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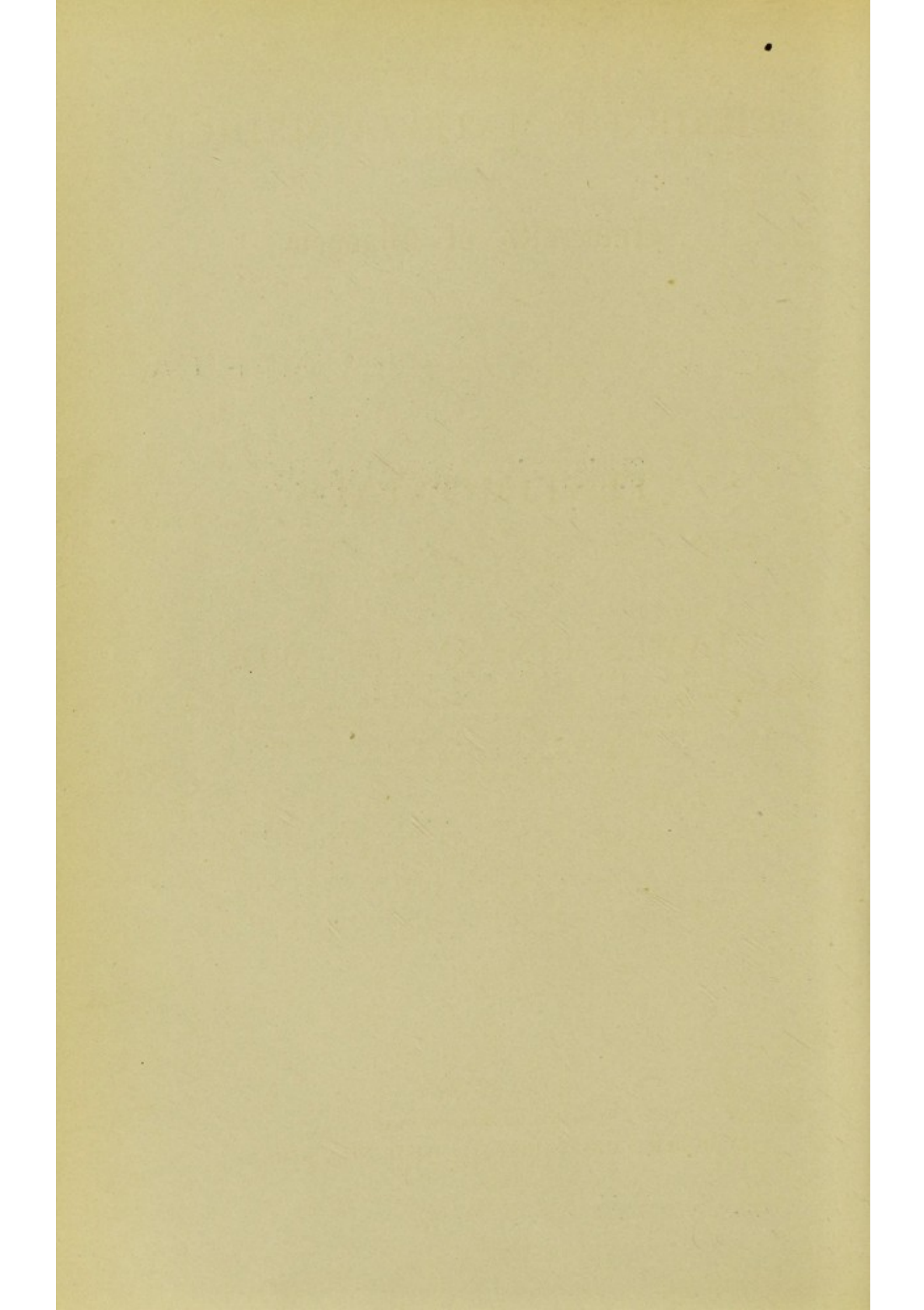
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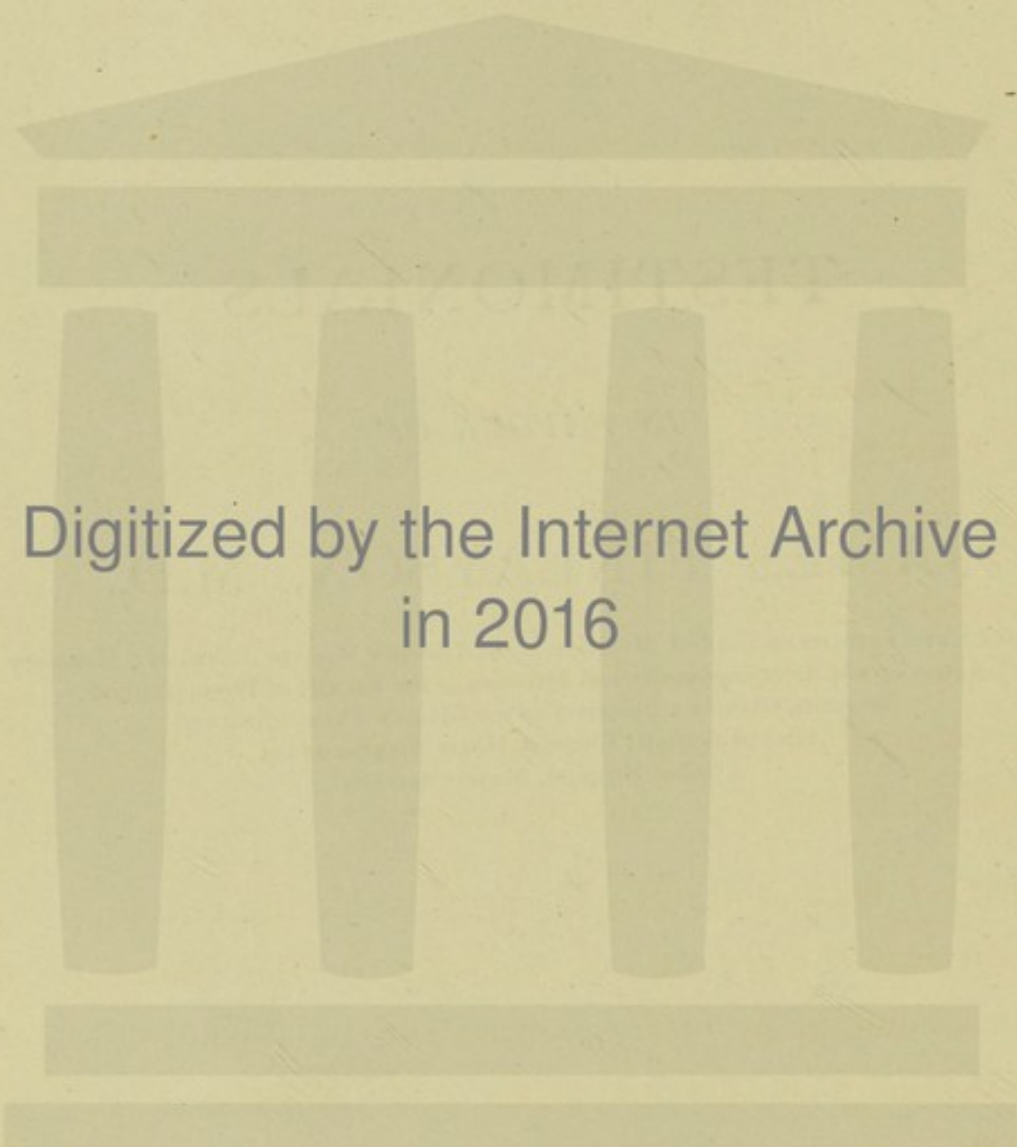
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To the RIGHT HONOURABLE RICHARD ASSHETON CROSS, M.P.,
Secretary of State.

SIR,

As I understand that the Chair of Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow is now vacant, I beg leave to apply for the appointment.

I graduated at the University of Glasgow, with honours in Medicine, in 1867. Since then I have been almost constantly engaged in Hospital work, at first in Manchester, and subsequently in my native city here.

In 1871 I became directly connected with the teaching of Medicine in Glasgow, as Assistant in the Medical Clinique conducted by Professor Gairdner, and I continued to occupy this post till 1875, when I was appointed one of the Physicians to the Glasgow Western Infirmary; this Institution is in intimate connection with the University Medical School, and I continue to conduct there regular courses of instruction in Clinical Medicine to the University students. In this way my duty has been to teach the students how to apply their knowledge of Materia Medica

and Therapeutics in the treatment of patients in the hospital wards.

Since my appointment as Physician to the Western Infirmary I have withdrawn from more general work, so as to devote myself to medical cases and consultations, and to the duties of Hospital teaching.

I append a list of various contributions to practical medicine which I have made from time to time; and also some extracts from Reviews of a volume which I recently published. I hope to obtain from my medical friends some Testimonials in connection with my present application, and when these can be collected I will submit them for your consideration.

I need scarcely say that, if I am appointed to this Chair, the interests of the University of which I am a graduate, and the reputation of the medical school, with the teaching in which I have for many years been connected, must always command my best energies.

I have the honour to be, SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

JAMES FINLAYSON, M.D.

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BY JAMES FINLAYSON, M.D.

In addition to the following papers, various analytical and critical Reviews have appeared in the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, and the *British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review*: various communications to the Glasgow Pathological and Clinical Society have likewise been reported in the *British Medical Journal*; and numerous cases from the wards under DR. FINLAYSON'S care have been published by his Assistants and Pupils in the *Glasgow Medical Journal*.

- 1868.—“Tables of Temperature in Healthy Children.” Communicated to Manchester Medical Society, November 4, 1868. Report in abstract, *British Medical Journal*, January 16, 1869.
- 1869.—“On the Normal Temperature in Children,” *Glasgow Medical Journal*, February, 1869; also, in full, in *Journal für Kinderkrankheiten*, Erlangen, June, 1869.
- “On the Temperature of Children in Phthisis and Tuberculosis,” *Glasgow Medical Journal*, November, 1869.
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manner as to make their relations to a final diagnosis clear and easy of apprehension. This work has been done by men of large experience and trained observation, who have been long recognised as authorities upon the subjects which they treat. There is a profusion of illustrations to illustrate subjects under discussion. The application of electricity, and instruments of precision in diagnosis, is fully discussed. This book is all good. We commend it to all students and practitioners of medicine as a work worthy of a place in their libraries."—*Ohio Med. Recorder*, Dec., 1878.

"This is one of the really useful books. It is attractive from preface to the final page, and ought to be given a place on every office table, because it contains in a condensed form all that is valuable in semeiology and diagnostics to be found in bulkier volumes, and because in its arrangement and complete index, it is unusually convenient for quick reference in any emergency that may come upon the busy practitioner."—*N. C. Med. Journ.*, Jan., 1879.

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"In our opinion the study of a treatise like this should form an essential part of the curriculum of our medical schools."—*The Medical Gazette*, New York, January, 1880.

TESTIMONIALS.

PART I.

From WILLIAM ROBERTS, ESQ., M.D., F.R.S., Physician to the Manchester Royal Infirmary; Professor of Clinical Medicine to the Owen's College, Manchester.

89 MOSLEY STREET,
MANCHESTER, 28th February, 1880.

DR. FINLAYSON'S reputation as an able and accurate observer is now so well established that it needs no testimonial of a personal nature to support it. He has, by his published writings, given proof of capacity for research in almost every branch of medical science, and every paper he has written bears witness to the skill, patience, and critical acumen which he possesses as a scientific enquirer.

DR. FINLAYSON has also had large experience as a medical teacher, and his success in this direction has been most marked, as I have had repeated opportunities of remarking in professional intercourse with some of his former pupils.

His qualifications for the Chair of Materia Medica and Therapeutics at the Glasgow University appear to me to be of the highest order, and I feel confident that if he is elected to fill this chair he will perform its duties in a distinguished manner, and that his labours in the future will add to his well-earned reputation, and confer distinction on the University.

WM. ROBERTS.

From ANDREW BUCHANAN, ESQ., M.D., *President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow; lately Professor of Physiology in the University of Glasgow, &c.*

GLASGOW, 4 ATHOL PLACE,
1st March, 1880.

I have known DR. FINLAYSON ever since I had the honour of having him for a pupil in the class of Physiology in the University here during the session 1864-65. But it is unnecessary for me to speak of his merits as a student, when the rich fruits which his studies have borne are a sufficient testimony how faithful these studies must have been. The author of the "Clinical Manual for the Study of Medical Cases," and so many other valuable contributions to Practical Medicine might, indeed, well have dispensed with the formality of publishing certificates for a Chair in the University. I feel, at least, that anything I could say, and, were it necessary, would willingly say in his praise, must, in the eyes of all competent judges, be a feeble testimonial in comparison with that which his high character and his contributions to Practical Medicine have already given him.

A. BUCHANAN.

From FREDERICK T. ROBERTS, ESQ., M.D., B.Sc., F.R.C.P.,
Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics at University College; Physician to University Hospital, London.

53 HARLEY ST., CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, March 2nd, 1880.

I feel much pleasure in expressing my opinion that DR. JAMES FINLAYSON is eminently fitted for the chair of Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow. The position which he has attained in his profession, and the contributions which he has made to medical literature, sufficiently testify as to his abilities and professional acquirements, as well as to his indefatigable zeal and energy. The practical experience in Therapeutics which DR. FINLAYSON has obtained must be very extensive; and he must have enjoyed exceptional opportunities for teaching students, of which his writings give ample evidence.

From my personal acquaintance with DR. FINLAYSON, I feel

sure that, should he be elected to the responsible position for which he is now a candidate, he will fill it in a manner that will bring credit to himself, and will conduce to the best interests of the University.

FRED. T. ROBERTS.

From JOHN T. ARLIDGE, ESQ., A.B. and M.D. (Lond.), *Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London; Physician to the North Staffordshire Infirmary; late Editor of the "British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical Review," &c.*

HIGH GROVE, STOKE-UPON-TRENT,
March 2nd, 1880.

DR. JAMES FINLAYSON—candidate for the chair of Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow—having requested of me a testimonial, it is with much satisfaction that I accede to his request.

DR. FINLAYSON became known to me during the period I edited the "British and Foreign Medico-Chirurgical (quarterly) Review," and contributed to that periodical several essays and reviews of great practical interest and literary excellence.

The long list of contributions which have appeared from his pen during the last ten years in various medical journals, and the "Clinical Manual" which he has edited, and which has already taken a foremost position amongst the text-books for medical students, afford more valuable evidence of his scientific diligence in his profession, as well as of his aptitude as a teacher, than any private testimonial, and render it unnecessary for me to add further words in commendation of DR. FINLAYSON.

J. T. ARLIDGE.

From T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, ESQ., M.A., M.D.(Cantab.), F.L.S.; *Physician to the Leeds General Infirmary; Lecturer on Medicine at Leeds; Late Examiner in Medicine at the University of Cambridge, &c.*

PARK CHAMBERS,
LEEDS, 2nd March, 1880.

DR. FINLAYSON has become so widely and so favourably known to the profession by his original contributions to Medicine, and

especially by his laborious and masterly "Clinical Manual," that I am but expressing the general feeling of the profession when I testify to his great and especial merits as a physician and a teacher.

The production of a work so methodical, so complete, and so invaluable for purposes of instruction, marks DR. FINLAYSON as one who possesses some of the first qualities of a teacher. I have therefore great pleasure in supporting his application for a Chair of Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow, so far as I can do from a knowledge of his published writings.

T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT.

From JOHN WILLIAM MOORE, ESQ., M.D., M.Ch.(Dubl.),
Fell.K.Q.C.P.; *Physician to the Meath Hospital, and to the
Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin; Lecturer on Practice of
Medicine in the Carmichael College, Dublin; Examiner in
Materia Medica in Queen's University in Ireland.*

40 FITZWILLIAM SQUARE, WEST,
DUBLIN, *March 1st, 1880.*

It affords me much satisfaction to state that I entertain a high opinion of DR. JAMES FINLAYSON'S attainments as a scientific and practical physician.

The "Clinical Manual" which he published some time ago shows how thoroughly conversant he is with Clinical Medicine, and how fitted he is to act as a teacher at the bedside or in the lecture-theatre.

I have no hesitation in saying that he would fill a Chair in Medicine, or one of the allied subjects—such as Materia Medica and Therapeutics—with credit to himself, and advantage to the institution which would be fortunate enough to obtain his services.

JOHN WILLIAM MOORE.

From THOMAS HAYDEN, ESQ., F.C.P., *Vice-President Royal Irish Academy; Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in the Catholic University of Ireland; and Physician to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, &c.*

18 MERRION SQUARE, NORTH,
DUBLIN, 3rd March, 1880.

Having been for some time acquainted with the writings of DR. FINLAYSON, and intimately so with his "Clinical Manual," which in my judgment is the best on clinical medicine in the English language, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his great merits as an author.

From the wide range and accuracy of DR. FINLAYSON'S knowledge, I feel assured that he would fill with great efficiency and honour any chair connected with the department of medicine.

THOMAS HAYDEN.

From WILLIAM STEPHENSON, ESQ., M.D., *Regius Professor of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Aberdeen.*

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
1st March, 1880.

From personal knowledge of DR. JAMES FINLAYSON, and an acquaintance with the work he has done, I am certain that his appointment to the Chair of Materia Medica would be a great gain to the University of Glasgow.

From the outset of his professional career he gave proof that he possessed great ability for original research; and he has, in numerous contributions to medical literature, shown how energetically and successfully he has cultivated his powers for accurate information and careful scrutiny of facts. He possesses also a practical as well as theoretical knowledge of all the recent scientific aids and methods as applied to medicine; and to the special work of the Chair he can bring a large experience of diseases and their treatment gained as

a clinical physician. Moreover, he has had an excellent training as a teacher, and has proved himself an able and acceptable lecturer.

In fine, he possesses a combination of energy, ability, scientific turn of mind, personal experience at the bedside, thorough training and aptness to teach, which is rarely to be met with, and which points him out as peculiarly well fitted to fill so important a Chair as the one for which he is a candidate.

WM. STEPHENSON, M.D.

From J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN, ESQ., M.D., Physician-Accoucheur and Lecturer on Midwifery to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, etc.

71 BROOK STREET, GROSVENOR SQUARE,
LONDON, 28th February, 1880.

DR. FINLAYSON is known to me chiefly, but not exclusively, through his valuable published works. These are of great merit, especially that on Clinical Diagnosis, which evinces qualities of mind and intelligence, as well as power in teaching, which of themselves make him an eminently noteworthy candidate for a Chair such as that of Materia Medica now vacant in Glasgow.

I have, on several grounds, been led to form a very high estimate of DR. FINLAYSON, and of his fitness for a professorial Chair.

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.

From SAMUEL GEE, ESQ., M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and to the Hospital for Sick Children; Lecturer on the Principles and Practice of Medicine, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, &c.

54 HARLEY STREET, LONDON, W.,
2nd March, 1880.

MY DEAR SIR,—The high opinion which I formed of your Manual when it first appeared has been confirmed in me by more experience of it. It is a book which admirably fulfils

its aim. And I cannot but think that the teaching-power it manifests should be a strong recommendation in favour of your application for the vacant chair of Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow.—I am, yours very truly,

SAMUEL GEE.

Dr. Finlayson.

From JOHN THORBURN, ESQ., M.D., M.R.C.P., Professor of Obstetric Medicine, Owen's College; and Obstetric Physician, Manchester Royal Infirmary.

62 KING STREET,
MANCHESTER, 28th February, 1880.

DEAR DR. FINLAYSON,—You ask me for a testimonial of your fitness for the position of Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics in Glasgow.

I can hardly imagine the necessity for any testimonial beyond those which you will doubtless receive from your fellow-townsmen and brother practitioners in Glasgow. At least that city must be exceptionally fortunate if it contains another practitioner of your own standing who has done the same amount of laborious and painstaking scientific work that you have. Nearly the whole of this work has had a practical bearing on the therapeutic aspects of disease, and I have to acknowledge my indebtedness to you for many useful suggestions.

Perhaps, however, I had better confine myself to speaking of the estimation in which you were held by the profession during your too short stay in Manchester. I am sure no one in leaving us has left more regrets behind him as to the loss of an able practitioner, a zealous scientific worker, and a most estimable comrade.

I wish you all success, and I feel sure there can be little doubt about your appointment.—Yours very sincerely,

J. THORBURN.

From D. LLOYD ROBERTS, ESQ., M.D., F.R.S. Ed., F.R.C.P.
 Lond., *Physician to St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.*

23 ST. JOHN STREET,
 MANCHESTER, 28th February, 1880.

It is with the utmost pleasure that I bear testimony to the professional fitness of DR. FINLAYSON for the vacant Chair of Professor of Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow. I have known him for several years as an able and accomplished physician. Nature has endowed DR. FINLAYSON with considerable scientific skill ; this he has most successfully employed in the investigation and treatment of disease. His opportunities have been great, and he has availed himself of them to the utmost.

DR. FINLAYSON has written several valuable papers and works on medicine, which bear the stamp of original investigation, scientific accuracy, and considerable literary capacity. He has also, as Physician to the Royal Infirmary, done a large amount of practical work, thus forming an excellent preparation for the appointment he now desires to obtain.

I believe that, if DR. FINLAYSON is elected, he will be a valuable acquisition to the teaching staff of the University, and will discharge the duties of the office faithfully and efficiently.

D. LLOYD ROBERTS.

From ALEXANDER ROBERTSON, ESQ., M.D., *Physician and Superintendent of the Town's Hospital and City Parochial Asylum, Glasgow; President of the Pathological and Clinical Society, Glasgow.*

GLASGOW, 8th March, 1880.

I have great pleasure in recording my high opinion of the general qualifications of DR. JAMES FINLAYSON, and of his special fitness for the chair of Materia Medica in the University of Glasgow. This opinion is founded on intimate knowledge and close observation of his general and professional attainments during many years.

With respect more particularly to this appointment:—1st, He has a full and accurate knowledge of Medicines, and has

made a thorough study of their action in disease. 2nd, He has an excellent classical education, and is familiar with modern languages; altogether, he is a man of extensive and varied general culture. 3rd, He has great power of lucid exposition. 4th, He has had large experience in instructing and lecturing to students. 5th, He has acquired a high reputation as a medical writer, particularly in the United Kingdom and America; more especially, his work on Clinical Medicine is of very great merit, and has been most favourably received by the medical profession in both countries.

I am convinced that DR. FINLAYSON would prove a worthy successor to the accomplished gentleman who now leaves the chair, and would be a creditable addition to the teaching-power of the University.

ALEX. ROBERTSON.

From JOSEPH COATS, ESQ., M.D., Pathologist and Lecturer on Pathology in Glasgow Western Infirmary; Examiner in Pathology in the University of Glasgow; Editor of the "Glasgow Medical Journal"; lately President of the Pathological and Clinical Society of Glasgow.

33 ELMBANK STREET,
GLASGOW, 8th March, 1880.

There are so many candidates for the chair of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, for whom I have a sincere personal esteem, that it has been a matter of difficulty to determine to give a certificate to DR. FINLAYSON. But various considerations have induced me to do so. In the first place, my impression is so strong of the eminent fitness of DR. FINLAYSON for the position, that I could scarcely refuse; and, in the second place, most of those who, as colleagues on the visiting staff of the Western Infirmary, are in an equal position with myself for estimating his qualifications, will probably consider themselves precluded from giving their opinions, as they are members of the Senate of the University.

I have been cognisant of DR. FINLAYSON's career throughout, and have been associated with him in such a number of

affairs, that I am particularly well situated for estimating his fitness for this appointment. Perhaps the characteristic of his work that strikes me most is its *thoroughness*. He has so much conscientiousness and industry that he spares no pains to get to the bottom of any matter he may be engaged with. As Editor of the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, for instance, I have found that whatever work he undertakes is done with punctuality and unstinting labour. This comes out also very strongly in his method of dealing with patients in the Western Infirmary, and is apparent in the important contributions which he has frequently made to medical science.

In his position as Physician to the Western Infirmary, DR. FINLAYSON has, in his thorough way, paid attention to Therapeutics, which is not the least important branch under the chair now vacant.

As regards his qualifications as a teacher, he does not strive after any brilliant display, but I know that he carefully studies the actual needs of the student, and addresses himself to the fulfilment of them with undoubted success.

I may be permitted to add that men of DR. FINLAYSON'S stamp are peculiarly needed in such a city as Glasgow—men who, in the midst of and in spite of the busy spirit of the place, set themselves earnestly to patient and laborious observation and investigation. On students such men exercise a much needed influence by giving them the practical example of thoroughness in their work.

I heartily recommend DR. FINLAYSON for this appointment.

JOSEPH COATS.

PART II.

THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONIALS WERE OBTAINED IN 1874, IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A LECTURESHIP ON THE ALLIED SUBJECT OF PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN THE ANDERSONIAN MEDICAL SCHOOL, GLASGOW.

From W. T. GAIRDNER, ESQ., M.D., Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Glasgow, &c.

225 ST. VINCENT STREET, GLASGOW,
June 3, 1874.

DR. JAMES FINLAYSON has been for some years past well-known to all the more careful readers and workers in Practice of Medicine on account of his numerous researches in regard to the diseases both of children and adults. I would more particularly refer to his extremely valuable papers on the Temperature of Children in health and disease, on Abscess of the Liver, and on Daily Periodicity, as models of medical observation and reasoning, characterized by the greatest exactness and insight, and of the very highest practical importance.

The knowledge of DR. FINLAYSON'S qualifications derived from the earlier of these papers led me to offer to him the position of Assistant in my Clinical classes in the Royal Infirmary; and this office he has held for three years past with the concurrence, though not by the appointment, of the managers of that Institution. In this position he has rendered services of a very important order to the Medical School, and my own appreciation of his character has been enhanced by daily communications with him in regard to numerous and intricate cases of internal disease.

It seems almost unnecessary to declare, under these circumstances, that DR. FINLAYSON is well qualified to undertake the duties of Lecturer on Practice of Medicine.

W. T. GAIRDNER.

From the late DR. E. A. PARKES, F.R.S., *Professor of Hygiene,
Army Medical School, &c., &c.*

SYDNEY COTTAGE, BITTERNE,
SOUTHAMPTON, 19th May, 1874.

I have read DR. JAMES FINLAYSON'S Essays on Temperature in Disease, on Daily Periodical Changes, and on Abscess of the Liver. They appear to me to be characterized by much originality and great accuracy in observation.

Judging from these papers and from my knowledge of DR. FINLAYSON'S reputation, I think it is certain that he will prove a very successful teacher; he has, I believe, all the necessary qualities—clearness, accuracy, and ease in exposition. He is evidently thoroughly acquainted with the Literature of Medicine as well as with practical work.

E. A. PARKES, M.D., F.R.S.

From the late DR. J. WARBURTON BEGBIE, *Member of the
General Medical Council, &c.*

EDINBURGH, May 19th, 1874.

I have much pleasure in stating that several of the contributions to Medical Science of DR. JAMES FINLAYSON are familiar to me, and possess, in my opinion, much value.

A paper of DR. FINLAYSON'S on the "Daily Periodicity in the Vital Functions of Man" is most interesting and instructive in its character.

I am aware that DR. FINLAYSON has already had ample experience in hospital practice, and in clinical instruction.

From these circumstances, and from the very high estimate of his character and natural talents which has been formed by several friends who have the pleasure of knowing DR. FINLAYSON well, I cannot doubt that he would prove an able teacher of Medicine.

J. W. BEGBIE.

*From the late DR. J. G. FLEMING, Member of the General
Medical Council, &c.*

155 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 2nd June, 1874.

I have been well acquainted with DR. JAMES FINLAYSON since he commenced practice in Glasgow, and have always admired the assiduity and energy with which he has applied his excellent talents to the cultivation of Medical Science.

He has shown great taste and facility for accurate and original research, is a thoughtful and accomplished Physician, and, in my opinion, possesses peculiarly high qualifications for the Chair of Medicine in Anderson's University.

J. G. FLEMING, M.D.

*From ERNEST HART, ESQ., Editor of "The British Medical
Journal" and "London Medical Record," &c.*

"BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL,"
37 GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LONDON, W. C., 19th May, 1874.

MY DEAR SIR,—I hear with pleasure that you are a candidate for a public Lectureship on Practice of Medicine.

The many contributions which you have made to medical literature have come under my notice from time to time; they have been of a singularly able character, denoting research, solid information, and an accurate appreciation of the lines of progress in which rational medicine is moving.

The facility of expression and clearness of arrangement which mark these your medical writings, promise fluency and perspicuity as among your qualities as a Lecturer, in addition to your higher qualities as a Physician.—Believe me, dear Sir, with best wishes for your success, sincerely yours,

ERNEST HART.

DR. FINLAYSON, Glasgow.

From J. H. AVELING, ESQ., M.D., Vice-President of the Obstetrical Society of London, lately Editor of the "Obstetrical Journal of Great Britain and Ireland," Physician to the Chelsea Hospital for Women, &c.

I UPPER WIMPOLE STREET,
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.,
LONDON, 18th May, 1874.

I am very pleased to have this opportunity of expressing my admiration of DR. JAMES FINLAYSON's talents as a Physician. He is an accurate and laborious worker, and possesses a real enthusiasm for his profession. He has had abundant opportunities of gaining experience, and has made good use of them.

If we may judge of his future by the past, he will attain a high position and be an honour and ornament to his profession, and a credit to any medical school with which he may be connected.

J. H. AVELING.

From M. HENRI ROGER, Clinical Professor of the Diseases of Children at the Children's Hospital, &c.

[TRANSLATION.]

PARIS, 28th May, 1874.

The writings of DR. JAMES FINLAYSON are known and appreciated in France; and, for my own part, I have made profitable use of his interesting researches on the Temperature in Disease in my *Clinical Researches on the Diseases of Children*.

I do not doubt that he is well worthy of occupying the Chair of Medicine at the Andersonian University for which he is an applicant.

DR. HENRI ROGER.

From PROF. CHRISTIAN BÄUMLER, M.D., M.R.C.P., Professor of Medicine in the University of Freiburg, &c.

ERLANGEN, BAVARIA, May 23rd, 1874.

I have great pleasure in giving expression to the very high opinion I have formed of DR. FINLAYSON's attainments as a

clinical and scientific observer. His papers "On the Normal Temperature in Children," "On the Temperature of Children in Phthisis and Tuberculosis," and other essays which have appeared in the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, bear evidence of his scientific zeal, his accuracy and method of observation, as well as of his knowledge of English and foreign medical literature.

I believe that DR. JAMES FINLAYSON, as far as can be judged from his writings, is eminently qualified for any post where his talents can find full play both in clinical work, and in imparting his own knowledge to others.

CHRISTIAN BAUMLER.

From LOUIS BORCHARDT, ESQ., M.D., *Physician to the General Hospital for Sick Children, Manchester.*

SWINTON HOUSE,
FALLOWFIELD, *May 24th*, 1874.

It affords me great pleasure to express the high opinion I hold of DR. JAMES FINLAYSON. His first publications on the Temperature of Children drew my attention to him, because they showed not only accuracy of observation and sound reasoning, but also a great amount of originality of thought.

I have constantly followed with great interest and an unusual amount of pleasure DR. FINLAYSON's publications, and they have all confirmed me in the high opinion I had formed of him.

I have no doubt that DR. FINLAYSON would prove an excellent teacher to a class of students, on account of the qualities which he has proved to possess in his scientific inquiry.

LOUIS BORCHARDT.

THE TWO FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES WERE OBTAINED ON
GRADUATION.

From JOHN B. COWAN, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of Materia
Medica in the University of Glasgow.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
17th May, 1867.

This is to certify that JAMES FINLAYSON graduated as M.B.
of this University with Honours.

JOHN B. COWAN, M.D.,
Secretary, Medical Faculty, University of Glasgow.

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

GLASGOW, May 18th, 1867.

Having known MR. JAMES FINLAYSON as a student of
clinical medicine for some years, and being thus in a position
to judge of his professional qualifications, it gives me great
pleasure to be able to state formally the very high opinion
which I have formed of him.

From the outset of his career as a student, he has gained
distinction in every class ; and in the study of Clinical Medicine,
where he has come more immediately under my notice, he has
shown such a rare aptitude for exact observation and philoso-
phical deduction from observed facts, that I feel I can scarcely
speak of him in too high terms.

Suffice it to add that he has just received from the University
of Glasgow the degree of Bachelor of Medicine, *with the highest
honours*, a fitting climax to a distinguished career.

Few men begin the practice of their profession with quali-
fications so high ; and I have known few for whom I would
venture more confidently to predict professional eminence and
success.

WILLIAM LEISHMAN, M.D.

