Member of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians, distinguished as the Senior Physician of the Royal Infirmary, and not less distinguished in having been on more than one occasion selected to deliver the University Course of Clinical Lectures, at a time when the Professors themselves, from illness and other unavoidable causes, were unable to officiate.

I beg you will accept my best wishes for your success, and believe me ever, sincerely yours,

JAMES ANDREW.

XXV.

From WILLIAM ROBERTSON, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and Physician to the Royal Infirmary and the Cholera Hospital, Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 8th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—In reply to your request for a testimonial as to your fitness to fill the vacant Medical Chair at St. Andrews, I beg to state, that I am sure you are capable of discharging the duties of a Professor, with credit to yourself and advantage to your pupils.

You have had long experience as an Hospital Physician in the Royal Infirmary, and in the course of your daily duties must have witnessed a vast number of cases of disease. As a Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, you must, of necessity, have studied many of your cases minutely, with a view to the instruction of your pupils in the class-room.

You have enjoyed and used the best opportunities of becoming well versed in the different branches of Practical Medicine. You possess the necessary qualifications of a lecturer, being a fluent and practised public speaker, and having already given to several Classes proofs of your ability as a teacher. I believe that the direction of your studies renders you qualified to lecture either upon Practice of Medicine, or upon Materia Medica and Therapeutics.

Believe me, my dear Sir, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM ROBERTSON, M.D.

XXVI.

From DOUGLAS MACLAGAN, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Lecturer on Materia Medica, and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

66, FREDERICK STREET, EDINBURGH,
11th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—It affords me much pleasure to testify to your talents and accomplishments as a Physician, and to express my belief in your qualifications to fill the vacant Chair of Medicine at St. Andrews.

An acquaintance of twenty years duration, during the whole of which period I have enjoyed the pleasure of constant friendly intercourse with you, has afforded me ample opportunity for forming, what I believe to be a just estimate of your character. I knew you first as a fellow-student noted for talent, diligence, and zeal; the appreciation of which qualities by your contemporaries was unequivocally expressed by their placing you in the distinguished position of Senior President of the Royal Medical Society. I had

thereafter the pleasure of being your colleague in the New Town Dispensary ; and subsequently in the Royal Infirmary, where you now hold the important appointment of Senior Physician, and have for some time delivered to the satisfaction of your pupils, Clinical Lectures on Medicine. In all these capacities I have found you manifesting that efficiency and success of which your career as a student gave promise.

Your brethren in the College of Physicians have recognised your worth by making you Secretary of the Royal College, and your professional zeal has lately been most amply tested by your being called upon to act as Secretary to the Committee of Inquiry on Cholera, a duty which you undertook with readiness, and have discharged with unflagging assiduity and industry.

Your thorough acquaintance with the principles of Medical Science, your ample and well used opportunities of practically studying the phenomena of disease, and your classical knowledge, both ancient and modern, render you, I think, a most eligible Candidate for the Chair which you now seek.

I would further add, that your amiable disposition and gentlemanly deportment, which have secured for you universal friendship here, constitute in my opinion no unimportant part of your qualifications for supplying the lamented vacancy at St. Andrews, where the fellowship of a colleague, who will be at once valuable and agreeable, must be so desirable for the comfort of those with whom you desire to be, and I hope to see you associated.

Believe me, my dear Dr. Paterson, yours very sincerely,

DOUGLAS MACLAGAN.

XXVII.

From JAMES DUNSMURE, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 26, CASTLE STREET,
7th August 1849.

Having been intimately acquainted with Dr. Paterson for fifteen years, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his literary and professional acquirements. In the early part of his career he became thoroughly conversant with the elementary principles, and latterly he has had most ample opportunities of acquiring a practical knowledge, of Medicine, having been attached for eight years as Physician to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, during five of which he has delivered Lectures on Clinical Medicine.

I have no hesitation in stating my belief that should he be appointed to the vacant Professorship in the University of St. Andrews, he will discharge the duties of the Chair with ability and zeal.

JAMES DUNSMURE.

XXVIII.

From JOHN GAIRDNER, M.D., Fellow and one of the Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 18, HILL STREET,
7th August 1849.

Doctor George Paterson of this place, Candidate for the Chandos Professorship of Physic at St. Andrews, has been well known to me for many years as an accomplished

and educated Physician. In the capacity of Physician to the Royal Infirmary, he has had large practical experience ; he has taught Clinical Medicine for some years very acceptably ; has an easy and clear style of language as a public speaker ; and will do honour, I do not at all doubt, to the office to which he aspires, if he have the good fortune to be preferred.

On these grounds, without prejudice to the claims of others, I offer this certificate in his favour.

JOHN GAIRDNER.

XXIX.

From JOHN THATCHER, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, and Lecturer on Midwifery.

14, PICARDY PLACE, *August 16, 1849.*

I have much satisfaction in stating that Dr. George Paterson has been known to me for several years as a practical physician. He has devoted his attention ardently to his profession, and he was appointed one of our physicians in the Infirmary, and lectured on Clinical Medicine. From what I know, I conscientiously believe that Dr. Paterson is thoroughly qualified to discharge every duty connected with a Chair of Medicine.

JOHN THATCHER.

XXX.

From JAMES BEGBIE, M.D., Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, and one of the Vice-Presidents of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh.

3, CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
EDINBURGH, 15th August 1849.

Dr. George Paterson, Candidate for the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, has been most favourably known to me for many years: from the commencement indeed of his Medical studies.

Dr. Paterson has enjoyed the advantages of a complete literary and medical education. He is possessed of talents of a high order, and of acquirements of great range. He is a graceful and fluent speaker, and conveys information in a clear and perspicuous manner.

He is a man of academic mind, and of most amiable and gentlemanly deportment, and altogether fitted to adorn any University.

J. BEGBIE.

XXXI.

From ROBERT NASMYTH, Esq., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and Surgeon-Dentist to her Majesty.

78, GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH,
17th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—In the prospect of your becoming a Candidate for the Chair of Medicine in the University of

St. Andrews, vacant by the death of our lamented friend Dr. John Reid, I have great pleasure in offering my testimony to your high qualifications for such a Chair. Your experience both in the practice of Medicine and in discoursing on its principles, which you have done so ably in your Lectures, gives every assurance that you will benefit in a high degree the pupils who may resort to you, and do much to maintain the reputation of the venerable College of St. Andrews.

With every good wish for your success, I am, my dear Sir, very truly yours,

ROBERT NASMYTH.

XXXII.

FROM ROBERT HAMILTON, M.D., F.R.S.E., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and late President of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh.

42, QUEEN STREET, *August 18, 1849.*

Having for many years enjoyed the pleasure of Dr. George Paterson's acquaintance, I can very cordially testify as to my conviction of his high qualifications for filling the Chair of the Chandos Professorship in the University of St. Andrews, to which he now aspires.

Endowed with superior abilities, which have been trained with care, and cultivated with assiduity—having enjoyed superior opportunities for professional improvement, of which he has availed himself with much perseverance and energy—possessing great good sense and first-rate business habits, high and honourable principles, amenity of manners and amiability of disposition—I consider that his ap-

pointment to the vacant Chair would prove in a high degree subservient to the cause of science and the character of the venerable University, as well as prove most satisfactory as it relates to the credit and comfort of its distinguished Professors.

ROBERT HAMILTON.

XXXIII.

From ROBERT OMOND, M.D., Fellow and one of the Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons, and a Manager of the New Town Dispensary of Edinburgh.

Having been associated during several years with Dr. Paterson in professional duties and pursuits, I can unhesitatingly bear testimony regarding him.

He has devoted himself with great ardour to the acquisition of medical knowledge, and having held various situations which afforded him full scope for practical as well as scientific observation, he has successfully availed himself of these advantages. He has great readiness in addressing others, and in communicating to Students the results of experience. His combined qualifications point him out as admirably fitted for the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews. And so far as I have observed among the medical men in Edinburgh of his own standing, there is none held in greater estimation for propriety of conduct and gentlemanlike behaviour.

ROBERT OMOND.

XXXIV.

From ANDREW WOOD, M.D., Fellow and one of the Examiners
of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh; Inspector
of Anatomy for Scotland.

9, DARNAWAY STREET,
10th August 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—Having known you long and intimately, I have no hesitation in bearing my humble but honest testimony in your favour as a Candidate for the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews.

You possess excellent abilities, unwearied industry, and a thorough and sound knowledge of the Science and Art of Medicine. As Physician to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary you have enjoyed good opportunities of acquiring practical experience in your profession, and of these you have always been ready to avail yourself. You have also delivered with success various Courses of Clinical Medicine. I may add, that your courteous manners, gentlemanly bearing, and moral worth, have secured for you the friendship and esteem of a numerous circle of your professional brethren in this city. Should the Patrons of the Chair at St. Andrews be pleased to choose you as Professor of Medicine, I feel certain that they will have no reason to repent of their choice.—I remain yours truly,

A. WOOD.

XXXV.

From PATRICK K. NEWBIGGING, M.D., Fellow and one of the
Examiners of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 13th August 1849.

I have been for many years intimately acquainted with Dr. Paterson, Senior Physician to the Royal Infirmary, and have had frequent opportunities of appreciating his extensive scientific knowledge.

Dr. Paterson is eminently endowed with the many qualifications necessary for a successful lecturer, being possessed of much natural talent, varied and accurate information upon all subjects connected with his profession, together with very considerable facility in imparting such to others.

I feel assured, that in the event of Dr. Paterson being appointed to the Chair of Medicine in St. Andrews, vacant by the death of my lamented friend Dr. Reid, he will discharge its duties so as to reflect the utmost credit upon that University.

PATRICK NEWBIGGING.

XXXVI.

From GEORGE WILSON, M.D., Lecturer on Chemistry, Edinburgh, and one of the Examiners for Medical Degrees in the University of St. Andrews.

EDINBURGH, 15th August 1849.

I very willingly testify that Dr. George Paterson has been known to me for many years, as an intelligent, accomplished, and experienced Physician.

He is also a ready, graceful, and fluent speaker, who could not but be welcome and successful as a public teacher, as he already is to all who have enjoyed the advantage of attending his Lectures. I feel assured that should Dr. Paterson be elected to the vacant Chair, he would faithfully and creditably fulfil its duties; and that his high moral character and pleasing manners would render him acceptable alike as a teacher and a colleague.

GEORGE WILSON.

XXXVII.

From HENRY LONSDALE, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and formerly Lecturer on Anatomy in Edinburgh; Physician to the Cumberland Infirmary.

CARLISLE, 15th August 1849.

Every one acquainted with the Edinburgh School of Medicine during the last few years must have met with Dr. Paterson, either taking part in the discussions of the learned Societies attached to that famous *Alma Mater*, where his eloquence and knowledge were alike conspicuous; or actively engaged in the Wards of the Royal Infirmary, in the more arduous pursuits of Pathology and Medicine.

Few men have had such excellent opportunities of cultivating Medicine and the collateral Sciences; and Dr. Paterson has sedulously availed himself of them.

It affords me much pleasure to speak of his popularity and success as a teacher of Medicine, and of his general attainments and talents.

HENRY LONSDALE.

XXXVIII.

From WM. WALKER, Esq., Surgeon, Lecturer on Ophthalmic Surgery, and Surgeon to the Eye Dispensary of Edinburgh.

47, NORTHUMBERLAND STREET,
EDINBURGH, *August* 16, 1849.

I have very great pleasure in stating, that I have been long and intimately acquainted with Dr. George Paterson, and consider that he possesses abilities of no ordinary character.

Dr. Paterson, after receiving an extended general and medical education, was appointed one of the medical officers to the Edinburgh New Town Dispensary, which office he held for several years; he was then, in 1841, elected Physician to the Royal Infirmary, and is now the Senior Physician to that Charity; in both of these situations Dr. Paterson has had ample opportunities of acquiring a thorough practical and theoretical knowledge of his profession, and I well know that he has made an excellent use of those opportunities.

Since Dr. Paterson's connexion with the Royal Infirmary he has delivered several courses of Lectures on Clinical Medicine, which have been well attended, and I have invariably heard those lectures spoken of by the students as being not only well delivered and polished prelections, but also as conveying in a well digested form a large amount of sound practical information.

Should Dr. Paterson be elected by the Patrons to the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, now vacant by Dr. Reid's decease, I am confident that they will

have every reason to congratulate themselves on having secured the services of so accomplished a physician and gentleman.

WM. WALKER.

XXXIX.

From ROBERT BOWES MALCOLM, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 76, GEORGE STREET,
August 17, 1849.

I have been, for above twenty years, intimately acquainted with Dr. George Paterson. He is a gentleman of the highest respectability as regards personal character; a physician of first-rate professional talents and acquirements; and, in my opinion, he is eminently qualified to undertake the duties of Professor in any Chair of Medicine or the collateral Sciences.

ROBERT BOWES MALCOLM.

XL.

From CHARLES RANSFORD, M.D., Alnwick, Northumberland, Fellow and lately Treasurer of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

ALNWICK, *August 1849.*

I have had the pleasure of Dr. George Paterson's friendship seventeen years. During that time we have been intimately associated, first at the Royal Medical Society, of which he was the Senior President—then

as Clinical Clerks in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh—and lately in the Royal College of Physicians, in which he holds the important office of Secretary. Dr. Paterson's education has been complete and extensive. I have heard him lecture on Clinical Medicine, and can testify to his perspicuity of style, his elegance and fluency of speech, and his profound acquaintance with his profession, not only as refers to its literature in the English and Continental languages, but equally in its practical details. Dr. Paterson has been in the habit of contributing to the Journals, for which his facility of writing and his habits of business peculiarly qualified him. On these accounts, I believe him particularly qualified to discharge, with credit to himself, as well as with advantage to the University of St. Andrews, the important duties of the Chair of Medicine, now vacant by the lamented death of our mutual friend Dr. John Reid. Dr. Paterson's honourable and upright character, his desire to uphold the respectability of his profession, and his uniform kindness of manner and gentlemanly bearing, will render him an acquisition wherever these qualities, combined with erudition and practical experience, are appreciated.

CHARLES RANSFORD.

XLI.

From CHARLES BELL, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, &c. &c.

3, ST. COLME STREET, 15th August 1849.

During the many years I have had the pleasure of Dr. Paterson's acquaintance, I have had frequent opportunities of seeing him, and on all occasions he has impressed me

with the utmost respect for his varied acquirements. His abilities are naturally excellent, and he has cultivated them highly. He possesses an extensive knowledge of Medical Science, and he has shown an indefatigable industry in the pursuit of information. He speaks fluently, and has a remarkable facility in communicating his ideas. That this opinion is generally entertained in the profession is obvious, from the honourable appointments he has held in the different Medical Societies of which he is a Member; and more especially from his having been, almost ever since he became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, one of the Council, and a Member of the Library Committee. The talents and application which he has shown in the performance of the important duties thus imposed on him have been the subject of the highest approbation. From these circumstances I consider him eminently fitted for the Professorship for which he is now a Candidate; and should he succeed in obtaining it, I feel convinced that he will fulfil the duties with honour to himself and advantage to the University.

CHARLES BELL.

XLII.

From W. A. F. BROWNE, M.D., Physician to the Crichton Institution, Dumfries.

Dr. Paterson is known to me as a Physician who has for many years occupied a most respectable position in Edinburgh both as an active Member of his College, and as a Practitioner; whose education was of the most liberal description, whose scientific attainments have connected him with the most distinguished Members of the Medical

Profession, and whose connexion with the public Hospitals has afforded him the most ample means of observation—as a public teacher who applies to his duty of illustrating the principles and practice of Medicine unwearied investigation, combined with the most careful discrimination and judgment, and whose Lectures were regarded as a digest of the History of Disease as well of his personal experience—and as a man of cultivated and enlightened mind, and most pure and upright character, who has already been much intrusted with the education of youth, and who is eminently qualified for communicating scientific knowledge in a clear, comprehensive and attractive manner, and especially for the duties of the Chair in the University of St. Andrews to which he now aspires.

W. A. F. BROWNE.

XLIII.

FROM THOMAS WRIGHT, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Physician to the New Town Dispensary, and Physician and Accoucheur to the Royal Public Dispensary, Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, 17th August 1849.

I have been in the habit of attending the Hospital Practice and Clinical Lectures of Dr. George Paterson, and have derived great advantage from the clear and well digested illustrations of disease which he has given in them. I consider that his intimate acquaintance with the literature of medicine, his reputed high attainments in the practical department of the Profession, and the talent for business which he has shown when on the Council and

Committees of the College of Physicians, indicate him to be eminently qualified for the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

XLIV.

From EDWARD CRIPPS, Esq., Surgeon to the Birmingham General Dispensary.

BIRMINGHAM, *August 16, 1849.*

I feel proud of having an opportunity of adding my testimony to that of other members of the medical profession, as to the capabilities of Dr. George Paterson as a teacher of medicine.

During more than three years I was a pupil of Dr. Paterson's, and for twelve months enjoyed the privilege of being his supernumerary clinical clerk in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. During this time I had ample opportunities of observing the manner in which his clinical class was conducted, and the estimation in which he was held by his pupils; and I feel sure that all of them will agree with me, when I express my grateful sense of the advantages which I derived from the untiring zeal and energy with which the lectures were conducted—from the lucid style in which they were delivered—and from the kind manner in which Dr. Paterson was always ready to impart his knowledge to others at the bed-side.

I may perhaps be allowed to add, that Dr. Paterson's high literary attainments, and the gentlemanly and honour-

able feelings which invariably actuate his conduct, must render him an honour and an ornament to any public body to which he may be attached.

EDWARD CRIPPS.

XLV.

From DAVID SKAE, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Resident Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, and formerly Examiner for Medical Degrees in the University of St. Andrews.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the qualifications of Dr. George Paterson, for the Chair of Medicine now vacant in the University of St. Andrews.

Dr. Paterson has for many years been connected with the most important Medical Institutions of Edinburgh, and for the last eight years has been Physician to the Royal Infirmary. In that capacity, Dr. Paterson has lectured on Clinical Medicine in the Medical School of this city for some years.

I can speak with great confidence of Dr. Paterson's powers as a public lecturer, having had frequent opportunities of hearing him address public audiences. He is possessed of remarkable fluency, and communicates knowledge with great clearness, precision, and elegance.

The high esteem with which Dr. Paterson is regarded by his professional brethren in Edinburgh is sufficiently attested not only by his position as Physician to the Infirmary, and his success as a Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, but by his being one of the Examiners, and also the Secretary of the Royal College of Physicians.

I feel assured that if Dr. Paterson should be elected to

the Chair for which he is now a Candidate, he will prove himself highly qualified for the duties of that important office.

DAVID SKAE.

ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM,
17th August 1849.

XLVI.

FROM WILLIAM G. GAIRDNER, M.D., Pathologist to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and one of the Editors of the "Monthly Journal of Medical Science."

EDINBURGH, 18, HILL STREET,
August 17, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—Having had the advantage, at different times, of listening to your instructions, observing your hospital practice, and acting under you in various capacities in the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, I am happy to think that the expression of my opinion of your qualifications as a physician or as a lecturer is considered by you likely to promote your interests in any way.

I can say, with the fullest confidence, that the Professors of the University of St. Andrews will find in you, if appointed to the vacant Chair of Medicine, a most able and accomplished physician, a clear and instructive lecturer, and an excellent and intelligent colleague.

I may very safely leave the detailed statement of your qualifications to those who can speak of them with more propriety than your juniors in the profession.

Believe me, my dear Sir, yours very truly,

W. G. GAIRDNER.

XLVII.

From W. H. LOWE, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, and Resident Physician to the Saughton Hall Institution for the recovery of the Insane.

BALGREEN, SLATEFORD, *August 18th, 1849.*

MY DEAR SIR,—It is with very great pleasure that I unite with our professional brethren in certifying to your talents and acquirements in Medicine, and in particular to your fitness for the Chair of Medicine now vacant in St. Andrews. As a Teacher, I believe you to possess a happy facility in imparting information, and as a speaker your style is perspicuous and attractive.

During the time I was a President of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh, I had frequent occasion to admire your extensive bibliographical knowledge, nor can I forget that you took an active share in the preparation of the "Catalogue Raisonné" of its valuable library. As a gentleman and a Physician, I believe you eminently to possess all those qualifications which will at once commend yourself, and shed lustre on the University to which you are desirous of attaching yourself. With my very sincere wishes for your success,

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

W. H. LOWE.

XLVIII.

From THOMAS G. WEIR, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Secretary and Physician-Accoucheur to the New Town Dispensary of Edinburgh.

I have very great pleasure in stating, that I have been intimately acquainted with Dr. George Paterson for thirteen years, and that I have the highest opinion of his professional attainments. He has enjoyed the best opportunities at home and abroad of acquiring a theoretical and practical knowledge of the several branches of medicine ; and has so availed himself of these advantages, that, should the Patrons of the University of St. Andrews elect Dr. Paterson to fill the vacant Chair of Medicine, I can with confidence affirm that they will find him possessed of such distinguished qualifications, both as a Lecturer and Physician, as eminently fit him for the discharge of all professional duties.

THOMAS G. WEIR.

XLIX.

From D. NELSON, M.D., Physician to the Queen's Hospital, and Professor of Clinical Medicine in Queen's College, Birmingham.

The qualifications of Dr. George Paterson as a Physician and as a Professor came under my daily observation for a period of more than twelve months. I very closely studied his practice in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh during that time, and had also the benefit of hearing the Clinical Lectures which he delivered there in the room of

Dr. Pulteney Alison. It is my conviction that Dr. Paterson is a Physician of sound and enlarged views, particularly skilful in the combination of therapeutical agents under complications of disease, as well as in the detection of such complications. His lectures indicated a long familiarity with all branches of science appertaining to medicine, and he showed much judgment in his method of making them all bear their part in the exposition of that one great and essential object—the art of healing. I consider him highly qualified for a Chair of General Medicine: because, apart from any one of the auxiliary sciences, he combines all in elucidating the philosophy of physic; and because he possesses the talent of an elegant delivery, calculated to explain the niceties of actual practice in a most clear and comprehensive manner.

D. NELSON.

L.

From J. R. W. Vose, M.D., Physician to the Infirmary,
Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, *August 17, 1849.*

I have known Dr. George Paterson for many years. From a very early age he has enjoyed, and uninterruptedly, the amplest means of acquiring a knowledge of Medical Science.

I have every reason to believe that Dr. Paterson has profited by his opportunities; and that, from his long experience as a teacher, he is fully qualified to undertake the duties of a Professor of Medicine.

J. VOSE.

LI.

From ALEXANDER GILLESPIE, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and formerly a Manager of the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, *August 20, 1849.*

DEAR SIR,—It gives me much pleasure to add my testimony to your qualifications for the situation of the Chandos Professorship of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews.

I have known you for more than ten years,—at first as Physician's Clerk, and, for the last eight years, as Physician and Clinical Lecturer on Medicine in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh. I consider you an accomplished Gentleman and Physician, and highly qualified for the situation to which you aspire.

Wishing you success,—I am, DEAR SIR,

Yours sincerely,

A. GILLESPIE.

LII.

From JOHN TAYLOR, M.D., Fellow and Treasurer of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH, *20th August, 1849.*

Having been intimately acquainted with Dr. George Paterson for many years, I can, with equal confidence and pleasure, bear my feeble testimony to the high sense I en-

tain of the qualifications he possesses ; and which, in my opinion, fit and entitle him to aspire to the honour of occupying the Chair for which he is now a Candidate. He has been for some time in the habit of lecturing ; is an able and fluent speaker ; an accomplished scholar and physician ; and, from having been associated with him in the preparation of a Catalogue for the Library of the Royal College of Physicians, I can state most truly that he applies himself most zealously and conscientiously to the discharge of any duty he undertakes.

On these grounds, I have no doubt whatever that should he be successful in his present application, he will not only do justice but honour to the appointment.

JOHN TAYLOR.

LIII.

FROM THOMAS SHAPTER, M.D., Physician to the Devon and Exeter Hospital, the St. Thomas' Hospital for Lunatics, the Exeter Lying-in Charity, Author of "The Climate of Devon," &c. &c.

EDINBURGH, *August 18, 1849.*

The qualifications of Dr. Paterson as an Hospital Physician, Clinical Teacher, and recorder of medical observations, have earned for him a well merited reputation in this country. For these reasons, and from my own personal knowledge of his amiable disposition, gentle manners, and peculiar tact in inducing a love of well directed study in the Student, I feel assured the University of St. Andrews, by electing Dr. Paterson to the vacant Chair of Medicine, will very greatly add to their celebrity as a school of Medicine.

T. SHAPTER.

LIV.

From JOHN SCOTT, M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, and Physician in Ordinary to Her Majesty for Scotland.

EDINBURGH, 4, RUTLAND STREET,
20th August 1849.

I have for many years known Dr. Paterson to be an able and intelligent Physician intimately acquainted with his profession, and of active and industrious habits. From his position in Edinburgh he has acquired great experience and practical knowledge, and is held in high esteem by his medical brethren. Dr. Paterson has been a successful and zealous teacher of Clinical Medicine, and I believe is in every way well qualified for the Professorship of Medicine, for which he is a Candidate.

JOHN SCOTT.

LV.

From WILLIAM FERGUSSON, Esq., F.R.S., Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of London and Edinburgh, Surgeon to King's College Hospital, and Professor of Surgery at King's College, London; formerly Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

16, GEORGE STREET, HANOVER SQUARE,
17th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have already given a Testimonial to one of the Candidates for the Chair now vacant in the University of St. Andrews, but I cannot, on that account, refrain from stating my conviction that you would ably fulfil the duties of that Chair, were you appointed in place of my late friend Dr. Reid.—Believe me, my dear Sir, your's faithfully,

WM. FERGUSSON.

LVI.

From the Honourable the MANAGERS OF THE ROYAL INFIRMARY
OF EDINBURGH.

At an ordinary meeting of the Managers of the Royal Infirmary, held this day, it was unanimously resolved to grant to Dr. George Paterson, their Senior Physician, the following testimonial of his services, in consequence of an intimation that he is a Candidate for the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews.

Dr. Paterson already holds a certificate from the Board of Management as it existed in 1835, testifying to the value of his services during a period of upwards of three years, in the several capacities of Interim Special Supernumerary Clerk, and Special Supernumerary Clerk of the House, (to which office the duties of Pathologist were then attached), of Resident Physician's Clerk, and Resident Surgeon's Clerk. And it appears certain, that it was principally in consequence of the great ability, zeal, and fidelity with which he discharged these duties that he was appointed, at an early age, in 1841, one of the Physicians of the Infirmary. Since that appointment, Dr. Paterson has merited the highest approbation of the Managers, through a period now extending to eight years, within which are included two of the most extensive epidemics ever remembered in Edinburgh.

The Managers do not take it upon them to speak of Dr. Paterson's merits as a Clinical Teacher; but in as far as the Infirmary is concerned, the Clinical Courses which he has given, as well in the Ordinary Wards as in the Clinical

Wards, have been conducted entirely to their satisfaction ;
and, as they are convinced, on the fullest inquiry, with
the greatest professional ability.

In the name of the Board,

WILLIAM SELLER, M.D.,

President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh,
CHAIRMAN.

Extracted from the Minutes of the Infirmary, by

PETER BELL,

Clerk to the Incorporation.

ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH,

20th August 1849.







