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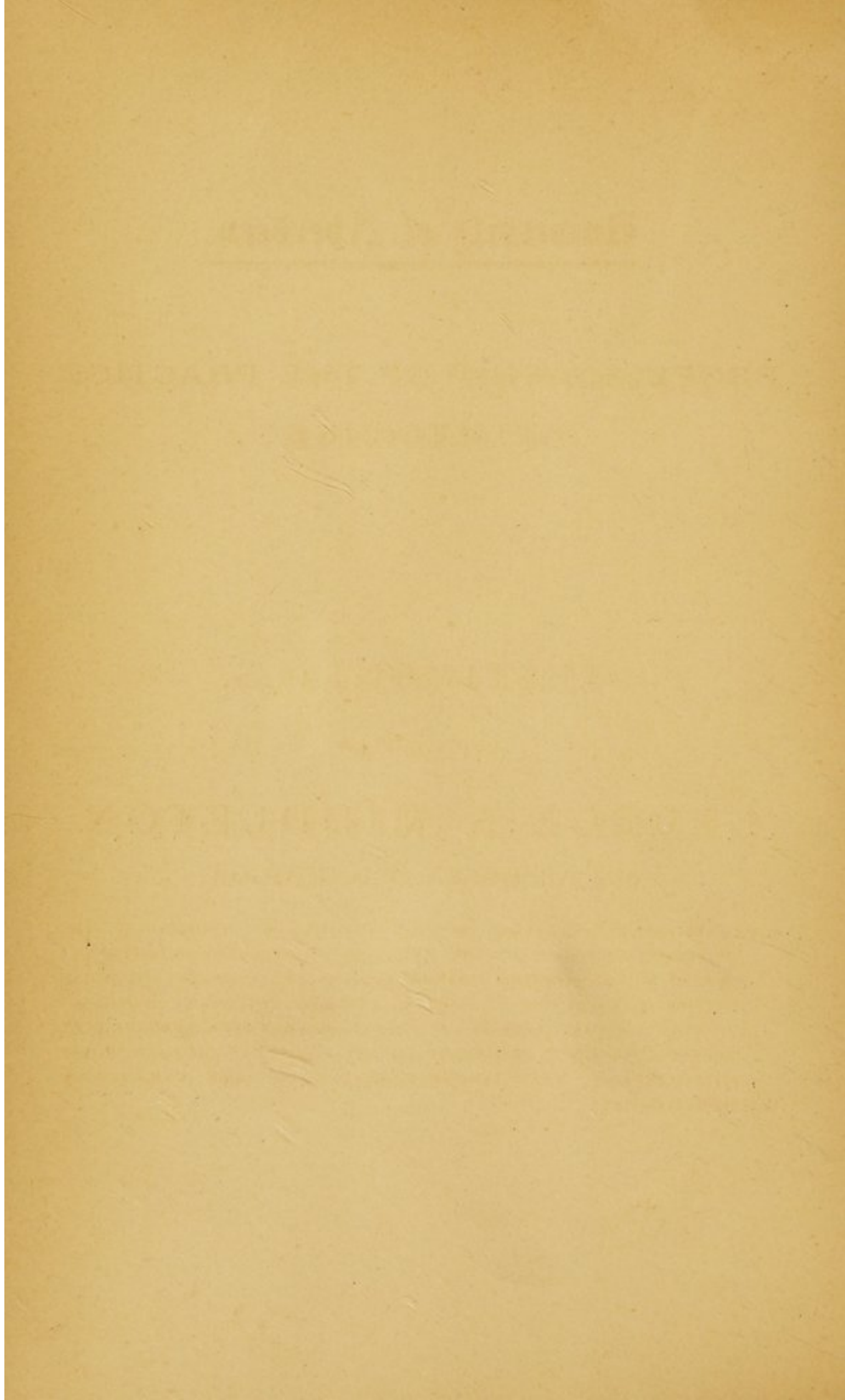
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TO THE MOST HONOURABLE

THE MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN, K.T.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND.

MY LORD,

I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Practice of Medicine at present vacant in the University of Aberdeen.

I was born in Aberdeen in 1853, and received my education in that city. I passed through the Arts Curriculum in the University there, taking the degree of Master of Arts with Honours in Mathematics in 1872. I studied medicine in the University of Glasgow, graduated as Bachelor of Medicine with Honours in 1876, and proceeded to the Degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1884, receiving for my Thesis the highest distinction which the University awards.

Having spent three years as resident physician in the general and fever hospitals in Glasgow, with the object of acquiring a practical acquaintance with my profession, I commenced practice here in 1879, and since that date I have been engaged in hospital work and in the teaching of medicine.

For the past eleven years I have been assistant to Dr. Gairdner, Professor of Practice of Medicine in the Uni-

versity of Glasgow, and Physician to the Western Infirmary. In that capacity I have during every winter session conducted tutorial classes in connection with his Class of Practice of Medicine in the University, have assisted him in all the work of the class examinations, and have performed the duties of the Chair in his absence. At the Western Infirmary, both in winter and in summer, I have given regular courses of demonstrations to his classes on the methods of physical diagnosis, on clinical chemistry, etc. In addition, it has been my duty to examine all the cases admitted to Dr. Gairdner's wards, and to supervise the reports of the clinical clerks, as also to give clinical lectures and demonstrations in Dr. Gairdner's absence.

Since 1880 I have annually conducted a class in Practice of Medicine, which, though quite optional, has during the past three years had an average attendance of fifty senior students.

From 1879 to 1881 I was one of the Physicians to Anderson's College Dispensary, and from 1882 to 1889 Assistant-Physician to the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. I availed myself of these positions not only for acquiring a large practical acquaintance with disease, but also for gaining experience in clinical teaching.

Since the beginning of 1885 I have held the office of Assistant-Physician to the Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

In addition to this purely medical work I have paid considerable attention to Pathology, having carried on investigations in the laboratories of both the Royal and the Western Infirmaries, the results of which have been published in various papers. A list of these and of various

contributions to the literature of medicine and clinical medicine is appended. I may add that for ten years I have been a frequent contributor of Reviews and Translations of current medical literature to the pages of the *Glasgow Medical Journal*.

It is on the ground, therefore, of a not inconsiderable experience of medicine, both in its theoretical and in its practical aspects, and of the teaching of both, that I base my present application, in support of which I beg to submit the testimonials which follow.

I have the honour to be,

Your Lordship's most obedient Servant,

GEO. S. MIDDLETON.

19 SANDYFORD PLACE,
GLASGOW, 3rd July, 1891.



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TESTIMONIALS.

From THE VERY REVEREND JOHN CAIRD, D.D., LL.D.,
Principal of the University of Glasgow.

THE UNIVERSITY,
GLASGOW, *July 7, 1891.*

I CAN, of course, speak only by hearsay of DR. MIDDLETON'S scientific and professional qualifications, but I can confidently bear testimony to the excellent work he has done, and the high reputation as a teacher which he has attained, in this University. He was a very distinguished student in the classes of the Medical Faculty, and at the close of his studies he took his degree with honours. For the last eleven years he has acted as Assistant to the Professor of the Practice of Medicine, Dr. Gairdner, to whose testimony as to the efficiency and success with which he has discharged the various duties of that office—conducting the tutorial work of the classes, both systematic and clinical, and frequently delivering lectures—I beg to refer. Dr. Middleton has proved himself to be possessed of the qualities that go to the making of a good teacher. He is a thorough master of his subject, he has the gift of clear and methodical exposition, he can appreciate the wants of the students, and he has the capacity of awakening their interest and sustaining their attention. I understand that he has done not a little for the advancement of medical science by original research. By his abilities and

attainments he has won for himself the general respect of the medical profession in Glasgow ; and, I may venture to add, that by his high personal character he has gained the esteem of the professors and students of this University, as well as of a wide circle of friends. I have no doubt that he is thoroughly competent for the duties of the Professorship of Medicine for which he is now a candidate.

JOHN CAIRD.

From W. T. GAIRDNER, M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P.E.; Regius Professor of Practice of Medicine in the University of Glasgow; Physician in Ordinary to Her Majesty the Queen in Scotland; Physician to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
1st July, 1891.

HAVING had, more than anyone else, I believe, occasion to know and appreciate DR. MIDDLETON, more especially in his qualifications as a teacher, during eleven years past, it would be extremely ungrateful on my part were I not to aid him, to the utmost I can, in his candidature for the Chair of Medicine in Aberdeen. And such aid can be given most effectually, perhaps, by the simple statement of the fact, that during these eleven years from 1880 onwards, all the tutorial work in my classes, both Systematic and Clinical, was for several years conducted by him alone, and latterly by him with another, and junior, assistant. Dr. Middleton has thus acquired a thorough knowledge of the wants and the ways of medical students, and a large and fruitful influence over them in their studies. He has also very frequently lectured for me, when called away or when ill accidentally, often on the shortest notice, and always with acceptance.

I may say quite frankly that the loss of his services would be a considerable one to me, as I am now able with entire confidence to rely upon him as my substitute, whenever I am prevented in any way from acting personally, and the experience thus acquired by Dr. Middleton is such as must have fitted him in a high degree for an independent Professorship.

But, besides thus acting in a subordinate capacity, Dr. Middleton has largely engaged in original research, as is shown by the list of his publications, among which I would specially mention those on valvular heart disease, pseudo-hypertrophic paralysis, descending sclerosis, rheumatic subcutaneous nodules, etc., as being full of valuable information.

Dr. Middleton is a graduate in Arts of Aberdeen University, and is most emphatically a highly educated man, all round, and a most thoroughly trained and competent physician. He is well known to the whole medical profession here as such, and has always held a high position among us. I may be permitted specially to allude to his diligent work in the Dispensaries and in the Sick Children's Hospital, to his Monday demonstrations on Physical and Clinical Diagnosis, and to his numerous appearances before the various Medical Societies, as affording evidence, apart from his duties in the University, of his accomplishments as a physician and his high general culture.

In short, I do not know anyone in Scotland so well fitted out for immediate entrance on the teaching of the Art of Medicine as Dr. Middleton.

W. T. GAIRDNER.

From SIR DYCE DUCKWORTH, M.D., LL.D. (Edin.); *Fellow and Treasurer, Royal College of Physicians; Physician and Lecturer on Medicine at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; President of the Clinical Society; Honorary Physician to H.R.H. The Prince of Wales; Member of the General Medical Council.*

11 GRAFTON STREET, PICCADILLY,
LONDON, W., 20th June, 1891.

DOCTOR GEORGE S. MIDDLETON has for some years been most favourably known to me as one of the most eminent and rising of the younger physicians in Glasgow.

I am therefore not surprised to learn that he aspires to a Professorship of Medicine.

His training and accomplishments appear to justify to the utmost his candidature for the vacant Chair of Practice of Physic at Aberdeen, and I feel sure that if Doctor Middleton be elected as successor to Professor Smith-Shand he will largely aid in maintaining the good fame of the Medical School of that ancient University.

Doctor Middleton will bring strength to any body to which he may be attached, and I think he will not fail to inspire his pupils with energy and enthusiasm.

It will afford me pleasure to hear of his appointment.

DYCE DUCKWORTH.

From J. S. BRISTOWE, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., LL.D.; *Senior Physician and Joint Lecturer on Medicine in St. Thomas's Hospital; late Examiner in Medicine at the University of Oxford.*

13 OLD BURLINGTON STREET, W.,
29th June, 1891.

DR. GEO. S. MIDDLETON'S name is familiar to me as that of a hard-working and able physician. His contributions to Medicine and to Pathology, which are numerous, are all

of much value ; and judging from them and from the posts he has held and holds in Glasgow, I have no doubt he is excellently well qualified for the Chair of Practice of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen.

J. S. BRISTOWE.

From W. B. CHEADLE, M.D., F.R.C.P. : Physician and Lecturer on Medicine, St. Mary's Hospital ; Senior Physician, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street ; late Examiner in Medicine at the Universities of Cambridge and Durham.

19 PORTMAN STREET, PORTMAN SQUARE, W.,
19th June, 1891.

I HAD the advantage of making the personal acquaintance of DR. MIDDLETON at the meeting of the British Medical Association held in Glasgow in 1888, and I worked in close association with him in the Section for Diseases of Children.

I formed a high opinion of Dr. Middleton's ability, and of the value of his Medical and Pathological work.

Dr. Middleton's academic distinction, his training in association with Dr. Gairdner, and the excellent work he has done in scientific medicine, render him in my judgment highly fitted for the Chair of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen.

W. B. CHEADLE.

From A. ERNEST SANSOM, M.D., F.R.C.P. ; Physician to the London Hospital ; Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence and Public Health, London Hospital ; Examiner in Medicine, University of Durham.

84 HARLEY STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
20th June, 1891.

I AM anxious to add my testimony to that of others in favour of DR. GEORGE S. MIDDLETON, and to say

that in my opinion he is highly qualified for the post of Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen. The work that he has done in Pathology and in Clinical Medicine is of high value. I am glad to express my obligations to him as a worker in the field of Cardiac Pathology.

A. ERNEST SANSOM.

From W. WHITLA, M.D., Q.U.I.; Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Queen's College, Belfast; President of the Ulster Medical Society; Physician, Belfast Royal Hospital.

8 COLLEGE SQUARE NORTH,
BELFAST, July, 1891.

I HAVE much pleasure in testifying to the high position attained by DR. MIDDLETON as a Clinical Teacher of Medicine. Trained under one of the greatest living physicians for many years, he has fully availed himself of his inestimable advantages, and already has given ample proof to the world of his high literary attainments and aptitude for the most advanced original research.

I have had the privilege of a personal knowledge of Dr. Middleton's bedside teaching, which greatly impressed me by its clearness, forcibleness, and genuine thoroughness.

Whilst a loss to the Medical School of Glasgow, he will, if elected, be a very great gain to the University of Aberdeen.

W. WHITLA.

From SIR GEO. H. B. MACLEOD, M.D., F.R.C.S.E. & I.,
F.F.P.S.G.; *Regius Professor of Surgery in the*
University of Glasgow; Surgeon in Ordinary to Her
Majesty the Queen in Scotland; Member of the General
Medical Council; Surgeon to the Western Infirmary,
Glasgow.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
June, 1891.

DEAR DR. MIDDLETON,—I am glad to hear that you are a candidate for the Chair of Practice of Medicine now vacant in your old *alma mater*, Aberdeen. Your long and special training and experience as a teacher in that department of medical science fully entitle you to the promotion you seek. Here you have made for yourself an admirable position, and enjoy a well-deserved reputation as a careful and accurate observer, and a truthful and reliable recorder; and I may be allowed to add that your modesty and absence of self-assertion have gained the respect and esteem of all. For many years you have been closely connected with the teaching of Medicine in both the Hospital and Class-room, and as you have paid much attention to Pathology on which Medicine so much rests, your preparation for such a post as you now seek has been as complete as it could possibly be. I am aware that in Hospital, Dispensary, and private practice, you have seen much of practical work, so that I consider myself warranted in asserting that your claims on the Aberdeen Chair are very strong, and such as, in my opinion, cannot be easily set aside.—I am, dear Dr. Middleton, yours faithfully,

G. H. B. MACLEOD.

From JOHN G. M'KENDRICK, M.D. (Aberdeen), F.R.S.,
LL.D.; *Professor of the Institutes of Medicine in the
University of Glasgow; formerly Fullerian Professor of
Physiology in the Royal Institution of Great Britain.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
27th June, 1891.

DR. GEORGE S. MIDDLETON has requested me to express an opinion as to his fitness for the Chair of Practice of Medicine, now vacant in my *alma mater*, the University of Aberdeen, and I comply with much pleasure, both because I feel sure of his strong claims for such an appointment, and because I desire to promote the professional success of one for whom I have been led to cherish a high esteem. He has been intimately known to me during the time he has acted as assistant to my colleague, Dr. Gairdner, and I have observed his earnestness and success as a teacher, and his zeal in prosecuting research in the higher departments of Medicine. Dr. Middleton is thoroughly familiar with all the modern methods of Pathological research, more especially as bearing on the practical problems of Clinical work, and he has much of that calmness, clearness, and strength of judgment that one expects to find in a successful physician. He is also a man of wide culture, and of generous sympathies. He is an excellent lecturer, and he has had much experience in the management of large classes of students. The training he has had is the best that he could have chosen to qualify himself for the office he now seeks, and I feel sure that if he were appointed he would prove an able and successful Professor, and a valuable addition to the Senate of the University of Aberdeen.

JOHN G. M'KENDRICK.

From T. M'CALL ANDERSON, M.D., F.F.P.S.G. ; Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Glasgow ; Physician to the Glasgow Western Infirmary, and to the Hospital for Diseases of the Skin.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,

June, 1891.

I AM pleased to hear that my friend, DR. MIDDLETON, has decided to apply for the vacant Chair of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen, because I believe that he is *in every way* eminently qualified for the post, and that his appointment would contribute to the increasing reputation of that important centre of medical education.

He is a Master of Arts, with Honours, of Aberdeen, and a Doctor of Medicine, with High Commendation, of Glasgow University. He has devoted himself specially to the study and teaching of Medicine, and has had great experience in teaching and in examining, in connection with my colleague Prof. Gairdner's Systematic and Clinical Courses. I am aware that he has contributed materially to the success of these classes, and that he is much liked by the students.

His papers on Medicine and Pathology are numerous and varied : they are of a high order of merit, and show that he has cultivated his profession in the true scientific spirit.

It would therefore, in my opinion, be difficult to find a more eligible candidate, and I sincerely trust that he may be successful in his application.

T. M'CALL ANDERSON.

From WILLIAM LEISHMAN, M.D., F.F.P.S.G.; Regius Professor of Midwifery, University of Glasgow; Physician for Diseases of Women, Glasgow Western Infirmary; Member of the General Medical Council.

11 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, 18th June, 1891.

HAVING known DR. G. S. MIDDLETON since he was a student in our University, and being, I believe, cognisant of every step in his professional career, I feel every confidence in expressing the high opinion which I entertain in regard to his intellectual and professional attainments.

During the fifteen years which have elapsed since he terminated a brilliant University career by taking his degree *with honours*, he has built up for himself a lasting reputation as an accomplished physician and an able teacher. His special training in the latter capacity under such a chief as Dr. Gairdner, as well as the manner in which he has availed himself of his opportunities, place him, in the prime of life, in a position which will entitle him to aspire to such a position as he now seeks to fill in the University of Aberdeen; and I can only express my sincere conviction, that if he be selected to fill the vacant chair of Practice of Medicine, his rich experience and many talents cannot fail to secure for him a future of brilliant success as a teacher in the University to which he owes his early training.

WILLIAM LEISHMAN.

From M. CHARTERIS, M.D., F.F.P.S.G.; Professor of Therapeutics and Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow.

3 KIRKLEE GARDENS,
GLASGOW, W., 24th June, 1891.

I HAVE no hesitation in saying that I believe DR. MIDDLETON to be eminently qualified to fill the position

of Professor of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen. He is an accomplished writer, a lucid lecturer, and his experience has been gained by the careful work of many years in Dispensary and Hospital practice.

His appointment would be received with approbation by the profession generally, and would add to the growing fame of the medical school, to which he would be attached.

M. CHARTERIS.

From JOHN CLELAND, M.D., LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.; *Professor of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow.*

THE UNIVERSITY,
GLASGOW, 26th July, 1891.

THOUGH circumstances compelled me to take a close interest in the practice of the medical profession for a longer period than is usual among teachers of Anatomy in Scotch Universities, I leave it to those who are still engaged in the treatment of diseases to speak in detail of DR. MIDDLETON'S special acquaintance with the subjects taught from the Chair for which he is now a candidate.

But I can depend on my personal knowledge of Dr. Middleton when I state that he is reflective and thorough, worthy of his Aberdonian origin, one who is certain to gain the confidence and respect of students, and to give them those clear ideas which can only be imparted by one whose own ideas are well thought out and distinctly defined; and I may add that I hear him spoken of in the highest terms by men who have studied under his tuition, in whose soundness of judgment I can completely rely.

JOHN CLELAND.

From GEORGE BUCHANAN, M.D., LL.D., F.F.P.S.G.;
Professor of Clinical Surgery in the University of
Glasgow; Surgeon to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

193 BATH STREET,
 GLASGOW, 4th July, 1891.

I HAVE much pleasure in recommending DR. GEORGE S. MIDDLETON as well qualified for the Chair of Practice of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen.

His experience as assistant to the Professor of Practice of Physic in the University of Glasgow, and also as clinical assistant and tutor in the wards of the Western Infirmary, must have given him the kind of training required for the duties of the chair; while his experience in practice, both hospital and private, has made him well acquainted with the subjects he would be called on to teach.

If he is appointed, I am sure he would fulfil the duties of the office most satisfactorily.

GEORGE BUCHANAN.

From JOSEPH COATS, M.D., F.F.P.S.G.; *Pathologist,*
Glasgow Western Infirmary; Lecturer on Pathology in
the University of Glasgow; Assistant Physician to the
Western Infirmary; Editor of the "Glasgow Medical
Journal."

31 LYNEDOCHE STREET,
 GLASGOW, June, 1891.

THE qualifications of DR. GEO. S. MIDDLETON are well known in Glasgow, but, as they may be less understood elsewhere, I have much pleasure in giving my testimony regarding them. Dr. Middleton has the double advantage of having been an earnest student, and of having had opportunities for observation and teaching almost from the beginning of his professional career.

I have had, in my capacity as Editor of the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, and in many other ways, the opportunity of knowing how Dr. Middleton has kept himself abreast of modern medical science. He is decidedly a keen and critical student of all that is advanced in regard to his own special lines of work. He has exhibited this to my entire satisfaction in many critical reviews of books in the *Glasgow Medical Journal*. As these notices are unsigned, I am not at liberty to cite particular instances, but I may say that Dr. Middleton is amongst the most constant and valued contributors in this department.

His clinical experience has been unrivalled, his long connection with Professor Gairdner giving him an advantage which it is difficult to estimate. This connection early introduced him to the practical work of teaching, and it is one of the advantages of his career that he learnt the art of teaching while still within a short distance of the students' benches, and therefore in a position to understand the students' needs. I need scarcely add that, in all respects, Dr. Middleton is worthy of regard as a man. I wish him all success in his present application.

JOSEPH COATS.

From WILLIAM MACEWEN, M.D., LL.D.; Surgeon and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.

3 WOODSIDE CRESCENT, CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, July 6, 1891.

HAVING been intimately associated with DR. MIDDLETON in many medical investigations having a surgical bearing, I have much pleasure in testifying to his eminent capacity for teaching medicine.

He possesses an intimate acquaintance with all the scientific methods of research, is a clear, careful, inductive reasoner, who cannot be induced or cajoled into formulat-

ing an opinion one step beyond the limits warranted by the facts. He is most painstaking and methodical in his investigations, has a thorough grasp of details, and a wide and sound knowledge of his subject.

His power of imparting information is clear and concise. He is an ardent lover of truth, and entertains a high ideal of his profession.

His life and habits have been purely academic. I believe him to be in a high degree capable of performing all the duties incumbent upon the Professor of Medicine in Aberdeen University.

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From HECTOR C. CAMERON, M.D., F.F.P.S.G.; *Surgeon and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow; Member of the General Medical Council.*

200 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 3rd July, 1891.

DR. GEORGE S. MIDDLETON acted for six months as my house-surgeon in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary immediately after taking his medical degrees; and, although he has since devoted his time and attention exclusively to the study and practice of medicine, I have all along known him intimately and watched his career with interest. He is now a candidate for the vacant Professorship of Practice of Physic in the University of Aberdeen, and has asked me to express my opinion regarding his qualifications for the discharge of the duties of such a chair.

Dr. Middleton has already had much experience in teaching the subject to large numbers of students of the University of Glasgow; and, while his success in such work will no doubt be amply testified by Professor Gairdner, whose assistant he is, it may not be out of place for me to

say that I know he has always been a favourite with the students, both on account of the thoroughness of his knowledge and of his facility in communicating it.

He has never allowed his attention to be distracted from this special department of study and practice by the keen cultivation and the engrossing claims of general practice ; but has worked faithfully and steadily since his student days at the subject of medicine alone in the hospital, in the class-room, and in private practice. No better training can possibly be conceived, and his published writings are a good proof of his earnestness and his success.

Dr. Middleton is a man of high character, upright and honourable ; while I believe he has all the qualities which are likely to ensure his being a good colleague. For these reasons, I believe, he may be expected, if appointed, to bear his full share in sustaining the great reputation of the University of Aberdeen as a School of Medicine.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.

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294 BATH STREET,
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DR. GEORGE MIDDLETON has been long and familiarly known to me, and I have had exceptional opportunities of becoming acquainted with those talents and acquirements which seem to me to point him out as a most eligible candidate for the Chair of Practice of Medicine in Aberdeen University.

Dr. Middleton is a scholar in the best sense of the word, a point of the utmost importance in one who aspires to be a teacher, as it is the best guarantee against narrow or

crotchety views in the presentation of medical doctrine, much of which is as yet beset with so much doubt and difficulty. His Arts degree is sufficient warrant for his training in classics and philosophy, and his knowledge of French and German gives him ready and immediate access to the stores of medical literature in these languages, and of which, I know, he has so fully availed himself.

He has been fortunate in serving under such a distinguished master as Professor Gairdner of Glasgow, whose assistant he has been for many years. In this capacity he has often been called upon to fulfil all the duties incident to a Clinical Teacher, and an expositor of Theoretic Medicine; and it is matter of repute how judiciously and well he has discharged those duties. As a lecturer he is clear and concise, with a ready command of language, and a manner that never fails to interest and stimulate students.

His contributions to medical literature show what a close and accurate observer he is, and have gained for him in Glasgow a place in the front rank of the junior members of the profession.

All things considered, I can hardly conceive of a more eligible candidate for the post, and should he have the good fortune to secure the appointment, I am convinced he will reflect no little credit on Aberdeen University, and enhance the repute of its Medical School.

SAMSON GEMMELL.

*From Present and Past ASSISTANTS TO THE PROFESSORS
IN GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.*

UNIVERSITY, 3rd July, 1891.

DEAR DR. MIDDLETON,—Having heard that you are a candidate for the Chair of Practice of Medicine in the

University of Aberdeen, we, your fellow-assistants, desire to take the opportunity of testifying to the respect and the regard in which we hold you.

For the honourable office to which you aspire we believe that you are specially fitted, partly on account of your long experience as Assistant to Professor Gairdner, but largely because of the conspicuous scientific ability displayed both in your teaching and in your published work. Your personal influence as a teacher has been for many years an important factor in our Medical School, and should you be successful in your application your removal from Glasgow would be widely regretted, not only among your students, but also by a large body of former students and fellow-workers, who would nevertheless rejoice to hear of your well-deserved promotion.

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*From Graduates in Medicine of the University of Glasgow,
former pupils of Dr. Middleton.*

June, 1891.

AS former Students of Medicine in the University of Glasgow, we have heard with much satisfaction of the candidature of DR. GEO. S. MIDDLETON for the Professorship of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen.

We remember very gratefully the sound and thorough instruction we received from Dr. Middleton both in the class of Systematic Medicine and in practical Hospital work—instruction which greatly assisted us in our studies, and the value of which our subsequent practical experience has enabled us to estimate still more highly. Dr. Middleton as a teacher we always found clear, earnest, patient, and scientific, anxious to give his pupils a firm grasp of the principles of the Science of Medicine and a thorough practical knowledge of the diagnosis and treatment of disease; and sparing no pains to secure these results. In the class-room Dr. Middleton proved himself a capable and suggestive lecturer, and in the Hospital wards we always found him a highly competent teacher, giving us real practical instruction with clear explanations of the scientific basis upon which his clinical practice was founded. We have the most kindly recollections of Dr. Middleton's unfailing courtesy, and of the example which he afforded us as a considerate and scientific physician.

It is with much pleasure that we express very heartily our sense of Dr. Middleton's complete fitness for the position to which he aspires, and our conviction of the added strength his appointment would bring to the important Medical School of the University of Aberdeen.

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