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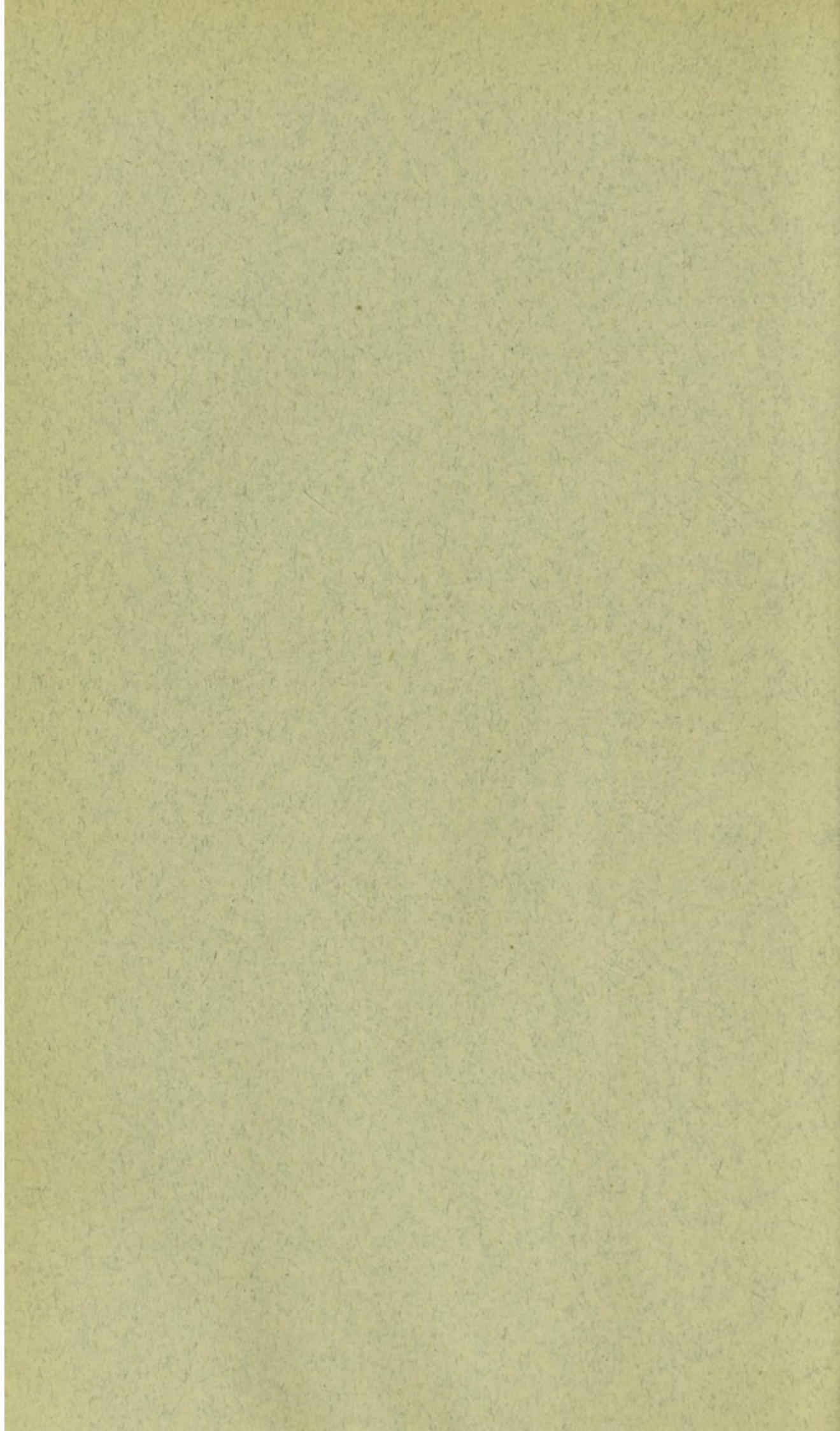
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5 ROSEBERY TERRACE,
KELVINBRIDGE.

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

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the appointment of Extra-Dispensary Surgeon to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

I submit the following facts to your notice in furtherance of my candidature:—

I graduated in 1893. Since then my time has been occupied as follows:

- (a) For six months after Graduation I took a Post-Graduate Course in Glasgow, including a course of clinical instruction at the Sick Children's Hospital.
- (b) I was then House Physician to Dr. Finlayson.
- (c) The next year was spent as House Surgeon to Prof. Macewen. For the first six months I administered the anaesthetics, and made the Pathological Examinations in connection with the wards. The following six months I had charge of the wards, prepared the patients for operation, and assisted at all the operations.
- (d) Course of Clinical Surgery, Eppendorf Hospital, Hamburg.
- (e) Six months in Paris, where I practised Operative Surgery at the University, and acted as Assistant in Dr. Guyon's Clinique for Genito-Urinary Diseases at the Necker Hospital.

After four years of post-graduate work I was appointed Surgeon to the Glasgow Central Dispensary. During my attendance there I have had over 4000 consultations, and done many operations under an anaesthetic. In September,

1898, I was appointed by the University Court Assistant to the Professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery, Glasgow University. My duties consisted of occasionally Lecturing at the University and in demonstrating daily at the Practical Class of Operative Surgery. I also took part in the Clinical teaching and assisted at all the operations.

In 1899 I went to South Africa, where I acted as a Civil Surgeon with the troops there for nearly a year. I was with Earl Roberts' Army during the advance on Bloemfontein and Pretoria, and was present at Paardeberg, Johannesburg, Diamond Hill, and many smaller engagements, having under my care at various times several hundred gunshot wounds.

For my work in South Africa I was "mentioned in dispatches" by Earl Roberts for "special and distinguished service."

In May of this year I was appointed Surgeon to the Lock Hospital.

I state the above facts to show that since graduation most of my time has been spent in the study and practice of Surgery.

Most of the testimonials appended were received when I was a Candidate for a similar appointment on a previous occasion.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS KAY.

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TESTIMONIALS.

From WILLIAM MACEWEN, M.D., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Surgery, Glasgow University, and Surgeon to the Western Infirmary.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY,
19th October, 1899.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I have known DR. THOMAS KAY for a number of years both as a student and graduate of the University.

Since graduation Dr. Kay has devoted much time to surgical work. He acted as House Surgeon in my wards in the Western Infirmary for a year, and performed all his duties to my entire satisfaction.

Subsequently he further extended his professional knowledge by studying Surgery and Operative Surgery on the continent.

In September, 1898, I nominated him my assistant in Surgery and Clinical Surgery in the University of Glasgow, and have always found that he performed his duties with diligence and zeal.

I am, therefore, confident that, if appointed to the Staff of the Hospital for Sick Children, the Directors would find him thoroughly qualified to perform all the duties incumbent upon one of their officers.

WILLIAM MACEWEN.

From JAMES FINLAYSON, M.D., *Physician to the Glasgow Western Infirmary; Consulting Physician to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children; President of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, etc.*

2 WOODSIDE PLACE, CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, 17th October, 1895.

MR. THOMAS KAY, M.B., was a student of mine in the Western Infirmary, and he graduated in the University here in 1893.

Thereafter, he studied in some of the special clinics, and at that time he came to my ward in the Children's Hospital in the course of these supplementary studies.

Next summer (1894) he was appointed Resident Assistant in my wards in the Western Infirmary, and since then he has been occupied with Dr. Macewen's clinic, his term of residence having just expired.

It is evident, therefore, that he has had unusual opportunities of acquiring practical experience.

It remains only to add that while in my wards he did his work well, being careful and painstaking in the discharge of his duties.

JAMES FINLAYSON.

August, 1901. Since the above date, Dr. Kay has extended his experience in Surgery greatly by being Assistant to the Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow and by his African work during the war.—J. F.

From SIR HECTOR C. CAMERON, *Surgeon, Glasgow Western Infirmary; Professor, Clinical Surgery, Glasgow University.*

200 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 4th November, 1896.

MR. THOMAS KAY, M.B., C.M., attended my class of Clinical Surgery, when a student, during a winter session. I knew him then as an attentive and earnest student, and, although I have not seen much of him since, I know that he has since had a thorough training in the art and practice of Surgery.

Had he been brought more into personal contact with me, I have no doubt I should have been able to testify strongly to his worth.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.

August 23, 1901.

Since the above testimonial was written Mr. Kay has had an enlarged experience of practical work in Surgery, both at home and with the troops in South Africa, and I feel sure that he is very deserving of being placed on the Surgical Staff of one of our General Hospitals. He will prove himself a trustworthy Dispensary Surgeon and an agreeable colleague.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.

From R. H. PARRY, F.R.C.S.Ed., Surgeon to the Victoria Infirmary, and Surgeon to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow.

3 ROYAL CRESCENT, QUEEN'S PARK,
GLASGOW, Nov. 3, 1899.

DR. T. KAY informs me that he is a candidate for one of the posts of Extra Dispensary Surgeon to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, and I have much pleasure in recommending him for one of the appointments.

His training, experience, and ability eminently qualify him to fill a surgical appointment, and he has already given proof that he has the necessary qualifications for success.

R. H. PARRY.

From DR. JAS. H. NICOLL, *Assistant Surgeon, Western Infirmary; Assistant Surgeon, Royal Hospital for Sick Children; Consulting Surgeon, Glasgow Ear Hospital; Consulting Surgeon, Glasgow Lunacy Board, etc.*

14 SOMERSET PLACE,
GLASGOW, W., 21st Sept., 1896.

DR. KAY is well known to me as one of the best of the recent graduates of Glasgow University.

He was a most able student; and since graduation has spent the exceptionally long period of three years in post-graduate study in this country and abroad, and has acquired a grasp of the principles and practice of Surgery which few men of his standing have.

JAS. H. NICOLL.

4 WOODSIDE PLACE,
GLASGOW, 18th Oct., 1899.

DR. KAY has announced his intention of making use of the above testimonial in his present candidature for the post of Extra Surgeon to the Children's Hospital.

It is only fair to Dr. Kay to state—as it gives me pleasure to do—that my opinion of him, as stated above, has in no way changed; and that since the above was written Dr. Kay has been appointed Assistant to the Regius Professor of Surgery in the University, and Surgeon to the Glasgow Central (late Anderson's College) Dispensary.

JAS. H. NICOLL.

From G. RITCHIE THOMSON, M.B., F.R.S.E., late Senior Assistant in Surgery, Glasgow University; Assistant Surgeon, Royal Infirmary; and Assistant Surgeon, Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

306 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 1st November, 1899.

DURING my tenure of the position of University Assistant in Glasgow University I was brought into intimate association for six years with MR. THOMAS KAY, M.B., and had most ample opportunity of observing his interest in, and special capacity for, the practice of Surgery.

Dr. Kay's surgical culture has been widened by study in Hamburg and Paris, in which he enthusiastically followed the hospital practice of the most advanced and scientific of the French and German surgeons. On personal as well as on professional grounds, I would be much gratified by the selection of Dr. Kay as my surgical colleague at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow.

G. RITCHIE THOMSON.

From DR. E. DOYEN, *Professeur suppléant à l'École de Médecine, Chirurgien suppléant des Hôpitaux.*

PARIS, Oct. 30, 1899.

Le docteur KAY a suivi mon service à Paris et à Reims pendant quelque temps. Il a assisté à plusieurs de mes séances opératoires et j'ai pu m'assurer de sa haute compétence dans la théorie et la pratique de la chirurgie moderne. Je sais qu'il a travaillé ces dernières années comme chef-de-clinique du Professeur Macewen. Il a donc toutes les qualités nécessaires pour être nommé "extra-chirurgien-assistant" du Sick Children's Hospital à Glasgow.

DR. E. DOYEN.

From DR. SAMSON GEMMELL, Physician to the Western Infirmary, and Physician to Royal Hospital for Sick Children.

17 WOODSIDE PLACE, CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, 21st Sept., 1896.

DR. KAY was a member of the clinical class under my charge in the Western Infirmary in Session 1892-93, and acted as one of the clinical clerks. He discharged his duties in a very satisfactory manner, displaying much interest in his work. From what I saw of him there, and from what I have heard of him since, I should say he is well qualified for the duties of the profession, and a very eligible candidate for an hospital appointment.

SAMSON GEMMELL.

Dr. Gemmell has given me permission to use the above testimonial in support of my candidature for the position of Surgeon to the Hospital for Sick Children.

From WALKER DOWNIE, M.B., F.F.P. & S.G., *Lecturer on Diseases of the Throat and Nose, University of Glasgow; Surgeon, Throat and Nose Department, Western Infirmary; Hon. Aurist, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, etc.*

4 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, 18th October, 1899.

DR. THOMAS KAY attended my demonstrations on Diseases of the Throat and Nose at the Western Infirmary during the Winter of 1892-93, and, further, was a member of my class on Diseases of the Ear, Throat, and Nose, throughout the Session of 1893-94. I have pleasure in stating that during his attendance he availed himself of the many opportunities afforded in those classes of becoming acquainted by personal examination with a large variety of diseases affecting those organs, and of the methods adopted in their treatment.

Dr. Kay's lengthened residence in the Western Infirmary as House Physician, and as House Surgeon, has given him ample opportunities of becoming fully acquainted with the duties of a Dispensary Surgeon, and from the careful and painstaking manner in which he performed the work required of him as a student under my observation, I feel sure that as a Surgeon at the Dispensary of the Sick Children's Hospital he could be relied upon to perform the duties with credit to himself and to the Institution.

(Signed) WALKER DOWNIE.

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

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
22nd August, 1901.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that THOMAS KAY, M.B., C.M., was an excellent student, and took every opportunity of acquiring a sound knowledge of his profession. He gained a good position in my own class, and I formed a very favourable impression of his character and ability. Since graduation he has had considerable opportunity of acquiring experience as a Resident in the Western Infirmary with Dr. Finlayson and Professor Macewen. He has also spent six months in Paris in the special study of Bacteriology and Operative Surgery. He is thus well prepared for active work.

Dr. Kay is a man who will faithfully discharge any duties assigned to him, and I feel sure he would be a valuable official in any hospital. For these reasons I am able strongly to recommend him to the Directors of the Royal Infirmary as one who will discharge the duties of Extra Dispensary Surgeon to the satisfaction both of the patients and of the Directors.

JOHN G. M'KENDRICK.

From ROBERT S. THOMSON, *Physician, City of Glasgow Small-Pox Hospital; Assistant Physician, Western Infirmary; Hon. Extra Physician, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, etc.*

3 MELROSE STREET,
20th Oct., 1899.

MR. KAY has been known to me for several years as a most diligent student, both in my own class and in others with which I am associated.

Since graduation, his experience in hospital work, both under Dr. Finlayson and Prof. Macewen, has been exceptionally fortunate, and will stand him in good stead in filling such an appointment as that he now seeks.

Should the Managers of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children see their way to appoint him, I feel confident he will give every satisfaction both to themselves and to the hospital officers under whom it will be his duty to work.

ROBERT S. THOMSON.

From WILLIAM L. REID, M.D., Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women, Anderson's College; Physician for Diseases of Women, Western Infirmary; Consulting Physician, Glasgow Maternity Hospital, etc.

7 ROYAL CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, W., 18th October, 1895.

TWO years ago, DR. THOMAS KAY attended the Dispensary for Women's Diseases at the Western Infirmary, and took part in the work there under my direction. Since then, he has acted as House-Physician and House-Surgeon in the same Institution, and on several occasions assisted me with gynecological operations.

It gives me pleasure to say that I think Dr. Kay is an intelligent and careful practitioner of medicine and surgery and that those who trust in him in this capacity will find him worthy of their confidence.

WILLIAM L. REID.

*From D. J. MACKINTOSH, M.D., Medical Superintendent of
the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.*

WESTERN INFIRMARY,
GLASGOW, 17th October, 1895.

DR. THOMAS KAY has acted as House-Surgeon and House-Physician in this Hospital for the past eighteen months, and I have no doubt the members of the Staff under whom he served will testify to the manner in which he performed his Medical work.

Being closely associated with Dr. Kay for the last few years, I have great pleasure in stating that he took full advantage of the many opportunities he had of acquiring a knowledge of his profession, and can recommend him with every confidence for any public appointment.

D. J. MACKINTOSH,
Medical Superintendent.

*From B. L. ANLEY, D.S.O., Captain 1st Essex Regiment;
late Adjutant 6th Regiment M.I., De Lisle's Corps.*

MOUNTED INFANTRY, NORTH CAMP,
ALDERSHOT, 13th August, 1901.

DR. THOMAS KAY was appointed Staff Medical Officer to the 6th Regiment M.I., De Lisle's Corps, in February, 1900, and acted as such throughout the operations until his return home. His services were invaluable.

B. L. ANLEY.

From ROBT. GORDON, D.S.O., *Captain 1st Gordon Highlanders*
M.I. Coy., "De Lisle's" Corps.

KING EDWARD'S CONVALESCENT HOME,
WINDSOR, *August 20th, 1901.*

THIS is to certify that during the time I was in command of a detachment of the 6th M.I. Regiment—from 3rd September to early in December, 1900—DR. T. KAY (Civil Surgeon) was my Medical Officer, and he gave so much satisfaction in every way that I am only too pleased to state this fact.

Previous to the dates mentioned I was in command of the 1st Gordon Highlanders Mounted Infantry Coy., in the 6th Mounted Infantry Regiment, and Dr. Kay was Medical Officer for that Regiment for many months, so I have had quite a long acquaintance with Dr. Kay, and I have never heard anything but praise of him by all officers who came in contact with him, and I know that he was much liked by the men, as he was always well up to the front in all actions, and was skilful in his treatment of the wounded or sick. I am sure he has well earned the goodwill of the 6th Mounted Infantry Regiment, and I feel sure that every officer and man in that Regiment wish him every success in his civilian life.

ROBT. GORDON.

