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WILLIAM R. JACK

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FOR

*THE POST OF VISITING PHYSICIAN
TO THE WESTERN INFIRMARY*



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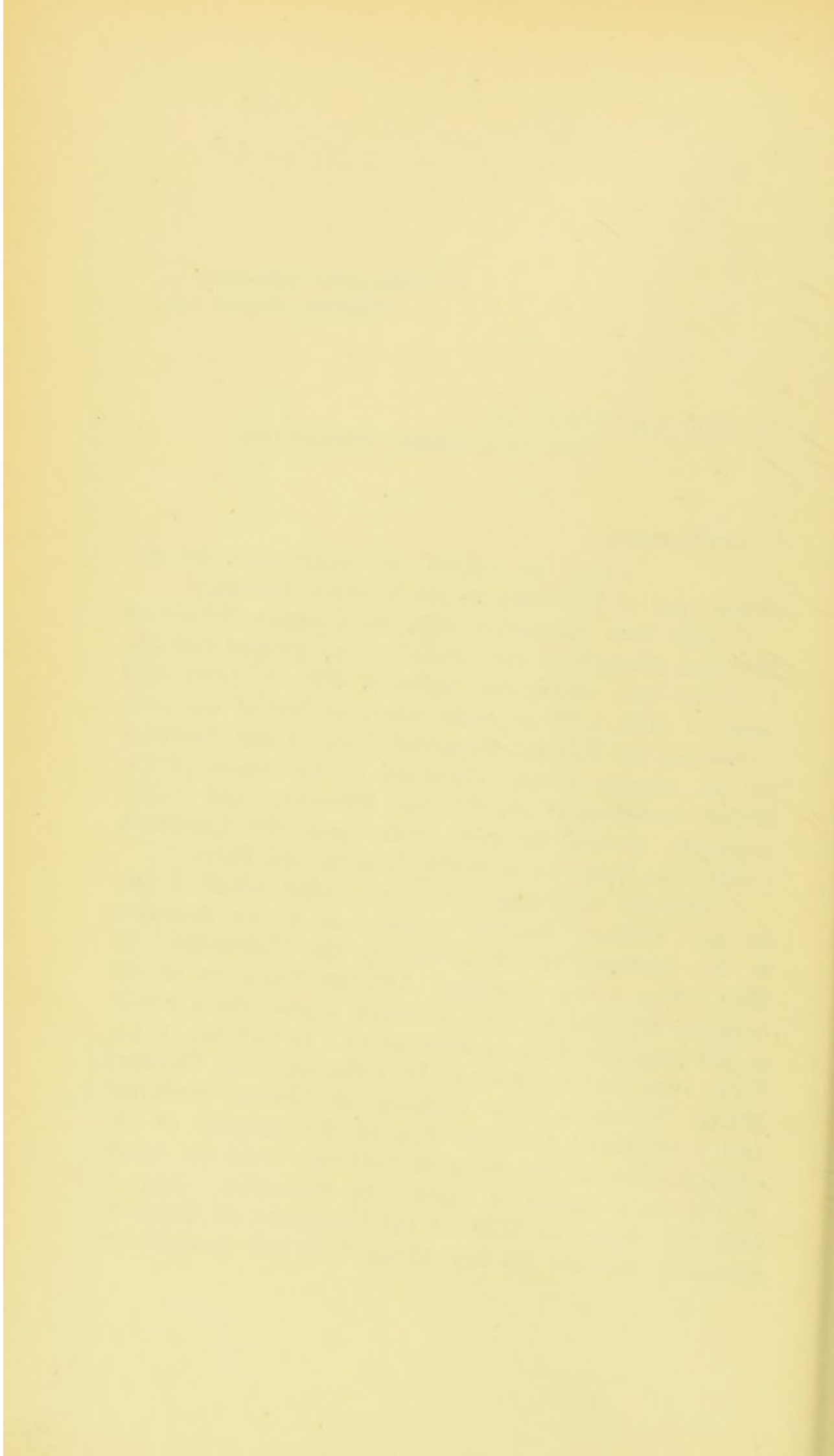
*TO THE MANAGERS OF
THE WESTERN INFIRMARY.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my application for the vacant post of Physician to the Western Infirmary.

I have been connected with the Glasgow School of Medicine throughout the whole of my professional life. I studied here, taking 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. (afterwards Sir Thomas) M'Call Anderson, then Professor of Clinical Medicine, and I continued to assist him in the teaching of his Clinical Class at the Western Infirmary until his death in the early spring of 1908. In November, 1894, 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, when Sir Thomas M'Call Anderson was appointed Professor of Practice of Medicine, I became his Assistant at the University, as well as at the Infirmary, holding both offices until his death, after which the conduct of the class of Practice of Medicine devolved upon me until the appointment of his successor. I was thus in entire charge of the class during the remainder of the Winter Session, and throughout the Summer Session; and in the summer of that year I acted in his stead as Examiner in Medicine at the Final Professional Examination.

In 1903 I published a revised and enlarged edition of Wheeler's *Medicine and Therapeutics*, a small text-book, which met with very favourable notices. It proved so successful that in 1908 a third edition was called for. This edition, which had undergone further revision and extension, has met with a gratifying success, and still commands a steady sale.

I have had a long connection with the Western Infirmary. At the beginning of the year 1895, I was appointed Extra Dispensary Physician, and three years later became full Physician to the Dispensary, an office which I vacated in December, 1904, at the end of the term attached to it of seven years' service. At that time I was Senior Dispensary Physician. After the expiry of my term of office I continued to teach in the Infirmary as Assistant to Sir Thomas M'Call Anderson, and in 1907 I was appointed to the post of Assistant Physician, which I now hold. I have thus been on the Staff of the Institution for a period of thirteen years, and I was engaged in

clinical teaching from 1894 to 1908. I can, therefore, claim considerable familiarity with the methods of clinical teaching, and, in addition, I have had eight years' experience in the teaching of a Systematic Class. I have also on many occasions been temporarily in charge of Wards, both under Sir Thomas M'Call Anderson and since my appointment as Assistant Physician. During the past two years, after a month's work in the laboratory of Sir Almroth Wright, I have been giving special attention to the subject of vaccine therapy, on which I have published a couple of papers.

From the beginning of my professional career, therefore, the greater part of my time has been devoted to hospital work and to the work of teaching, and to qualifying myself for such a position as that for which I now apply.

I append a list of my medical publications, and some testimonials in support of my candidature.

Should I have the honour to be elected to the vacant post, I shall endeavour to discharge its duties to the best of my ability.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM R. JACK.

List of Medical Publications.

"On the Analysis of Voluntary Muscular Movement," *Journal of Anatomy and Physiology*, 1894. Abstract in *Proceedings of the Royal Society*, vol. 57.

"On the *Maladie des Tics*," *Transactions of the Glasgow Medico Chirurgical Society*, 1897.

Methods of Staining the Nervous System, Pollack : translated from the second German edition, 1899. Pp. 143.

"Congenital Stenosis of the Pulmonic Valve," *Transactions of the Glasgow Medico-Chirurgical Society*, 1902.

"Dilatation of the Superficial Abdominal and Thoracic Veins without evident Cause," *Transactions of the Glasgow Medico-Chirurgical Society*, 1902.

Wheeler's *Handbook of Medicine and Therapeutics*, second edition, revised and enlarged, 1903. Pp. 432.

Medicine and Therapeutics, Wheeler and Jack ; third edition, 1908. Pp. 501.

"A Case of Tuberculosis of the Bladder treated by Vaccine Therapy," *Glasgow Medical Journal*, 1909.

"Four Cases of Gonorrhoeal Arthritis treated by Vaccine Therapy," *Glasgow Medical Journal*, 1910.

*From the late SIR THOMAS M'CALL ANDERSON, Regius
Professor of Medicine in the University of Glasgow.*

9 THE UNIVERSITY,
GLASGOW, June, 1907.

IT affords me much pleasure to state that, in my opinion, DR. WILLIAM R. JACK is extremely well qualified for the position of Assistant Physician to the Western Infirmary.

His University record could hardly be surpassed. In 1887 he took the degree of Bachelor of Science, and in 1889 those of Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery, and was awarded the Brunton Memorial Prize as the most distinguished graduate of his year. Again in 1894 he took the degree of Doctor of Medicine "With Honours" for his Thesis, and in 1896 the Dill Prize was gained by him for the best Thesis of the last three years.

His other contributions to medical literature have been numerous and varied, including a translation of Pollack's *Methods of Staining the Nervous System*, and the revision of the new edition of Wheeler's *Handbook of Medicine*, both of which have been received with much favour.

Since 1895 he has been almost continuously on the staff of the Infirmary, and has repeatedly taken charge of my Medical Wards during my absence, and discharged all the duties to my entire satisfaction.

In the year 1894 he was appointed Medical Tutor in connection with my Wards in the Infirmary, a position which he has held ever since, as well as, latterly, Assistant in the Class of Practice of Medicine, and I would be ungrateful were I not to admit in the most cordial terms the great benefit which I have derived from his assistance in the instruction of successive generations of students.

It is evident, therefore, that he is fully equipped for the teaching and for the practice of his profession, and that there is no appointment to which he may not reasonably aspire.

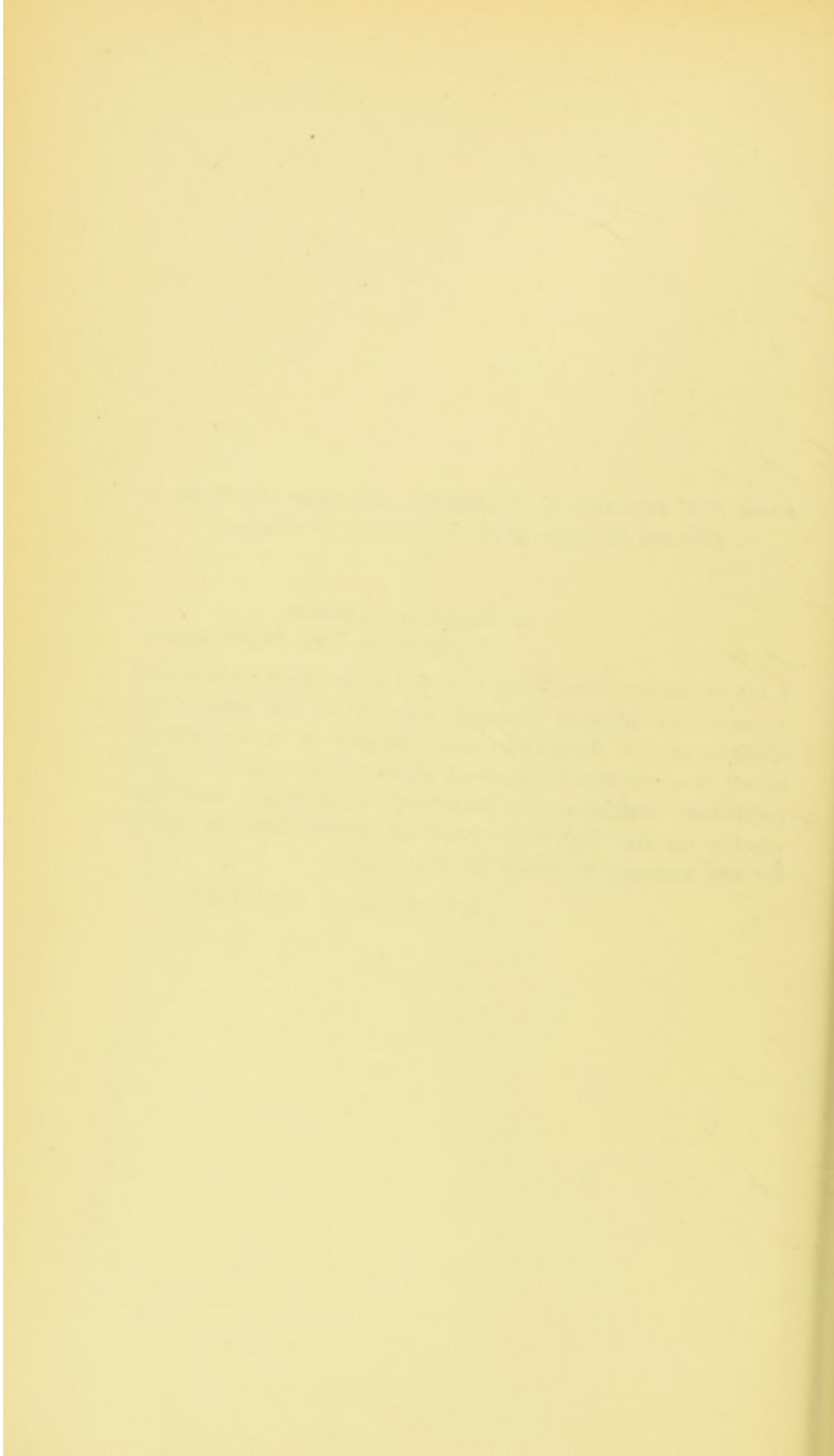
T. M'CALL ANDERSON.

*From SIR HECTOR C. CAMERON, Emeritus Professor of
Clinical Surgery in the University of Glasgow.*

18 WOODSIDE CRESCENT,
GLASGOW, 22nd August, 1910.

I HAVE known DR. WILLIAM JACK for many years, and I have the highest possible opinion of his intellectual abilities and of the extent and accuracy of his knowledge of all that relates to medical science and practice. His published writings, his teaching experience, and his service on the Infirmary Staff all entitle him to apply for any vacancy to which he may aspire.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.



*From SAMSON GEMMELL, M.D., Professor of Practice of
Medicine in the University of Glasgow.*

17 WOODSIDE PLACE, CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, *August, 1910.*

DR. WILLIAM R. JACK has been well known to me for some years as one of the most distinguished and promising of the younger graduates of Glasgow University. Ever since his graduation he has been intimately associated with the Western Infirmary as Dispensary Physician, and subsequently as Assistant Physician. In these capacities he has to my knowledge done excellent work. His appointment to the post which he now seeks to secure would be a fitting acknowledgment of his services. He has an extensive and accurate knowledge of disease in almost all its phases, and may be relied on to discharge his duties to the patients with great skill, care, and assiduity. He is, besides, an able expositor, and this cannot fail to render him a valuable addition to the teaching staff of the hospital. He has on sundry occasions acted in my wards during the holiday season, and I have had good reason to admire the manner in which he has discharged his duties. Outwith the sphere of his professional work, I know him to be an accomplished gentleman, likely to reflect credit on all who may further his professional aims; and I can recommend him to the Managers of the Western Infirmary as one well worthy of their interest and support.

SAMSON GEMMELL.

From SANBORN GORHAM, M.D., President of the
Medical Association of the District of Columbia.

17 Wisconsin Street, District of Columbia,
October 10, 1911.

DR. WILLIAM B. JONES has been called to the
forefront as one of the most distinguished
of the younger generation of American physicians. His
work in the field of the history of medicine, and
with the Western University at London, England, and
especially as Assistant Surgeon in the First
Regiment of the Army Medical Department, has
been in my knowledge the most important work of
his life. His appointment to the post which he now
occupies is a fitting recognition of his
services to the profession and to the
country. All the more so as he has not only
his duties to the patients with whom he
works, but also an arduous and
exhausting life as a soldier and a
commander. It is to be regretted that
teaching staff of the hospital. He has
served in the most distinguished
and I have had great pleasure in
watching his development. His
of his professional work is a
constant desire to reach the
the professional class and I am
pleasure of the Medical Association and
their interest and support.

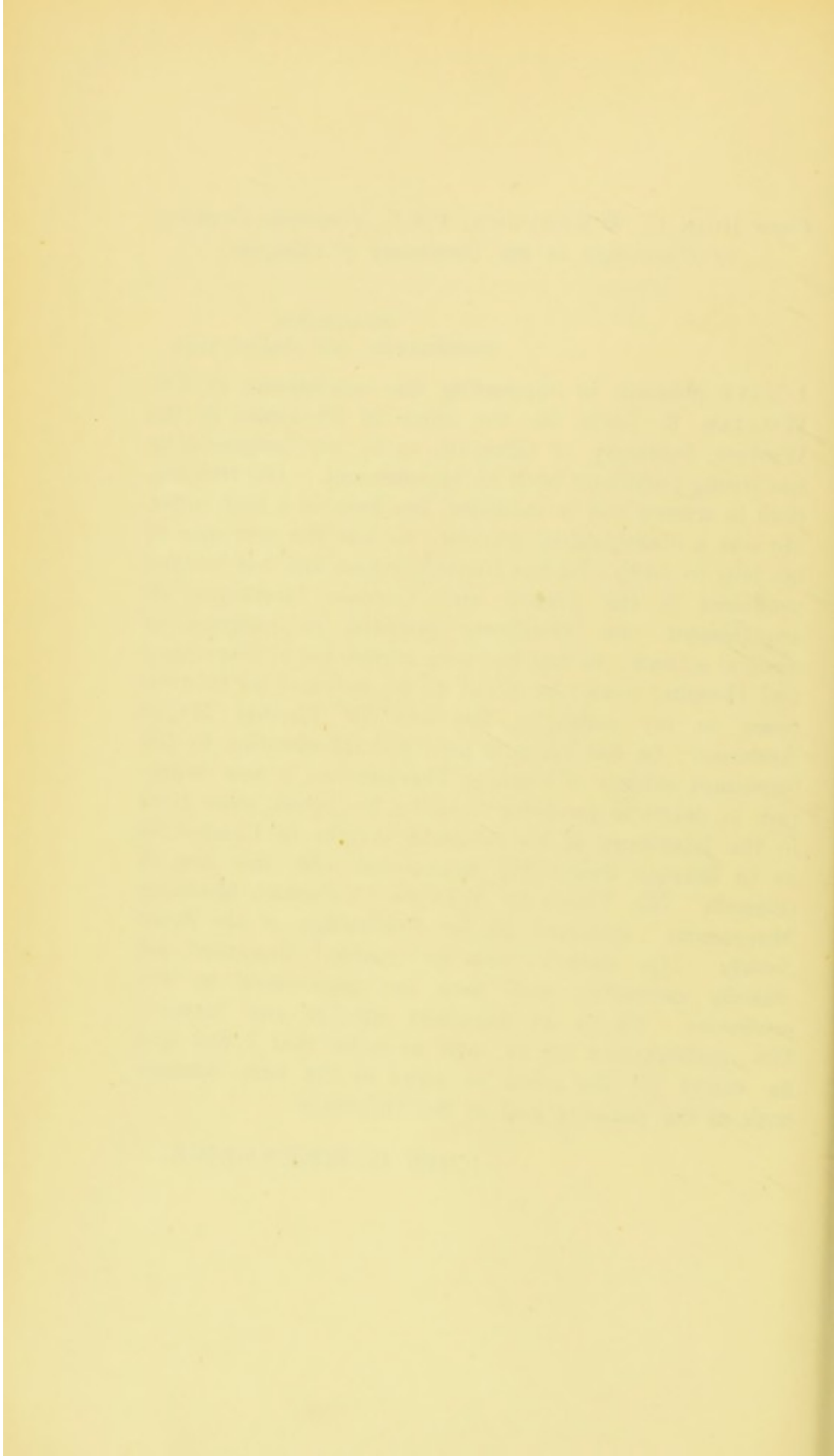
Yours very truly,
WALTER WATSON

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

MAXIEBURN,
STONEHAVEN, 24th August, 1910.

I HAVE pleasure in supporting the candidature of DR. WILLIAM R. JACK for the office of Physician in the Western Infirmary of Glasgow, 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; he acted as an assistant for thirteen years to my colleague, the late Sir Thomas M'Call Anderson; he has recently paid special attention to the important subject of Vaccine Therapeutics, a new departure in practical medicine; and he has spent some time in the laboratory of Sir Almroth Wright in London, so as to become thoroughly acquainted with this line of research. His Thesis for M.D. on "Voluntary Muscular Movements" appeared in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society*. His contributions to medical literature are steadily increasing, and they are appreciated by the profession. 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 in the best interests both of the patients and of the Infirmary.

JOHN G. M'KENDRICK.



*From C. O. HAWTHORNE, M.D., Physician to the
North West London Hospital and Central London
Ophthalmic Hospital, Examiner in Medicine to the
University of Glasgow.*

63 HARLEY STREET,
LONDON, W., 21st August, 1910.

DR. WILLIAM R. JACK is well entitled to ask for support in any application he may make for appointment as a Hospital Physician. He has for many years applied himself to the routine discharge of clinical work and clinical teaching, and has in this way acquired the knowledge and experience which are essential to efficient medical practice and to the training and instruction of students. But Dr. Jack has by no means confined himself to routine, important as this undoubtedly is. On the contrary, he has taken pains to acquaint himself with all the modern developments of medical research, and has himself, in several directions, made important original observations. It may, therefore, confidently be expected that with larger opportunities, Dr. Jack will further extend his reputation as a practical physician, a clinical teacher, and an original worker, and that his appointment as a member of the Senior Staff will both contribute to the good repute of the Hospital, and will command both professional and public confidence.

C. O. HAWTHORNE.

