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STATEMENT

OF THE

QUALIFICATIONS

OF

ROBERT HARRISON, M.D.T.C.D.

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MEMBER OF THE ROYAL COLLEGES OF SURGEONS
OF DUBLIN AND OF LONDON,
PROFESSOR OF ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY IN THE SCHOOL
OF SURGERY IN IRELAND,
AND
ONE OF THE SURGEONS OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN
HOSPITAL.

CANDIDATE

FOR THE

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To the Provost and Senior Fellows.

1, Hume-street, Stephen's-green, Dublin,
September th, 1837.

GENTLEMEN,

In presuming to announce myself as a Candidate for the CHAIR OF ANATOMY AND SURGERY, now vacant by the resignation of Doctor Macartney, I feel it incumbent upon me to detail the *Course of Professional Education* I originally pursued, the *Degrees* I have obtained; as also such evidence as I possess of attention to, and proficiency in, those departments of Medical Science, which are the legitimate provinces of that Professorship.

During my undergraduate course in Trinity College I was also engaged in the study of Medicine and Surgery. The former I prosecuted in the "School of Physic," under the several Professors in the University, as also under those on the foundation of Sir Patrick Dun.

I graduated in Arts in the year 1815, and subsequently as Bachelor and Doctor in Medicine, after passing the required examination before the Professors.—Certificates of attendance on their courses of Lectures—the "degrees" of *A.B.*, *A.M.*, *M.B.*, and *M.D. T.C.D.*, shall be submitted to the Board at the appointed time.

My Surgical Education was conducted in the principal establishments in this city, viz.—the College of Surgeons,

The dates of the Testimonials are

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A. M. — 1826

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and Dr. Steevens' Hospital ; in the latter institution I was resident Pupil for several years.—Certificates of attendance on the several courses of Medico-Chirurgical Science, required by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, together with my *Diploma* from that body (1815) shall be laid before you. I next visited the Schools of Medicine and Surgery, in London, and entered on a regular attendance on the practice of the principal hospitals and lecturers in that Metropolis ; I also received my *Diploma* from the Royal College of Surgeons in London, after the usual examination. This Diploma, (1816) together with the Certificates of *Cooper*, *Babington*, and *Cline*, shall be submitted to the Board. I subsequently visited the Hospitals, Museums, and Schools in Paris.

In the year 1817 I was appointed DEMONSTRATOR OF ANATOMY in the COLLEGE OF SURGEONS in this city : this office I continued to fill for about ten years. It afforded extensive opportunity for the cultivation of Anatomy, not only in a scientific point of view, but also in its practical relation to Pathology, and to the treatment of Medical and Surgical disease. During this period, I was also much engaged in the practice of making Anatomical and Pathological preparations ; some hundreds of those in the valuable collection in the School of Surgery have been the work of my hands.

In the year 1827 I was elected PROFESSOR OF ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY in the same College : since then I have annually delivered a Course of Lectures on these sciences to a class whose average number has been about 250. In these courses, Anatomy has been treated of in

its most extended sense, and Physiology, or the study of Life and Organization in *Man*, has been constantly elucidated by reference to the varied forms of existence in every *other* division of animated nature. In addition to these annual courses which I have conducted in common with my colleague Professor, I have also delivered Five Courses of Lectures on COMPARATIVE ANATOMY and Physiology ; the subject of each course having been a distinct division of the Animal Kingdom.

As to the manner in which I have discharged the duties of this Professorship, I beg leave to refer you to the testimonials of men whose approbation I am proud and happy to possess, men whose high professional rank and acknowledged attainments entitle their judgment to every weight, and whose honourable and independent characters place their assertions above suspicion. These testimonials shall be presented in due course.

During these twenty years, in which I have been almost daily engaged in the teaching of these Sciences, I have also written not a little : I would here only allude to the "Surgical Anatomy of the Arteries," and to that more general treatise on Anatomy, "The Dublin Dissector." Copies of these works, as also of several papers which I have published in the periodical literature of the day, together with critical remarks thereupon, shall be submitted to the Board.

Thus far I have detailed my qualifications in reference only to the Anatomical and Physiological portions of that course of Lectures which the Professor in Trinity College is required to deliver ; as, however, that profes-

sorship includes two other important duties, namely, the delivery of a Course of Lectures on Surgery, and a Clinical Course in Sir P. Dun's Hospital, it may be right to state the qualifications I possess in these respects also, in which, in addition to a knowledge of theory and principles, there is also required that practical information of disease which can only be attained by observation and experience.

I have had the best opportunities for acquiring this invaluable knowledge, from having studied disease in the largest metropolitan institutions in Great Britain. I now also possess the experience derived from upwards of twenty years professional standing, during which time I have constantly resided in this city, and during most of which I have enjoyed a reasonable share of private practice ; and, above all, I have been for the last five years attached to, and in daily attendance on, the City of Dublin Hospital, where various surgical operations have been performed by me, and disease in every form has been under my constant care. In this Institution I have also, during each session, lectured upon Surgery, and delivered Clinical Discourses on the various Medical and Surgical diseases that were under treatment. I have also published some papers on practical subjects, copies of which shall be submitted to you.

From the length of the foregoing statement, I feel somewhat apprehensive, least it may lead to the notion that, in making it, I may have been actuated by feelings of vanity. I trust, however, that you will justly appreciate my motives in thus addressing you—my only object has

been to do that which I strictly believe to be *my* duty, and what I am equally certain is *your* desire, namely, to place before you, in the exact language of truth, those qualifications I possess—and on which, and which alone, I presume to offer myself as a candidate for an office of great importance to the character and interests of the University, as well as to the welfare of the public.

In conclusion, I beg to assure you, that should I have the honour to be appointed to this vacant chair, I shall devote the same attention, industry and zeal to promote its objects, as I have hitherto exerted in the somewhat similar professorship which I have held for so many years in the College of Surgeons, and which latter appointment I shall then, as a matter of course, immediately resign.

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT HARRISON, A.M. M.D. T.C.D.

M.R.I.A.

MEMBER ROY. COL. OF SURG. LONDON,

MEMBER ROY. COL. OF SURG. DUBLIN,

PROFESSOR OF ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY IN THE
SCHOOL OF SURGERY IN IRELAND,

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TESTIMONIALS, &c.

ALEXANDER MUNRO, M.D.

*Professor of Anatomy and Surgery in the University of
Edinburgh.*

Edinburgh, August 26, 1837.

MY DEAR SIR—It gives me much pleasure to state, that I have formed the very highest opinion of your talents as an Anatomist, and as a Teacher of Anatomy, from the perusal of your excellent treatise on the "Arteries," a work which is much consulted by the students of my own class; as also from the very favourable accounts of pupils who have attended your Lectures. It affords me much gratification to add, that I consider you eminently qualified to fill the chair of Dr. Macartney. Wishing you success in the object of your wishes,

I remain, my dear Sir, yours very truly,

ALEX. MUNRO, M.D. & Prof.

R. Harrison, Esq. M.D.

Original marked No. 1

SIR ASTLEY COOPER, Bart.

*Serjeant Surgeon to the Queen, Consulting Surgeon to Guy's
Hospital, &c. &c.*

London, July 18, 1834.

I have the utmost pleasure in bearing my testimony to the talents, acquirements, and character of Mr. ROBERT HARRISON.

I feel that Trinity College will be highly benefitted by his appointment to the office of Professor of Anatomy and Surgery, that the Profession itself will be improved by appointing him, and that the Heads of the College will do honour to themselves in electing him.

ASTLEY COOPER.

Original marked No. 2.

JOHN CRAMPTON, M.D. T.C.D.

King's Professor of Materia Medica, and Physician to Steevens's Hospital.

Kildare-street, July 15, 1837.

I have known Dr. Robert Harrison above twenty years. I first became acquainted with him when he was my pupil, and since that period I have observed the gradual progress he has made to the very eminent station which he now has attained as an Anatomist and a Physiologist.

As an Anatomist, Dr. Harrison has distinguished himself by his demonstrations, his teachings and his writings, the latter being the standard works of Anatomical students.

As a Lecturer he has been most fortunate; he possesses an eloquence peculiarly suited for speaking to a class, in addition to a store of original facts which his faithful memory never fails to develop in the best possible order. Dr. Harrison by his interesting Lectures on Comparative Anatomy, has advanced to a considerable extent the Science of Human Anatomy and Physiology; in this branch Dr. Harrison has done more than most of his contemporaries.

I have had many opportunities of meeting Dr. Harrison in practice, and can bear testimony to his skill and judgment in the treatment of diseases.

In fine, I know no man more competent, and few so competent, to fill a Professor's Chair on any subject connected with Medical Science, more particularly that of Anatomy and Sur

gery, which he has cultivated for so many years with so much assiduity and success. Should Dr. Harrison be appointed to the Chair of Anatomy now vacant, the University would obtain a great acquisition in a learned Professor, a man of good religious feelings, and of excellent moral character.

JOHN CRAMPTON, M.D.

King's Professor of Materia Medica, and
Physician to Steevens's Hospital.

Original marked No. 3

HENRY MARSH, Esq. M.D. M.R.I.A.

Physician to Steevens's Hospital.

August, 23, 1837.

Having been for upwards of twenty years acquainted with Dr. Robert Harrison; having in early life attended closely his Anatomical Demonstrations at the College of Surgeons; and subsequently his Lectures on Physiology and Comparative Anatomy; having frequently met him in consultation in the management of difficult cases, both Medical and Surgical, I am enabled, I think, to form and express an opinion of his qualifications and capability to fill the Chair of Professor of Anatomy and Surgery in the University.

Dr. Harrison does, in my opinion, possess in an eminent degree, the qualifications necessary to form a really good Lecturer and Teacher of the subjects to which he has assiduously devoted the best years of his life. In addition to an extensive, minute, and practical knowledge of Medical and Anatomical Science, he is gifted with the talent, so essential to a good Lecturer, the talent of communicating in a clear and interesting manner to his hearers the knowledge with which his own mind is stored.

As a writer on Anatomy and Surgery, Dr. Harrison ranks deservedly high. Besides treatises of considerable practical value published in the volumes of periodical literature, he has been the author of the "Surgical Anatomy of the Arteries," and

of the "Dublin Dissector," books which have extended his anatomical fame wherever Medical Science has been cultivated.

I think then, that I may venture to affirm, that Dr. Harrison has given proof the most decisive by the whole tenour of his professional life, by the character he has acquired as a Lecturer and a writer, by the manner in which he has filled the Chair as Professor in the College of Surgeons; that he is eminently fitted to discharge the important duties which belong to the Professorship for which he is now a candidate.

H. MARSH, M.D.

Original marked No. *A*.

ABRAHAM COLLES, Esq. M.D.

Late Professor of Surgery, in the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland, and Surgeon to Steevens's Hospital.

22, Stephen's-green, September 13th, 1837.

I feel not merely a pleasure, but a considerable degree of pride, in stating, that Dr. Robert Harrison commenced his professional course as a pupil of mine. During the entire five years of his pupilage, his conduct was marked by an unremitting zeal, and unabating ardour in the acquirement of Professional information. So highly was I pleased with his professional acquirements, and his zeal in anatomical pursuits, and his uniformly correct conduct, that shortly after he had obtained his Letters Testimonial, I appointed him, (in the room of the late Mr. Todd) Demonstrator of Anatomy in the School of the College of Surgeons, in which I was at that time a Professor. In this situation, Dr. Harrison acquitted himself in a manner which acquired for him the admiration of the Pupils, and the esteem of the Members of the College. So distinguished were Dr. Harrison's exertions as an Anatomical Teacher in this responsible office, that on my resignation of the chair of Anatomy, he was elected, as the man, who by his energy, information, and eloquence, was best calculated to raise the character of the College of Surgeons, and to promote the cultivation of Anatomy.

The event has fully justified the choice ; for since Dr. Harrison has been raised to the chair of Anatomy and Physiology, in the College of Surgeons, he has not only, by the cultivation of Comparative Anatomy introduced this branch of the Science to general notice, but he has also facilitated in a material degree, the study of Human Anatomy and Physiology, not merely by his Lectures, but also by some very valuable works—viz., his “Anatomy of the Arteries;” and his Elements, entitled, the “Dublin Dissector,” now standard works in almost every School of Anatomy in Great Britain and America.

As a Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, Dr. Harrison is eminent, not only for his minute knowledge of the subjects, but still more, for the clearness of his arrangements, and the impressive language in which he conveys his ideas.

As a Practitioner, few men possess more nice discrimination, or more solid judgment in the treatment of diseases, both medical and surgical.

From the long and intimate intercourse which I have had with him, I can pronounce Dr. Harrison to be a man of most correct, moral conduct, and possessing a mind deeply imbued with sincere religious feelings.

A. COLLES.

Original marked No. 5

PHILIP CRAMPTON, Esq. M.D. F.R.S.

*Surgeon in Ordinary to the Queen, and Surgeon General
to the Forces in Ireland.*

Merrion-square, July 14th, 1837.

I have known Dr. Harrison for several years, as a Teacher of Anatomy, and as a Practitioner of Medicine and Surgery. I have heard him lecture on Human and Comparative Anatomy ; and I have seen him operate ; I have, besides, read with attention, his Work on “the Surgical Anatomy of the Arteries of the Human Body ;” I believe, beyond question, the most com-

plete Treatise extant on the subject. It is, therefore, on a sufficient knowledge of Dr. Harrison's talents and attainments, that I venture to state my opinion, as to his being eminently well qualified to fill the chair of Anatomy and Surgery in the University of Dublin.

PHILIP CRAMPTON
Surgeon General.

Original marked No. *b.*

RICHARD CARMICHAEL, Esq. M.R.I.A.

Honorary Member of the Royal Academy of Medicine in France, and Consulting Surgeon to the Richmond Surgical Hospital.

Rutland-square.

Dr. Harrison's character as a Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology extends so high, and is so well known to the Public, that any Testimonial of mine as to his qualifications, to fill the vacant chair of Anatomy in the University, appears to me altogether superfluous and unnecessary. But as he wishes me to write one, I feel great pleasure in stating, that I am not acquainted with any individual, who from natural as well as acquired endowments, is more highly gifted to fill with credit and ability the important situation in question.

The great object of Dr. Harrison's life has been the cultivation of Anatomy and Physiology ; both Human and Comparative. And he is particularly happy by the aptness and fluency of his language, in conveying to his hearers the great extent of his information on these subjects.

As a Lecturer on Surgery, when I consider the extensive opportunities he has had, at all times, of cultivating a knowledge of this branch of the healing art, as also the excellence of his Clinical Lectures, as well as from what I have observed in consultation with him, I have no doubt but that he will be found an excellent Lecturer on this subject, which he is so competent

to elucidate, by his familiar acquaintance with all the minutiae of Anatomy and Physiology.

RICHARD CARMICHAEL, M.R.I.A.

Honorary Member of the Royal Academy
of Medicine in France, &c. &c. and
Consulting Surgeon of the Rich-
mond Surgical Hospital, &c. &c.

Original marked No. 7

FRANCIS BARKER, M.D. T.C.D.

Professor of Chemistry in the University of Dublin.

22, Bagot-street, July 21, 1837.

MY DEAR SIR—With your desire that I should specify my opinion as to the extent and value of your claims as a candidate for the place of Professor of Anatomy in Trinity College, I willingly comply. I shall not dwell on the fact, that you have been for many years an eminent Lecturer on Anatomy in a School where this branch receives peculiar attention as the foundation of all Surgical knowledge, but merely state, as I have learned from the most authentic sources, that your Lectures were peculiarly instructive, and delivered in a manner well adapted to excite and fix the attention of students. With the various practical parts of Anatomy, more especially with the art of making anatomical preparations, I have reason to believe you are well acquainted; and your knowledge and experience in this branch would enable you to supply the deficiency which exists in this respect in the collection of Trinity College.

As a writer on Anatomical Subjects, your claims are well known to the Profession, and your publications on the "Surgical Anatomy of the Arteries," "the Dublin Dissector," and various papers in the periodical journals, reflect much credit on your industry and professional attainments.

To the above claims I would add one, in my judgment of much value, that you are a graduate in Arts of this University'

known to many of its members, and that in it you have attained the highest honours in Medicine.

From the above statement of facts, I would infer, that professional standing, experience, eminence in your profession, and general education, are all in your favour as a candidate on the occasion.

I remain, my dear Sir, yours truly,

FRANCIS BARKER,
Prof. Chem. Trin. Coll. Dublin.

R. Harrison, Esq.

Original marked No. 8

ROBERT J. GRAVES, Esq. M.D. T.C.D.

Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, and Physician to the Meath Hospital.

9, Harcourt-street, 30th August, 1837.

MY DEAR SIR—In compliance with your request, I willingly state my opinion concerning your qualifications, to fill the chair of Anatomy and Surgery. Indeed your character is so well known and so highly appreciated, that my opinion appears scarcely necessary ; and had you not wished it, I should have felt very diffident in coming forward, to testify to merits that have already earned such general approbation.

Your Treatise on the "Surgical Anatomy of the Arteries," evinces an intimate acquaintance with that most important department of Professional knowledge, and is a standard work both here and in England.

The "Dublin Dissector" may be truly said to be unrivalled, and has long survived all competitors. Your Essays on many important Surgical Subjects, published in the Dublin Medical Journal, and in the London Cyclopædia of Anatomy, prove that you have turned your talents with equal success to the cultivation of the practical parts of your profession, and have therein

obtained a high reputation. As an Hospital Surgeon, you have enjoyed advantages, without which it would be scarcely possible for any one to discharge efficiently the duties of a Teacher of Practical Surgery ; and as a Lecturer, I am only expressing the general opinion, that you have few equals, and perhaps, no superior.

I have the honor to be, my dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT J. GRAVES, M.D.

Robert Harrison, Esq.

Original marked No. 9.

CHARLES LENDRICK, Esq. M.D. T.C.D.

King's Professor of the Practice of Medicine, and Physician to Mercer's Hospital.

Hatch-street, Dublin, July 15th, 1837,

I have perused Doctor Harrison's Anatomical Treatises, which I consider to comprise the best abstract of the subject, (to the practical cultivation of which I devoted considerable attention,) that I am acquainted with. He and I were in the same class, and under the same tutor in Trinity College, Dublin. I have since had many opportunities as an Hospital Physician and Lecturer, of being acquainted with the opinions entertained by the Profession at large, and by Medical Students of his qualifications ; and I believe, that in the communication of sound instruction in a familiar and yet elegant style, Dr. Harrison is without a superior.

CHARLES LENDRICK, M.D. T.C.D.

King's Professor of the Practice of
Medicine in the School of Physic
in Ireland.

Original Marked No. 10.

BENJAMIN TRAVERS, Esq. F.R.S.

Senior Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital, &c.

Bruton-street, Berkeley-square, July 18, 1834.

I have been intimately acquainted with Mr. Harrison from an early period of his professional life, and from the interest which he evinced in all departments of Professional Science, during a protracted residence in London, was led to select him for my Assistant and Clinical Clerk at St. Thomas's Hospital; and had abundant opportunity of estimating the character and extent of his information, and of his powers of attainment, as well as of observing the zeal and energy which he displayed in the prosecution of his Anatomical Studies, and the persevering industry which he brought to all.

Some seasons past I was desirous to give my son, a professional student, the advantage of an exclusive devotion of his time and abilities to the acquirement of Anatomical knowledge for a season; and having so determined, I felt no hesitation in selecting Mr. Harrison as the individual, from whose information, example, and character especially, under whose auspices as an instructor, he would derive the greatest benefit; and the result confirmed my judgment.

I have only to add, in so far as my standing and knowledge of Professional Men, and Teachers, enables or entitles me to form an opinion, that I consider Mr. Harrison would do both justice and honour, and in a very eminent degree, to the Anatomical and Surgical Chair, the Professorship of Anatomy and Surgery in Trinity College, Dublin.

BENJAMIN TRAVERS,

Sen. Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital,
London.

Original marked No. *H*

G. S. GUTHRIE, Esq. F.R.S.

*Professor of Surgery in the College of Surgeons of London,
and Surgeon to the Westminster Hospital.*

2, Berkeley-st. London, July 21, 1837.

MY DEAR SIR—I am very happy to find you intend to become a candidate for the office of Professor of Anatomy, vacated by Dr. Macartney; I am sure no man can give greater satisfaction, nor do the business better. Your work on the “Arteries” places you among the foremost of the Anatomists of the day, and the opportunities you have enjoyed in Surgery, render you, in my opinion, perhaps the most eligible person that could be selected in the country for the office; and I most cordially wish you success. I should be very glad if it were in my power to assist you in any way,

And am, my dear Sir, yours faithfully,
G. S. GUTHRIE.

R. Harrison, Esq.

Original marked No. 12.

EDWARD STANLEY, Esq. F.R.S.

Professor of Anatomy and Surgery in the Royal College of Surgeons of London, and one of the Surgeons to Bartholomew's Hospital.

Lincoln's Inn Field, London, July 17, 1837.

I most readily add my testimony to the many others offered to Dr. Harrison, of his high qualification for the office of Professor of Anatomy and Surgery, in the University of Dublin. The published works of Dr. Harrison, his well known zeal in the cultivation of Science, the great extent of his information, and his long practised experience as a public Teacher, are grounds on which I express my conviction, that he is well calculated to sustain the reputation of the University.

EDWARD STANLEY,
Professor of Anatomy and Surgery to the
Royal College of Surgeons, London.

Original marked No. 13.

JONES QUAIN, Esq. M.D. T.C.D.

*Late Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in the University
of London.*

London, Sept. 2, 1837.

MY DEAR HARRISON—The circumstance of your being a candidate for the Professorship in the University, affords me an opportunity of discharging a duty to you, by stating my estimate of you as a Lecturer, as an Anatomist and Physiologist. Early in life it was my good fortune to attend your Courses of Instruction, and from them I can truly say, I received my first right impressions on Practical Anatomy. I can even at this distance of time recall the impression your methods of teaching made upon me; for they exhibited at all times an arrangement so clear, an illustration so copious, derived at one time from Pathology, at another from Comparative Anatomy, and the style was so perspicuous and full, that not a fact or an inference failed to produce its proper impression. Though we have diverged in the journey of life, I have had opportunities from year to year of knowing through others—both senior and junior members of our profession—the success which has continued to attend your public teaching. I will add my conviction to theirs as to the office for which you now apply, that you are eminently qualified, not merely to fill it, but to adorn it. Strongly as I have always felt attached to my old “Alma Mater,” and anxious as I have ever been to see her efficient and prosperous, I could not desire any measure more likely to insure the advancement of her Medical School, than your appointment to the Professorship of Anatomy; it would bring into efficient operation that zeal for the diffusion of knowledge which you have always shown, and give to the public, I mean the Medical public, the benefit of that mass of information which you have, to my own knowledge, been labouring to acquire for more than twenty years, and which you are so eminently qualified to impart to others.

I remain, dear Harrison, with sincerest wishes for your success,

Faithfully yours,

Robert Harrison, Esq. M.D.

JONES QUAIN.

ROBERT TODD, Esq. M.D. T.C.D.

*Professor of Physiology and General and Morbid Anatomy
in King's College, London.*

London, 26, Parliament-street,
September 8, 1837.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Robert Harrison for many years ; and have had frequent opportunities of attending his Lectures and Demonstrations in Anatomy. Dr. Harrison is well known in this country by his writings on Anatomical Science, which are of a high order. From Dr. Harrison's great ability, and long experience in Teaching, and from the extensive opportunities which he has enjoyed of acquiring surgical experience, I cannot hesitate to say, that I believe him eminently qualified to fill the vacant Chair of Anatomy and Surgery in the University of Dublin.

Signed,

R. B. TODD, M.D.

Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians,
and Professor of Physiology, and of
General and Morbid Anatomy, in
King's College, London.

Original marked No. 15

FROM JAMES SOMERVILLE, Esq. M.D.

Inspector of Anatomy for London.

5, Saville Row, London, 2d Sept. 1837.

MY DEAR SIR—As I have just heard that you are a candidate for the Chair of Anatomy in the College of Dublin, I trust you will permit me to express my very sincere good wishes for your success.

Before I had the honour of your acquaintance, I had been led to form a very high opinion of your merits as an Anatomist, by your unrivalled contribution on the "Arteries," and the treatise on "Practical Anatomy;" and I was fully confirmed in this opinion

by the universal applause with which your instructions were spoken of by the many distinguished Dublin students with whom it has been my good fortune to be much associated. You know that I have at all times borne my humble testimony to the high attainments and zeal of the Dublin students as Anatomists, and I have always attributed much of this merit to your instructions, and method of imparting a taste for this study. If your sphere of usefulness can be increased by this appointment, I need not assure you of the great delight it would afford me,

And I hope to remain, ever my dear, Sir,

Your most faithful,

JAMES C. SOMERVILLE.

R. Harrison, Esq,

Original marked No. 16.

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