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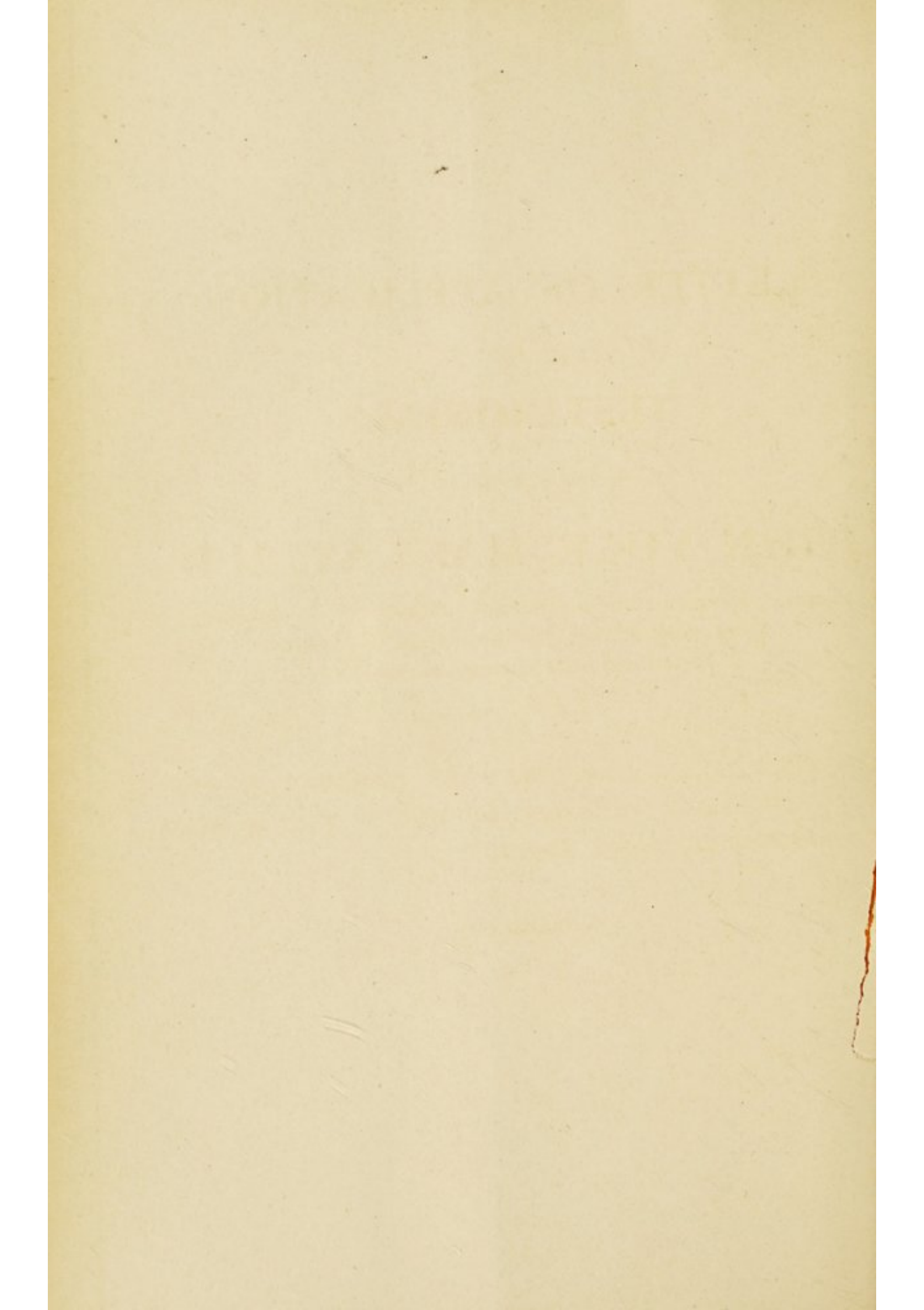
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*To the*

COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
OF SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE UNIVERSITY,  
GLASGOW, *27th January, 1893.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Anatomy which you have founded in the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire.

I am thirty-three years of age. I studied in the University of Glasgow, and took in the year 1882 the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery, and subsequently in 1885 that of Doctor of Medicine.

I have been for more than ten years Demonstrator of Anatomy in this University, having in the summer previous to my graduation been appointed a junior on the staff. In the following year I succeeded to the senior position, and my duties since then have included the regular delivery of winter and summer courses of lectures and demonstrations on Human Anatomy and its practical applications to Medicine and Surgery, and I have had in my hands the entire management of the dissecting room. I have also for some years been in the habit of delivering a summer course of lectures on Embryology. I have had under Professor Cleland the special advantage of witnessing the formation of a large and important museum of Human and Comparative Anatomy, and my attention has been constantly directed to the method of preparing and preserving specimens for permanent display.



In the winter 1886-87, I gave a course of lectures on Anatomy and Physiology to the working classes in the east-end of Glasgow, and I have been appointed a lecturer under the "University Extension Scheme" of this University.

While attending to my teaching duties, I have devoted a portion of my time to Anatomical research, and I send with this letter a list of my publications. During the last two years I have been engaged, in association with Professor Cleland, in preparing a text-book of Human Anatomy.

I forward a set of Testimonials, a number of which were used in a recent application for the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YULE MACKAY.

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- Hermaphroditic Malformations. *Memoirs and Memoranda*.
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## TESTIMONIALS.

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

DR. MACKAY'S position as an Anatomist is now so generally admitted that he may be said to be independent of testimony on this subject from me.

His ability as a thinker and trained observer is exhibited beyond dispute by his original researches, especially that by which he is best known—his memoir on the "Arterial Arches of Birds," published in the *Philosophical Transactions*. All Embryologists know how much the name of Rathke is revered as that of a great and reliable authority, yet, in that memoir, it was Dr. Mackay's felicitous fortune to correct Rathke's work, precisely in the department in which he has been considered specially authoritative, detecting errors by acuteness of reasoning, and establishing his own views by laborious observation. His other memoirs show the same scientific grasp, and, in particular, his "Arterial System of Vertebrates Homologically Considered" is an important communication displaying remarkable insight.

But while Dr. Mackay has earned by original work a place in the foremost rank of anatomical investigators, it is more particularly my duty to attest his ability and success as my principal coadjutor in all which pertains to this large Anatomical School. For ten years he has been accustomed to superintend a practical class, numbering between three and four hundred, and to train students in methods of careful and complete dissection, and his experience includes the delivery of a complete course of public Demonstrations every winter,



summer courses of Embryology, and lectures on Histology given for me in my absence.

As a lecturer he is ready and fluent, and has the art of interesting and attaching students. He has the tact to preserve the strictest discipline without resort to other authority than his own, his approval being valued and his censure received as just.

Most of all is it to be noted that he is energetic and sagacious in managing the business of the Practical School, and thoroughly conversant with the conduct of the delicate arrangements on which the efficiency of an anatomical department is dependent.

During his time the art of preservation has been brought in this school to such perfection that not only is disagreeable odour unknown in the rooms, save in exceptional circumstances, but we are able to use the material for the finest details of microscopic work. He has given me his help in planning a temporary addition to the dissecting rooms, which proved so successful that the firm who erected it was employed both at Cambridge and Oxford to build similar structures, and since then he has assisted in planning to carry out arrangements by which a healthy and convenient building has been secured for the reception and preservation of supplies. Also, during the whole time that he has held this appointment, he has constantly seen all kinds of museum specimens in progress of preparation before his eyes.

It will certainly be very difficult indeed to find any one more likely than Dr. Mackay to give effective supervision to the building and arranging of a new school.

While, therefore, I shall be sorry to lose his valuable services and support, I can have no doubt that, if appointed to Cardiff, he will be an immense help to the establishment there of a successful Anatomical School.

JOHN CLELAND.

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*From* ALEXANDER MACALISTER, M.D., F.R.S., *Professor of Anatomy in the University of Cambridge.*

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 22nd, 1892.

MY DEAR DR. MACKAY,—Your position as an Anatomist of foremost rank and of original power of research is so well recognised that there is little need of formal testimonials in support of your



candidature. The work you have done in connection with vascular morphology is of such conspicuous merit, and shows so much patient and laborious research, that it alone would be sufficient to establish your reputation. But you have also in other branches advanced our knowledge of Anatomy.

With your experience of a large University School, I cannot imagine any candidate better fitted to fill a Chair of Anatomy than you are.—With best wishes, very faithfully yours,

ALEX. MACALISTER.

*From E. A. SCHÄFER, F.R.S., Professor of Physiology and Histology in University College, London; Editor of "Quain's Anatomy."*

LONDON, 21st December, 1892.

DEAR DR. MACKAY,—I fear that my opinion as to the qualifications of candidates for a Chair of Anatomy is of far less value than that of many of those who have given you testimonials. But I need have no diffidence in saying that the part of your original work which I am competent to form an opinion about, viz., your paper on the "Development of the Branchial Arterial Arches," is, in my opinion, a contribution to research of the first rank, and affords evidence that your future labours in the same field would do credit to the holder of any Chair of Anatomy and Morphology in the kingdom.—Believe me, dear Dr. Mackay, yours faithfully,

E. A. SCHÄFER.

# TESTIMONIALS USED IN A CANDIDATURE FOR THE CHAIR OF ANATOMY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN (JULY, 1889).

*From ISAAC BAYLEY BALFOUR, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., Professor of Botany in the University of Edinburgh.*

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN,  
EDINBURGH, 22nd July, 1889.

MY DEAR MACKAY,—That you should be successful in your application for the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen is my



earnest hope. A more competent occupant could not be found, and in saying this I speak from personal knowledge of you and your work of no ordinary kind.

Your capacity for teaching you proved first as my assistant in the University of Glasgow for three years, and afterwards as assistant to Professor Cleland, and your appearances as a public lecturer, outside the University of Glasgow, speak further to your ability and skill as an imparter of knowledge. Your original memoirs tell their own tale of your powers as an investigator, and to your excellent personal qualities your general popularity testifies. Add to all this the fact that your wide scientific training has developed sympathies with all branches of Science, and knowledge of others besides the one you now specially profess, and your equipment for a successful career as Professor, appears to me to be most complete.

I sincerely wish you success on this occasion. If I can assist your candidature by a detailed expression of opinion to any one, I shall be glad to give it, and I shall trust to you making use of any support I can give you in the way that may be most serviceable to you.—Believe me, yours very sincerely,

ISAAC BAYLEY BALFOUR.

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*From* J. BURDON SANDERSON, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., *Professor of Physiology in the University of Oxford.*

OXFORD, 18th July, 1889.

DR. J. Y. MACKAY has given me the opportunity of expressing my opinion of his qualifications for the post of Professor of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen.

Dr. Mackay's capabilities as an investigator, and his remarkable power as a thinker and observer, are evidenced by his important contributions to Comparative Anatomy, especially those on the vascular system of the Porpoise, and on the development of the branchial arches in Birds, and on the morphology of the arteries in Vertebrates generally.

His special knowledge of the details of Human Anatomy, and his interest in the subject, and in its application to Surgery, are as clearly proved by his more recent anatomical papers, and by his able revision of Professor Cleland's "Dissector."



Having had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Mackay lecture on Anatomy, I can state that he appears to me to be a first-rate Lecturer and Demonstrator. He has perfect command of his subject, and has the faculty of retaining the attention of a large audience of Students.

J. BURDON SANDERSON.

*From J. BELL PETTIGREW, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., Chandos Professor of Medicine and Anatomy, and Dean of the Medical Faculty of the University of St. Andrews.*

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS,  
19th July, 1889.

HAVING known DR. JOHN YULE MACKAY for several years from being brought frequently into contact with him when I was examiner in Anatomy at the University of Glasgow, and being familiar with his numerous dissections and important contributions to Comparative and Human Anatomy, and being moreover cognisant of his success as a Demonstrator and Teacher of Human Anatomy for many years at the prosperous School of Medicine at Glasgow University, I have great pleasure in strongly recommending him as in every way qualified to fill the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, vacant by the resignation of my friend, Prof. John Struthers.

Dr. Mackay, in my opinion, only requires a fair field to become a most useful and distinguished Teacher of Anatomy. He has been carefully educated, is well read, a lover of his subject, a patient original inquirer, and above all a thinker.

Teaching is only one of the functions performed by a Scotch Professor. Dr. Mackay can both teach Anatomy and extend its boundaries. He can convey to the student in pleasant form the knowledge necessary for his degree, and he can expound the higher knowledge which is the outcome of scientific research and scientific aspirations. It is seldom the two functions referred to are found in the same individual, and Dr. Mackay's claims are deserving of very special attention from the circumstance.

To education, experience, enthusiasm, and great mental capacity, Dr. Mackay adds urbanity and kindness of disposition, very im-



portant qualities in a public man and a colleague. If elected he could not fail to be a favourite with his brother Professors and with the Students, and I very cordially wish him success in his present application.

J. BELL PETTIGREW.

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*From* W. C. M'INTOSH, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., *Professor of Natural History in the University of St. Andrews.*

2 ABBOTSFORD CRESCENT,  
ST. ANDREWS, 22nd July, 1889.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I believe DR. JOHN YULE MACKAY to be well qualified to fill the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen.

He has had a thorough training under one of the most able and original Anatomists in Britain. Further, for six years he has acted as Senior Demonstrator in the University of Glasgow, a sufficient guarantee for that accurate knowledge of structural details so necessary to an Anatomist. He has had large experience in teaching and lecturing, and has borne himself in all his responsible positions in a manner which has gained the confidence of both Students and Professors.

Moreover, Dr. Mackay is an able original inquirer, as shown in his various Anatomical Memoirs, in the joint works by Professor Cleland and himself, and also in the Proceedings of Societies, while his paper on the "Development of the Branchial Arterial Arches in Birds" (published in the *Philosophical Transactions*) is one of great merit. His revised edition of Professor Cleland's "Directory of the Dissection of the Human Body" is also a proof of the labour he has bestowed on his special department.

I am of opinion that from his original abilities, his thorough training and large experience, he would fill the Chair with credit to the University and advantage to Science.

W. C. M'INTOSH.



*(Testimonial used on a former occasion. Printed, by permission, for this Candidature.)*

*From W. H. FLOWER, C.B., LL.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.S., Director of the Natural History Department, British Museum.*

BRITISH MUSEUM,  
LONDON, 11th June, 1888.

I CAN say nothing from personal knowledge of DR. J. Y. MACKAY'S fitness for the Chair of Anatomy at Dundee, but he has proved himself a capable original investigator by his paper lately published in the *Philosophical Transactions* on "The Development of the Branchial Arterial Arches in Birds," and his five years' experience as Senior Demonstrator in the University of Glasgow, under Prof. Cleland, must have given him great opportunities for acquiring the requisite qualifications for the post.

W. H. FLOWER.

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*From G. D. THANE, Professor of Anatomy, University College, London.*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON,  
27th July, 1889.

I HAVE read DR. YULE MACKAY'S papers, especially those on the Anatomy and Development of the Arterial System, with much interest and profit. I regard them as excellent specimens of Morphological research and argument, and in my judgment they show that Dr. Mackay, so far as grasp of his subject and power of investigation are concerned, is highly qualified to fill a Chair of Anatomy.

G. D. THANE.

*From C. B. LOCKWOOD, F.R.C.S., Senior Demonstrator of Anatomy, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Late Hunterian Professor, Royal College of Surgeons, England; Surgeon to the Great Northern Hospital, London.*

19 UPPER BERKELEY STREET,  
PORTMAN SQUARE, W.,  
20th July, 1889.

I HAVE great pleasure in testifying to the fitness of DR. JOHN YULE MACKAY for the important Chair of Anatomy which he is now seeking. By his character and attainments he is highly qualified, and his additions to Anatomical Literature, which are very valuable, mark him as a man of a clear and original mind. As a further proof of his qualifications, his long training under Professor Cleland may be mentioned; and having heard Dr. Mackay speak in public, I can testify that he expounds his views well and clearly.

C. B. LOCKWOOD.

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*From ALEX. HILL, M.A., M.D., Master of Downing, Cambridge.*

DOWNING COLLEGE,  
22nd July, 1889.

I AM glad that DR. MACKAY has given me the opportunity of expressing my opinion as to his fitness to occupy the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen.

Whilst examining in Glasgow, I have been brought into intimate contact with the teaching arrangements made under his (Dr. Mackay's) direction, as well as with the effect of his work in preparing the students, and am convinced that he is a man sure to gain the confidence and friendship of the students, thoroughly experienced in the methods of Anatomical teaching, and likely to prove an interesting and successful lecturer, either to a class of medical students or to a popular audience.

Dr. Mackay's published work appears to me the outcome of patient, conscientious, and cautious work.

ALEX. HILL.



*From* MICHAEL FOSTER, M.A., M.D., LL.D., Sec. R.S., *Professor of Physiology in the University of Cambridge.*

CAMBRIDGE, 19th July, 1889.

I HAVE very little knowledge of DR. MACKAY beyond his published works. These show him to be an able Anatomist, and his paper in the *Philosophical Transactions* has always appeared to me to be a piece of excellent work. I can say nothing as to his powers as a teacher, but otherwise he appears to me to have decided claims for a Chair of Anatomy.

M. FOSTER.

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*From* CARL GEGENBAUR, *Professor of Anatomy in the University of Heidelberg, Germany.*

[TRANSLATION.]

HEIDELBERG, 27th May, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—While I thank you for your enclosures, I must inform you that I am prevented upon principle from sending a testimonial. You are well aware that in England there was, or now is, an agitation against this practice, and that we foreigners have been reproached on account of it. I regarded this as not altogether groundless, and since then have not permitted myself to give a testimonial.

This does not prevent me, however, from acknowledging your works, nor from expressing my pleasure that in your research into the development of the arterial arches you have made such an important contribution to the Morphology of the Arterial System. I recognise also in your works an important attempt to reach a scientific explanation, and I do not doubt but that your fellow-countrymen will also acknowledge and value this.

I can therefore send you this with my best wishes for your success.—Yours, etc.,

C. GEGENBAUR.



*From* DR. ROBERT WEIDERSHEIM, *Professor of Anatomy and Comparative Anatomy in the University of Freiburg, Germany.*

[TRANSLATION.]

FREIBURG, 27th May, 1888.

I HAVE read with keen interest the scientific works of DR. JOHN YULE MACKAY, Senior Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow. They all made on me the impression of great precision and solidity, and prove that the author is well skilled in the field of Anatomy. In clear and well directed fashion Comparative Anatomy research stands forward throughout as the groundwork of a scientific mastery of Human Anatomy.

So my best wishes for his future career accompany Dr. Mackay.

ROBERT WEIDERSHEIM.

*From* The Very Rev. JOHN CAIRD, D.D., LL.D., Etc., *Principal of the University of Glasgow.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,  
19th July, 1889.

I GLADLY bear testimony to the high scientific reputation which DR. J. YULE MACKAY has attained in this University, and to his efficiency and success as a teacher. I am, of course, unable to speak from the point of view of an expert, but I know from very competent testimony that he is thoroughly versant in the Science of Anatomy, to which he has devoted his life, and to which, as an investigator, he has already made valuable contributions.

He has been for seven years Assistant to the Professor of Anatomy in this University, and has proved himself a very able and interesting lecturer. He is much esteemed and liked by both Professors and Students. So far as I can judge, he is thoroughly competent for the position to which he aspires, the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen.

JOHN CAIRD.



*From JOHN YOUNG, M.D., Regius Professor of Natural History in the University of Glasgow.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,  
20th July, 1889.

DR. YULE MACKAY has given abundant proof in the Lecture Room and Laboratory that he is a thorough Anatomist and a most successful teacher. His published writings have shown that he possesses not merely technical but philosophic knowledge of the Comparative Anatomy and Development of the Vertebrates, knowledge without which the Professor of Human Anatomy can discharge only a part of his duties. Dr. Mackay is deservedly esteemed by his students, over whom, even after they have passed out of his department, he continues to exert an important influence.

I support his candidature for the Chair of Anatomy in Aberdeen, because he is exceptionally qualified for the duties of a teacher, and because as a holder of that office he would have extended opportunities of enhancing his reputation as an original observer.

JOHN YOUNG.

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

THE UNIVERSITY,  
GLASGOW, 19th July, 1889.

I HAVE much pleasure in strongly supporting the claims of DR. J. YULE MACKAY for the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, and I do so on the following grounds:—

1st. Dr. Yule Mackay has devoted his entire time and attention to the Science of Anatomy during the last seven years, and he has pursued his anatomical studies with singleness of aim and earnestness of purpose.

2nd. He has enjoyed, as the Senior Demonstrator of Anatomy in the University of Glasgow, the opportunity of learning the art of teaching, and of dealing with large bodies of students, and I am able to say that his ability as a teacher is cordially recognised, both by the students and by the members of the Medical Faculty.



3rd. Dr. Mackay is an able lecturer. I have on several occasions had the opportunity of listening to his prelections, and I was struck by the marked ability shown, both in the choice of language and in the arrangement of the facts to be placed before the audience.

4th. Dr. Mackay has been actively engaged in original investigation, and he has been able to make substantial contributions to Anatomical Science.

For these reasons, in addition to the personal regard I have for his excellent qualities as a man, I cordially wish him success in his candidature, and I feel sure his appointment would be in the best interests of my *Alma Mater*, and that he would be a valuable addition to the strength of the Senate.

JOHN G. M'KENDRICK.

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*From* W. T. GAIRDNER, LL.D., M.D., *Professor of Practice of Medicine in the University of Glasgow.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,  
18th July, 1889.

ANATOMY, Human and Comparative, is now so comprehensively taught in all our Scottish Universities, that, although it is the foundation of all Medical Science, I do not consider myself at all competent to give an opinion as an expert on the qualifications of any one aspiring to succeed my old and valued friend, Prof. Struthers of Aberdeen.

What I have to say, therefore, on behalf of my much younger friend, DR. J. YULE MACKAY, must be read in the light of what goes before, and I have no doubt that, from really scientific Anatomists, he will be able to present ample testimony as to his work.

But as one whose duty lies in the same School, and among the same colleagues and pupils, I may be excused for bearing witness emphatically on behalf of Dr. Mackay that he is a man of philosophical mind, and an admirable and approved teacher; that he is a great favourite with his students, and equally so with all of us Professors in Glasgow; and that, in my opinion, the University of Aberdeen will be very fortunate if it has Dr. Mackay as its Anatomical Professor.

W. T. GAIRDNER.



*From the late SIR GEO. H. B. MACLEOD, Kt., M.D., F.R.S.E.,  
Regius Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow, and  
Surgeon in Ordinary to the Queen.*

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY,  
July, 1889.

DEAR DR. YULE MACKAY,—I sincerely hope that your candidature for the appointment in Aberdeen may be successful for the good of that School, as I am well aware how admirably you have done your work here, and how much your teaching has been appreciated by our students.

I well remember what a distinguished student you were yourself, and I have often heard of your marked success as a Demonstrator of Anatomy since you joined my colleague, Dr. Cleland, in teaching others.

With your enthusiasm and conscientiousness in the discharge of your duties, and with the marked power you possess of conveying instruction, I am convinced that a better teacher could not be found for any School of Medicine.—With the best wishes for your success, I am, dear Dr. Mackay, yours faithfully,

GEO. H. B. MACLEOD.

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*From GEORGE BUCHANAN, M.A., M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery  
in the University of Glasgow, formerly Lecturer on Anatomy in  
the Andersonian Medical School.*

193 BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, 18th July, 1889.

I CAN, with the utmost confidence, recommend Dr. J. YULE MACKAY for the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen. Dr. Mackay is imbued with the spirit of original research, of which he has given evidence in his published papers.

He has had large practical experience in the teaching of Anatomy, having been for many years the Principal Demonstrator in Glasgow University, and also Assistant Lecturer under Professor Cleland, in which capacity he has taught large classes of students. Having myself been a teacher of Anatomy I know that the duties he has



already undertaken are the best preparation for the full responsibilities of a Professorial Chair.

The University students come under my charge after they have passed through the Anatomy Course, and I know from personal knowledge the very high estimation in which Dr. Mackay is held as a Lecturer, and that is a better criterion of a teacher's ability than any simply personal conviction.

I, therefore, strongly urge Dr. Mackay's claims on the patrons of the Aberdeen University Chair.

GEORGE BUCHANAN.

*From WILLIAM LEISHMAN, M.D., Regius Professor of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow.*

HAVING known DR. JOHN YULE MACKAY since he was a student, and having had constant opportunities of following his career as a teacher of Anatomy, I have no hesitation whatever in expressing my conviction that it would be difficult to find a more able or accomplished teacher for the Chair now vacant in the University of Aberdeen. While I am certain that the amiability of his disposition would recommend him to his colleagues, I am equally convinced that this combined with firmness of character could scarcely fail to command success in the conducting of classes mainly composed of junior students.

WILLIAM LEISHMAN.

*From MATTHEW CHARTERIS, M.D., Regius Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, University of Glasgow.*

GLASGOW, 20th July, 1889.

DEAR DR. J. YULE MACKAY,—I have no hesitation in complying with your request, and in expressing the opinion that you are in every respect qualified to fill with distinction the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen.

This opinion is based upon an intimate acquaintance with you



extending over nine years. During that time everything I have known or heard of you has always been in your praise.

Your anatomical knowledge is, I understand, very accurate and complete, and you can explain details in the lecture room in a clear and interesting manner. You are also an experienced and able demonstrator, and you have done good and original scientific work in the field of Comparative Anatomy.

I sincerely trust your application for the Chair will be successful, although this success would be a great loss to the University of Glasgow, with which you have been so long connected.—Believe me, faithfully yours,

M. CHARTERIS.

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*From* FREDERICK O. BOWER, D.Sc., *Regius Professor of Botany in the University of Glasgow.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,  
25th July, 1889.

HEARING that DR. YULE MACKAY is a candidate for the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen, I have much pleasure in testifying to his fitness for such a post.

Of his qualifications as an Anatomist, I leave others to speak who may be better able to judge, though his published works afford most satisfactory evidence. I would rather point out that he is not a mere technical Anatomist, but that he takes a broad biological view.

In my own Science of Botany, his qualifications were such as to justify his appointment as assistant to my predecessor, Dr. Bayley Balfour, and I have been repeatedly indebted to him for his presence and assistance on botanical excursions, etc. On these and other occasions I have had the opportunity of seeing how firm and, at the same time, friendly a hold he had gained over the students, and this is one of the greatest secrets of success in scientific teaching.

These qualities, coupled with a real enthusiasm for his subject, make me sure that, by his appointment, Aberdeen would gain a most efficient Professor.

F. O. BOWER.



*From WM. SMART, M.A., Secretary for the "University Graduates Lectures" ; Lecturer on Political Economy in Queen Margaret College, Glasgow.*

19th July, 1889.

DR. YULE MACKAY asks me to speak of his connection with the "University Graduates Lectures" in Glasgow, for which I acted as Secretary.

In the winter 1886-87, knowing of Dr. Mackay by repute as one of the most successful graduates of his time, I asked him to give a course of lectures on Anatomy and Physiology to working people. These lectures were delivered in the heart of the east end, and were attended by a large and regular audience. It is not too much to say that they were brilliantly successful, and, I should think, repaid Dr. Mackay for his trouble—success being the only fee our lecturers ever got or asked for. I do not think any man could have done better for us. Dr. Mackay was thus one of the pioneers of the movement that has ended in the present University Extension.

I may be allowed to say that I then formed the opinion, which personal experience of his teaching in the Anatomy class has confirmed, that he not only knows his subject thoroughly, but is an admirable teacher of it. I should say that Dr. Mackay is entirely suited for the position for which he is now a candidate.

WM. SMART.

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*From ASSISTANTS TO PROFESSORS in the University of Glasgow.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,  
19th July, 1889.

DEAR DR. MACKAY,—Having learned that you are a candidate for the Chair of Anatomy in Aberdeen, we, your Fellow-Assistants and Demonstrators, desire to assure you of our earnest hopes for your success.

We know well, several of us having been your pupils, your great ability as a teacher, your extensive and accurate knowledge of your subject, and your power of marshalling your facts so as to make them interesting and easily grasped. Your diligent and



careful supervision of the Practical Anatomy, and your clear and lucid demonstrations—in which your experience as a worker, and your thorough acquaintance with Embryology and Comparative Anatomy enable you to explain any apparent anomalies—have ensured diligent, steady, and intelligent work among the students, with whom you are deservedly most popular.

Your genial manner and many admirable qualities have endeared you to us as a personal friend, so that we shall be sorry to lose you, although we shall be glad if you obtain your well-earned preferment.

SIGNED BY 26 ASSISTANTS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.

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*From GRADUATES OF GLASGOW UNIVERSITY—Students during Dr.  
J. Y. Mackay's Demonstratorship.*

DR. YULE MACKAY's candidature for the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Aberdeen affords us, as recent Graduates of Glasgow University, an opportunity of expressing our goodwill towards him, and our appreciation of our indebtedness to him, as one of our former teachers. During the years of Anatomical study we were in daily intercourse with him in the special branch to which he has devoted himself, and throughout the whole curriculum his influence was felt to pervade the public College life. In the lecture room and at the dissecting table Dr. Mackay was equally noted for his devotedness to his work: he combined profound knowledge with tact to turn it to account, and perfect courtesy with strict but cheerfully acknowledged discipline. In the memory of his example, and in his published works, he remains our teacher.

While recognising that Dr. Mackay's removal from Glasgow would be a serious loss to our University, we heartily wish him all success in his present candidature, and in his career as an Anatomist.

SIGNED BY 240 GRADUATES.







