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WILLIAM R. JACK

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FOR

*THE CHAIR OF MEDICINE IN ANDERSON'S
COLLEGE MEDICAL SCHOOL*



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43 LANSDOWNE CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, *March*, 1905.

*TO THE GOVERNORS OF
ANDERSON'S COLLEGE MEDICAL SCHOOL.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my application for the post of Professor of Medicine in the Medical School of Anderson's College.

I am thirty-eight years of age. My medical studies were carried on in Glasgow, where I took the degree of B.Sc. in 1887, and those of M.B., C.M., in 1889, when, as first of my year, I obtained the Brunton Memorial Prize. I was thereafter for six months House Physician in the wards of Dr. M'Call Anderson at the Western Infirmary, and I subsequently studied for two years upon the Continent, visiting the hospitals of Berlin, Vienna, and Paris.

I returned to Glasgow in 1892, after which I was for two Summer Sessions engaged as Junior Assistant to the Professor of Physiology in the University. In May, 1894, I was appointed Assistant Physician to the Glasgow Hospital for Skin Diseases, a post which I held to the statutory limit of three years. In October, 1894, I was appointed Assistant to Dr. M'Call Anderson, then Professor of Clinical Medicine, in his wards at the Infirmary, and I still continue to assist him in the teaching of his Clinical Class. In November of that year I took the degree of M.D. of the University of Glasgow, obtaining Honours for my Thesis, "On the Analysis of Voluntary Muscular

Movements," an abstract of which appeared in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society*, vol. 57, and which in 1896 gained the Dill Prize for the best Thesis of the last three years.

In 1897, after passing the required examinations, I was admitted a Fellow of the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. In 1899 I published a translation of Pollack's *Methods of Staining the Nervous System*, which was favourably received by the medical reviews. In 1900 I became Assistant to the Professor of Practice of Medicine at the University, a post which I still hold. In 1903 I published a revised edition of Wheeler's *Medicine and Therapeutics*, a small text-book which has also been favourably noticed, and which I believe in its present form enjoys some popularity.

I have had a long connection with the Western Infirmary. At the beginning of the year 1895 I was appointed Extra Dispensary Physician to that institution, and three years later I was appointed full Physician to the Dispensary, an office which I have just vacated at the end of the term attached to it of seven years' service.

It will be seen from the above statement that I have been employed in the teaching of Medicine for a period of over ten years, and that my time has been devoted almost entirely to that and to hospital work. I have had opportunity of meeting students, not only as an assistant, but as an independent teacher in the Dispensary of the Western Infirmary during seven years of that time, and I can therefore claim some familiarity with the methods of clinical teaching; while since 1900 I have had experience in the teaching of a systematic class, meeting the class twice weekly throughout the winter sessions, and last year conducting in addition a summer tutorial class.

Owing to the limited time at my disposal, I am able to submit only one testimonial for my present candidature, that from Professor M'Kendrick, which I append to this application, but I have lodged with the Secretary, Mr. J. B. Kidston, a copy of testimonials given me on the occasion of a former candidature.

Should you do me the honour to elect me to the Chair of
Medicine, it will be my endeavour to maintain its high
traditions.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

WILLIAM R. JACK.

From JOHN GRAY M'KENDRICK, ESQ., M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.,
*Professor of Institutes of Medicine in the University of
Glasgow.*

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
10th March, 1905.

I HAVE pleasure in supporting the candidature of DR. WILLIAM R. JACK for the Chair of Practice of Medicine in Anderson's College, vacant by the lamented death of Dr. R. S. Thomson, as in my judgment he has strong claims for such an appointment. His training, both in science and in medicine, has been of a high order; he was a distinguished student; he was the best man of his year in 1889; he has studied abroad, and has become proficient in the French and German languages, an acquirement now absolutely essential to progress in medical science; he has had long experience in Dispensary and Hospital work; and he has acted as an assistant for ten years to my colleague, Professor M'Call Anderson. His Thesis for M.D. on Voluntary Muscular Movements appeared in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society*. He is an excellent speaker and lecturer. His qualifications are of such an order that I feel sure he would fill the office he seeks both with dignity and success.

JOHN G. M'KENDRICK.

