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IN FAVOUR OF

JOHN M. COWAN,

B.A., M.B., B.C. CANTAB.

TESTIMONIALS

JOHN M. CONWAY

BY

WESTERN INFIRMARY,  
GLASGOW, *March*, 1896.

*TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE  
ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Assistant House Surgeon.

I went up to King's College, Cambridge, in 1888, and graduated in 1891 as B.A. (Honours), my subjects being Anatomy, Comparative Anatomy, and Physiology. In October, 1891, I returned to Glasgow and completed my medical education here, graduating M.B., B.C. Cantab, last spring.

During my Glasgow curriculum I gained first-class certificates in the University classes of Dr. Anderson, Dr. Buchanan, Dr. Murdoch Cameron, and Dr. Macewen, and in the Andersonian College class of Dr. Samson Gemmell, and also received a high commendation certificate in the class of the late Sir George H. B. Macleod.

Since graduation I have acted for six months as Dr. George Buchanan's House Surgeon, and at present am Dr. Tennent's House Physician.

With reference to Infectious Diseases, I attended two courses of instruction at Belvidere in the summer and autumn of 1894.

I append testimonials from some of my old teachers and hospital chiefs.

Believe me,

Very sincerely,

JOHN M. COWAN.

Warranted by the  
Government of the

TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

GENTLEMEN

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for  
the post of Assistant Police Surgeon.  
I went up to King's College, Cambridge, in 1912 and  
remained in that city for 2 1/2 years, my subjects being  
Anatomy, Physiological Chemistry and Physics. In  
October, 1914, I returned to Canada and completed my  
medical education here, graduating M.B., B.S., Canada  
and degree.

During my Glasgow curriculum I gained first-class honours  
in the University course of Dr. Anderson, Dr.  
Macdonald, Dr. Macleod, Dr. Campbell and Dr. Macpherson and  
in the Anatomical College class of Dr. James Stewart  
and also received a high commendation certificate in the  
course of the late Sir George H. B. Macdonald.

Since graduation I have acted for six months as Dr.  
George Buchanan's (former Surgeon) and as general and Dr.  
Tennant's house physician.

As reference to late years I enclose for  
information of instruction at Edinburgh in the winter and  
summer of 1914.

I extend testimonials from some of my old friends  
and hospital chiefs.

Yours faithfully

W. J. Stewart

10th St. W. Ottawa



## LIST OF TESTIMONIALS.

From T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, M.D., Regius Professor of Physic,  
Cambridge University.

From T. M'CALL ANDERSON, M.D., Professor of Clinical Medicine,  
Glasgow University.

From GEORGE BUCHANAN, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery,  
Glasgow University.

From HECTOR C. CAMERON, M.D., Surgeon to the Western  
Infirmery.

From T. KENNEDY DALZIEL, M.B., Professor of Surgery, Anderson's  
College.

From SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Anderson's  
College.

From ALEXANDER MACALISTER, M.D., Professor of Anatomy, Cam-  
bridge University.

From DONALD J. MACINTOSH, M.D., Medical Superintendent,  
Western Infirmery.

From G. P. TENNENT, M.D., Physician to the Western Infirmery.

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*From T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, M.D., Regius Professor of  
Physic, Cambridge University.*

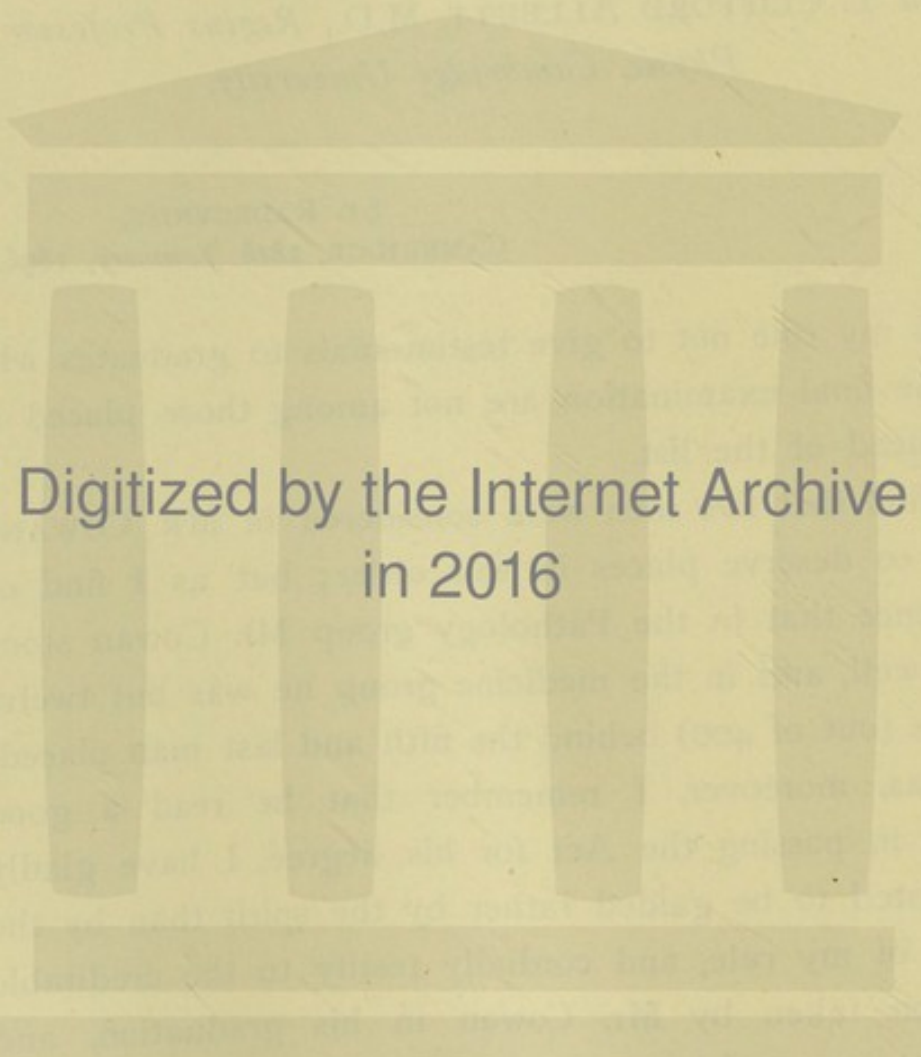
ST. RADEGVND'S,  
CAMBRIDGE, 28th January, 1896.

IT is my rule not to give testimonials to graduates who in the final examination, are not among those placed at the head of the list.

I find that five men were considered in MR. COWAN'S year to deserve places in this order; but as I find on reference that in the Pathology group Mr. Cowan stood very well, and in the medicine group he was but twelve marks (out of 400) behind the fifth and last man placed; and as, moreover, I remember that he read a good thesis in passing the Act for his degree, I have gladly consented to be guided rather by the spirit than by the letter of my rule, and cordially testify to the creditable position taken by Mr. Cowan in his graduation, and express my confidence in his abilities and attainments.

T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT.





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*From T. M'CALL ANDERSON, M.D., Professor of Clinical  
Medicine, Glasgow University.*

2 WOODSIDE TERRACE,  
GLASGOW, *February*, 1896.

I HAVE great pleasure in stating that MR. JOHN M. COWAN has been long and favourably known to me. He has had a first-rate general education and is B.A. of Cambridge.

Since entering upon the study of medicine he has never omitted any opportunity for increasing his knowledge, especially in connection with his hospital work, and in my class of clinical medicine he took the highest place in the junior division of the class in the summer of 1893. Since then he has added largely to his stores of knowledge as Resident Medical Officer in the Western Infirmary; and, altogether, there are few young men for whom I anticipate a more successful career.

T. M'CALL ANDERSON.

Wm. T. McCall Anderson, M.D., Professor of Clinical  
Medicine, Johns Hopkins University

1900  
Baltimore, Maryland

I have been pleased to receive your letter of the 14th inst. and in reply to inform you that the book has been forwarded to you. It is a very interesting and valuable work and I hope it will be of great service to you in your studies. I have also been glad to hear that you are interested in the study of medicine and that you are desirous of securing an opportunity for instruction in this field. I am sure that you will find the book to be a most valuable addition to your library. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
Wm. T. McCall Anderson

Wm. T. McCall Anderson

*From* GEORGE BUCHANAN, M.D., *Professor of Clinical  
Surgery, Glasgow University.*

193 BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, 18th February, 1896.

MR. J. M. COWAN, M.B. and B.C., was a diligent and attentive student, and gained a first-class certificate in my class.

He was a dresser and clinical clerk in my wards, and after taking his degree he acted for six months as my House Surgeon in the Western Infirmary. I can recommend him as very well qualified for the appointment of House Surgeon to the Sick Children's Hospital.

GEORGE BUCHANAN.



From GEORGE RICHMAN, M.D., Professor of Pathology,  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Sir,  
I have your letter of the 15th instant and

am glad to hear that you are a student and  
hope to gain a medical education in

the U.S.A. I am sure you will find it  
very interesting and profitable.

There is a number of excellent hospitals in  
Ann Arbor and I am sure you will find

them very well equipped for the study of  
the various branches of medicine.

Yours truly,  
GEORGE RICHMAN

*From* HECTOR C. CAMERON, M.D., *Surgeon to the Western  
Infirmary.*

200 BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, 20th February, 1896.

MR. JOHN M. COWAN, M.B., B.C., informs me that he intends to apply for the post of Resident Medical Officer in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in April next.

I know no one, amongst recent graduates, better fitted by character, education, and training for the performance of the duties of that post. I am sure he will make an excellent House Surgeon and Physician, and will be found to be a pleasant colleāgue by all residing in the Hospital. I cordially wish him success in his application.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.

From Doctor C. Carter, M.D., Surgeon to the Marine

1864

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the case of the late Surgeon General, and in reply to inform you that the

same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

C. Carter, M.D.

Surgeon to the Marine

of the United States Army

Washington, D.C.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

C. Carter, M.D.

Surgeon to the Marine

of the United States Army

Washington, D.C.

*From T. KENNEDY DALZIEL, M.B., Professor of Surgery,  
Anderson's College.*

196 BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, 22nd February, 1896.

I HAVE known JOHN COWAN, M.B., for many years as a student and since graduation, and have no hesitation in cordially recommending him for any junior hospital appointment, not only on account of his professional attainments, but also for his personal worth. I feel sure his services would be a valuable acquisition to any hospital staff.

T. KENNEDY DALZIEL.



DR. T. KENNEDY DALRYMPLE, M.D., President of the  
Medical College

100 North Street  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

I have known John C. ... M.D. for many years as  
a student and since graduated and have no hesitation  
in cordially recommending him for the position  
applied for. Not only on account of his professional  
attainments but also for his personal worth. I feel that  
his services would be a valuable acquisition to your  
hospital staff.

T. KENNEDY DALRYMPLE

*From SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D., Professor of Medicine,  
Anderson's College.*

17 WOODSIDE PLACE, CHARING CROSS,  
GLASGOW, 1st March, 1896.

MR. JOHN M. COWAN, M.B., has been intimately known to me for some years, so that I am able to say without hesitation that he is in all respects a most eligible candidate for the post in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children now vacant. In the theory and practice of medicine he is well versed, and during his undergraduate career he took a distinguished place in the honours list in this subject. Of his clinical studies I can also speak with commendation; and his residence in the Western Infirmary during the last twelve months has made him familiar with hospital routine, a matter of no little importance. He is well equipped for the post he aspires to, and I trust he may secure it.

SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D.

From SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D., Professor of Medicine,  
University of Glasgow.

17 WOODSIDE PLACE, WILSON SQUARE,  
GLASGOW, 14th March 1904.

Mr JOHN B. COOPER, M.B., has been intimately known  
to me for some years so that I am able to say without  
hesitation that he is in all respects a most eligible  
candidate for the post in the Royal Hospital for Sick  
Children now vacant. In the theory and practice of  
medicine he is well versed, and during his undergraduate  
career he took a distinguished place in the honours list  
in this subject. Of his clinical studies I can also speak  
with commendation; and his teaching in the Western  
Infirmary during the last twelve months has been  
familiar with hospital routine a matter of no little  
importance. He is well equipped for the post in question,  
and I trust he may accept it.

SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D.

*From* ALEXANDER MACALISTER, M.D., *Professor of*  
*Anatomy, Cambridge University.*

CAMBRIDGE, *1st February*, 1896.

I CAN most heartily recommend MR. J. M. COWAN, M.B., as a most painstaking and careful worker, and one who brings to bear on his work not only a high standard of ability but also an unusual amount of common sense and sagacity. I had ample opportunity of seeing his mode of working and testing his capacity here, and I formed a very high opinion of both.

I feel sure that he will do thoroughly and well anything that is committed to his charge, and wish him every success in his candidature.

ALEX. MACALISTER.



JOHN ALEXANDER MACALISTER, M.D., F.R.S.E.,  
Member of the Royal Society

CHAMBERLAIN, ST. JAMES'S PLACE,

I have most heartily recommended Mr. J. W. C. to you as a most painstaking and careful worker, and one who always to be seen on his work not only a high standard of ability but also an unusual amount of common sense and energy. I had ample opportunity of testing his capacity of working and testing his capacity has not only proved a very high opinion of him. I feel sure that he will do thoroughly and well the thing that is committed to his charge, and will bring every success in his candidature.

ALEX. MACALISTER

*From DONALD J. MACINTOSH, M.D., Medical Superintendent, Western Infirmary.*

WESTERN INFIRMARY,  
GLASGOW, 19th February, 1896.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the very high opinion I have formed of MR. JOHN M. COWAN.

Mr. Cowan acted as Resident Assistant, first in the Surgical and afterwards in the Medical wards of this Infirmary, and discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

I have had ample opportunity of observing the conscientious attention he paid to his duties, and the kindly interest he took in the welfare of his patients.

His amiable and considerate disposition gained for him the esteem of all associated with him in his work.

D. J. MACINTOSH.

FROM DONALD J. MACINTOSH, M.D., Medical Superintendent,  
Western Dispensary.

WESTERN DISPENSARY,  
GLASGOW, 15th February, 1890.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the very high opinion I have formed of Mr. JOHN M. COWAN. Mr. Cowan acted as Resident Assistant here in the Surgical and afterwards in the Medical wards of this Dispensary, and discharged his duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. I have had ample opportunity of observing the conscientious attention he paid to his duties and the kindly interest he took in the welfare of his patients. His amiable and considerate disposition gained for him the esteem of all associated with him in his work.

D. J. MACINTOSH.



*From G. P. TENNENT, M.D., Physician to Western  
Infirmary.*

159 BATH STREET,  
GLASGOW, 2nd March, 1896.

I DESIRE to give DR. JOHN M. COWAN my heartiest recommendation in his application for the appointment of Assistant House Surgeon to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow. Dr. Cowan's medical education has been unusually complete. Of his clinical work while a student I had special personal experience, and I was then led to form a very high estimate of his abilities. During the past five months Dr. Cowan has acted as Resident Physician in charge of my wards in the Western Infirmary, and my intimate knowledge of him over this period has only tended to intensify, and more than fully confirm, the high opinion of his abilities already formed. Earnestly devoted to his work, possessed of exceptional administrative talent and tact, and always assiduously attentive and kind to the patients under his care, Dr. Cowan is one of those who turn all their practical experience to the very best account. I regard Dr. Cowan as one of the ablest and most accomplished Resident Physicians I have ever had, and in my opinion there are few young physicians more eminently worthy of or who will more admirably discharge the duties of the appointment he now desires. I have no hesitation in predicting his distinguished success in the profession.

G. P. TENNENT.



Wm. W. Bennett, M.D., President of the  
Association of Surgeons of the State of New York

Dear Sir:

I desire to give the name of the  
organization in his address for the  
of Assistant, Major Surgeon to the Army, President of  
the American College of Surgeons, the  
and your personal experience and I  
to have a very high estimation of his ability. During  
the past few months Dr. Bennett has acted as  
physician in charge of the wards in the Western  
Hospital and my intimate knowledge of him over the  
years has only tended to increase and more than this  
knows the high opinion of his ability already formed  
I am very pleased to his work, possession of  
administrative talent and tact and always ready  
attentive and kind to the patients under his care. Dr.  
Bennett is one of those who have long and  
experience in the very best manner. I regard him  
as one of the ablest and most accomplished  
physicians I have ever had and in my opinion there are  
few young physicians more conscientiously worthy of  
will more ably discharge the duties of the  
and the new changes. I have no hesitation in  
the distinguished service in the profession.

Wm. W. Bennett