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TO THE VERY REVEREND THE  
PRINCIPALS AND THE PROFESSORS  
OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS.

GENTLEMEN,

I BEG most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for appointment to the Chair of MEDICINE and ANATOMY, now vacant in the University of St. Andrews by the lamented death of Dr. Reid.

I commenced the study of Medicine by becoming an articled Pupil of R. C. Botham, Esq., of Chesterfield, under whose superintendence I saw a large amount of practice for upwards of four years. The next three years of my life were spent in attendance upon Lectures, Hospital and Dispensary practice, &c., in Edinburgh, where prizes were awarded to me in Medicine and Pathology, in Surgery, Midwifery, Materia Medica, and Botany, and an Honorary Certificate, the only prize given in a large class of Ophthalmic Surgery. I obtained the Diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of London, and passed the first examination for the degree of B.M. in the University of London, in August, 1843; in April, 1844, I became a Licentiate of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of Lon-



don, and afterwards took the degrees of B.M. and M.D. in the University of London. At the first examination for the degree of B.M. at the last-named University, I was placed in the first division, and received a "Certificate of Honour" and a Gold Medal, in *Materia Medica*; at the second examination for B.M., I was again placed in the first division, and obtained "Certificates of Honour" in Surgery and Medicine, and a Gold Medal in Medicine; and at the examination for the degree of M.D., I received the only honour awarded, the Gold Medal, for a commentary on a case in Medicine.

In 1844-45, I studied for a year under the most eminent teachers in France and Italy, in the Hospitals and Schools of those places; and the autumn of 1847 I also spent in study at the Hospitals, &c., in Paris.

On two occasions, I filled the office of Pathologist at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, during the temporary absence of Dr. Bennett.

In the end of October, 1845, I was appointed Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology in the University and King's College, Aberdeen, and in a few months afterwards Examiner on the same subjects. Since that time, I have conducted the whole Anatomical department of King's College, and taught, during four Winter and Summer Sessions, by Lectures, Demonstrations, and personal attendance in the Anatomical rooms.

In the summer of 1847, I introduced the study of Microscopic Anatomy into the Aberdeen School of Medicine, by commencing a class of Histology, and Practical Instructions in the use of the Microscope; and I have now given three of such courses of instruction, which have been attended by 22 pupils.

Since I have been connected with King's College, my time



has been unceasingly devoted to the advancement of the science and practice of Medicine, especially in the branches of Anatomy and Physiology, which constitute the only certain foundation; and I have endeavoured, by every possible means, to excite that spirit of true research into the nature of disease, which the present state of Microscopic Anatomy, Organic Chemistry, and other aids in Physical Diagnosis, are so well calculated to afford.

I hope shortly to have the honour of bringing before you Testimonials to shew that my time has been wholly devoted to professional pursuits—that I have already taught Descriptive and Structural Anatomy and Physiology with success—and that I have laboured continually to maintain the honour and reputation of the University with which I have at present the honour of being connected. Should I be further honoured by appointment to the vacant chair in the University of St. Andrews, my every effort shall be exerted to advance the science and practice of Medicine—to increase the usefulness, and to maintain the reputation of that University.

I have the honour to be,

GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient and humble Servant,

PETER REDFERN, M.D.

ABERDEEN, August 7, 1849.



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I have the honour to be,  
Your most obedient and humble Servant,  
PETER RIDDELL, M.D.

St. Andrews, August 7, 1840.



## TESTIMONIALS.

I.—*To the Very Reverend the Principals and the Professors, Patrons of the Chair of Medicine and Anatomy, in the University of St. Andrews.*

UNIVERSITY AND KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN,

8th August, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,—The Professorship of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews being now vacant by the lamented death of Dr. Reid, Dr. REDFERN, Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology in this University, has intimated to us that he is a Candidate for the appointment, and has requested us to state our opinion of his qualifications.

We have much pleasure in acceding to this request, because we believe him to be eminently fitted for discharging the important duties of the office.

Four years ago, when the Lecturership of Anatomy in this University was vacant, Dr. Redfern was pointed out to us, by the Medical men of Edinburgh, as being eminently qualified to be our Lecturer. On their recommendation he was at once unanimously elected. Since his appointment, he has continued to conduct the courses of Anatomy here, and has more than justified the very high character that was given of him; indeed, has far surpassed the sanguine expectations of his friends and ourselves.

Dr. Redfern is a man of high talent—of excellent attainments—and zealously devoted to his profession. As a Lecturer and Teacher, he is pre-eminently successful, and is remarkable for the clear and precise manner in which he handles the subjects he discusses, and for the enthusiasm which he excites in the students. He has thus become a great favourite with them, because they feel, not only that he makes them masters of the subjects, but also that he



carries them along with him; leading them from the more elementary parts to the higher and more abstruse doctrines.

Dr. Redfern's method of conducting the examination of Candidates for the degree of M.D. has also given the most entire satisfaction to the Senatus and to his Colleagues.

But besides being distinguished as a Teacher and Examiner, Dr. Redfern stands high as an Original Investigator; more particularly in that department to which your late gifted Professor devoted his time and his talents,—we allude to his recent Microscopic researches in Structural Anatomy, the first series of which he has just published.

Dr. Redfern, we may add, is a man of an amiable disposition—of upright and honourable conduct—and, during his residence in Aberdeen, has endeared himself to his Colleagues, and to all who are acquainted with him.

With these qualifications, we do most conscientiously recommend Dr. Redfern to the Patrons of the vacant Chair, as one whom we consider in every way eminently qualified for discharging its important duties, and who, if elected, will faithfully and zealously devote his energies to uphold the fame of the University, and thus become a worthy successor of him of whom St. Andrews had justly reason to be proud.

While thus giving our opinion of the qualifications of Dr. Redfern, we may be allowed, at the same time, to state, that we look forward to his removal as likely to affect our own University. We fear that his place will not be easily supplied by one so highly talented; but we feel it to be our duty thus to come forward on his behalf, and shall be delighted to hear of his promotion, believing that he will be an ornament of any University.

GENTLEMEN,

We have the honour to be,

Your most obedient Servants,

(By order of the Senatus)

HUGH MACPHERSON,

SUB-PRINCIPAL.



II.—From WILLIAM PIRRIE, M.D., F.R.S.E., *Regius Professor of Surgery in Marischal College; one of the Surgeons of the Royal Infirmary of Aberdeen; formerly Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology in the University of Aberdeen.*

238, UNION STREET WEST, ABERDEEN,  
6th August, 1849.

I have had many opportunities of knowing the estimation in which Dr. REDFERN is held, both as a Teacher and as an Anatomist, and I am certain he is a man of such talent, of such zeal in the prosecution of science, and of such judgment and experience as a Teacher, as to be eminently qualified for a Professorship of Anatomy.

My opinion of Dr. Redfern's qualifications is such that I should reckon it greatly to the honour and advantage of the University of St. Andrews to have him connected with it, by his becoming Professor of Anatomy; and, much as I regret the loss our country has sustained by the death of the eminent individual who lately occupied the Chair of Anatomy in that University, I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to Dr. Redfern's fitness to be his successor.

WILLIAM PIRRIE, F.R.S.E.

III.—From GEORGE J. NICOL, M.D., M.R.C.S., *and one of the Physicians of the Royal Infirmary.*

ABERDEEN, 6th August, 1849.

I have the greatest pleasure in bearing testimony to the merits of Dr. P. REDFERN, as I have had repeated opportunities of knowing the indefatigable zeal and industry with which he has laboured in the departments of Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology particularly. I consider him admirably qualified for any office requiring an intimate knowledge of these subjects; and he has also shewn, since he came to Aberdeen, that he possesses in a high degree the faculty of communicating his knowledge to others.

GEORGE J. NICOL, M.D., M.R.C.S.



IV.—From JN. CADENHEAD, A.M., M.D., M.R.C.S.,  
*London, Ophthal. Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, August 7, 1849.

Dr. REDFERN has been known to me for the last four years, as a most successful Teacher of Anatomy and Physiology at the Medical School of King's College, Aberdeen. With excellent natural abilities, Dr. R. combines great zeal and most persevering industry in the acquisition of knowledge. He has most amply availed himself of the advantages afforded him at the Medical Schools of Britain and the Continent. During his residence in Aberdeen, it is evident that he has not neglected the opportunities of research afforded him at the Royal Infirmary. This is proved by the series of papers, with admirable Microscopic drawings, now in course of publication in the *Edinburgh Monthly Journal*—in themselves constituting a sure guarantee that the honour and reputation of any University are in good hands whilst he occupies the Chair of Anatomy. A moral and religious character should ever constitute a strong recommendation for the Professor of Anatomy, and Dr. R. possesses such a character.

JN. CADENHEAD, A.M., M.D., M.R.C.S.

V.—From the REV. JAMES FORSYTH, D.D., *Minister of West Parish, and Moderator of the Presbytery of Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, 21, GOLDEN SQUARE, 6th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—It is with the utmost willingness, and esteeming it a privilege to be invited to do so, that I bear my humble testimony to your accomplishments and ability as an Anatomical Lecturer and Demonstrator, in view of your application for the Chair of Anatomy in the University of Saint Andrews.

I enjoyed the advantages and satisfaction of attending both your courses during last winter, which I did with as



much regularity as my other engagements would admit of, not less attracted by your style of lecturing, and by the great interest you imparted to your subject, than by a desire to learn the wonderful advances which the science had made since I first gave attention to it, some five and twenty years ago. And I am enabled, from personal knowledge and observation, to testify to your pre-eminent qualifications for the duties of an Instructor in the Studies to which you have devoted yourself.

For one of your years, your own attainments in Physiology, and your acquaintance with the researches, discoveries, and views of those in every quarter who have distinguished themselves in their department of Anatomical Science, are truly astonishing ; while you are obviously already a perfect master of Descriptive and Practical Anatomy. Your style of Lecturing is fluent, ready, and distinct in a remarkable degree—presenting in singularly accurate and choice language the information you have to give ; and all possible care is bestowed by you that your pupils shall have every point clearly and fully before them. In your demonstrations you avail yourself zealously of every auxiliary means of rendering their knowledge of the parts, relatively and structurally, more full and precise ; you make frequent use of the Microscope—a ready draughtsman, you seek at the moment the help of off-hand diagrams—and you adduce frequent illustrations from Comparative Anatomy. On all occasions you bestow assiduous care in pointing out the relations of the parts, and every thing about them, that may be of practical moment to the Surgeon. It will be no fault of yours if a pupil does not carry away from your class a complete and correct knowledge of the several parts of the human frame ; and he must be idly inclined indeed if you cannot interest him in his studies, and secure his attention at the time. Nor could any one, who even on a solitary occasion should hear your Lecture, especially should the subject of such Lecture be one of physiological interest and importance, resist the impression that he has been listening to an enthusiast in his science—who has devoted years and years to assiduous prosecution of his



Anatomical Studies—whose whole soul is in them—and who, already occupying ground tracked by few, is marked out for a station of pre-eminence in the walk he has chosen.

I need not assure you, my Dear Sir, that I will sincerely rejoice in your success. You will have rivals I doubt not—rivals of name and mark. But of this I am certain, that the Patrons of the Chair to which you aspire, could not possibly make choice of any one more thoroughly fitted in all respects to discharge the duties of the situation, and sustain the credit of their ancient University—or to prove in private life an acquisition, by his attainments, feeling, manners, and dispositions, to their circle.

It ought to form with them no mean additional commendation in your favour, that I am able to bear decided testimony to the sincerity, and soundness of your religious principles and sentiments—that, as a sinner in my own Church, you are most exemplary and faithful in attendance on divine ordinances—and that your walk and conversation are in a high degree such as beseem a disciple of the Gospel. Indeed that you are thoroughly impressed with a sense of religion, and its obligations, is evident from the delight you take in directing the attention of your Students to the evidences of the divine wisdom and goodness in unfolding to them the structure and economy of our fearfully and wonderfully formed frame.—I ever remain, my Dear Sir, very faithfully, yours,

JAMES FORSYTH.

To Peter Redfern, Esq., M.D., Lecturer  
on Anatomy and Physiology, King's  
College.

VI.—From GEORGE OGILVIE, M.D., *Lecturer on the Institutes of Medicine in Marischal College, and late of the University and King's College; Secretary of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society of Aberdeen.*

4, DEE STREET, ABERDEEN, August 7, 1849.

Having just learned that Dr. REDFERN intends to offer himself as a candidate for the Professorship of Anatomy in



the University of St. Andrews, I gladly embrace this opportunity of bearing testimony to the efficient manner in which he has conducted the Anatomical Class in the University and King's College of this city, and to the impetus he has given to the study of minute Anatomy, by introducing among our Medical Students a taste for Microscopical observation, to which he has devoted much time and attention.

During the four years I have had the pleasure of being associated with him in the Medical School of King's College, I have had numerous opportunities of observing the zeal and success with which he has prosecuted various Physiological and Pathological researches, particularly in reference to the functions of the Brain and the diseases of Cartilage, on which subject he has made some interesting and important communications to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of this place.

I cannot but hope that the choice of the Senatus of St. Andrews may fall on a person whom I believe so well qualified to do honour to the University, by the extent of his general acquirements, and thorough knowledge of his profession, and particularly of that branch to which he has devoted his principal attention; though, in common with many others, I should much regret losing one whose courteous and obliging behaviour has gained him many friends, during his short residence in this place.

GEO. OGILVIE, M.D.

VII.—From the Very Rev. WILLIAM JACK, D.D., *Principal of the University and King's College, Aberdeen.*

PINE VALE COTTAGE, NEAR INVERURY,

August 7, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—Although I shall sincerely regret the loss which our Medical School must sustain, if deprived of your valuable and highly valued services as a Lecturer on Anatomy, I cannot withhold my warmest testimony in



your favour in regard to your character and manner, as well as to your eminent qualifications in every branch of the profession to which you have devoted your highly-gifted mind.

Wishing you success in the object you have in view,—I remain, Dear Sir, yours sincerely,

G. J. FOR WILLIAM JACK.

To Dr. Redfern.

VIII.—From JOSEPH WILLIAMSON, M.D., *President of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society of Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, 7th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in complying with your request that I would give you a testimonial of your qualifications for the Professorship of Medicine, now vacant at St. Andrews.

I have been enabled to form an opinion of your acquirements, by having occasionally been present at your lectures, and having heard you read papers at the meetings of our Medical Society. I have had besides many other opportunities of observing your unwearied diligence in the pursuit of healthy and morbid Anatomy. From these means of judging of your attainments in Medical science, as well as from my knowledge of your success as a Teacher, I can have no hesitation in at once expressing my conviction that you are eminently qualified to fill a Medical Chair in any of our Universities.

Wishing you all the success which you so well deserve,—I remain, my Dear Sir, yours sincerely,

JOSEPH WILLIAMSON.

To Dr. P. Redfern, Aberdeen.

IX.—From ROBERT JAMIESON, M.D., *Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence at the University and King's College; one of the Medical Officers of the Aberdeen General Dispensary, &c.*

Aberdeen, 7th August, 1849.

DR. REDFERN, of King's College, Aberdeen, bears a



very high reputation in this quarter as a most accomplished member of the Medical Profession. His success as a Teacher of Anatomy has been such as to render him exceedingly popular with the Students of the University here; and his various physiological and pathological researches have gained for him a name which is deservedly great as an experimental Inquirer. No one has done more than Dr. Redfern, to advance the scientific study of Medicine, in this School; and I know that I express the common opinion of his Colleagues, in saying that his loss here would be greatly felt, and with much difficulty supplied.

In Dr. Redfern the University of St. Andrews would gain an accomplished Professor, a zealous and able prosecutor of science, and undoubtedly one of the best Anatomists of the day. I have had ample opportunities of becoming acquainted with Dr. Redfern's merits; and it gives me much pleasure to bear a testimony in his behalf, which I know must be corroborated by all who have had a similar advantage.

ROBERT JAMIESON, M.D.

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X.—FROM JAMES WILL, M.D., M.R.C.S.L.

ABERDEEN, 7th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have just learnt your intention of becoming a candidate for the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, and wish you every success, although I regret much the idea of your leaving your present appointment, the duties of which you have so efficiently and ably performed. If distinguished talents, unwearied ardour in the pursuit of Medical science, and a happy method of imparting knowledge, and inspiring your pupils with a love of their profession, are qualifications for the vacant Chair, then, you are, in my opinion, eminently fitted to fill it.

With every good wish,—I am yours, very sincerely,

JAMES WILL, M.D.

Dr. Redfern, Aberdeen.



XI.—From J. T. OGILVIE, M.D., *Medical Superintendent of the Aberdeen Lunatic Asylum.*

ABERDEEN, 7th August, 1849.

It is with much satisfaction that I have learned that Dr. REDFERN intends becoming a candidate for the vacant Chair of Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews, feeling fully satisfied, from what I know of him, that, if successful, he will discharge his new duties, as he does everything he undertakes, in a manner highly creditable to himself. I only regret that there is a prospect of his services being lost to the Medical School of King's College.

It is not only as regards his attainments as an Anatomist and a Teacher (in which I believe him to be surpassed by few) that I consider him so well qualified to fill the important office he solicits, but also in reference to those qualifications of a higher order which are looked for in a Professor—zealous devotion to his subject for its own sake, high literary and scientific attainments, and the manners and feelings of a gentleman—all of which Dr. R. possesses in an eminent degree.

During the whole of Dr. R.'s stay in Aberdeen, I have had the pleasure of being acquainted with him, and have had frequent occasion to hear from his colleagues and pupils opinions in regard to his abilities, which fully confirm the high estimate which my own observation had led me to form.

For these reasons it would, in my opinion, be difficult for the Senatus to select for the office any person combining in his own person so many requisites for the discharge of its weighty duties.

J. T. OGILVIE.

XII.—From DAVID MACKINTOSH, M.D. Edin., L.R.C.S.E. *Lecturer on Physiology in King's College and University of Aberdeen, and Member of the Med.-Chirurg. Society of Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, 7th August, 1849.

It gives me much pleasure to bear testimony to the high



qualifications of my colleague, Dr. REDFERN, as a Lecturer and Teacher of Anatomy; and to state my admiration of the enthusiasm with which he is known to prosecute his researches in Physiology and Microscopic Anatomy.

Since his connection with the Medical School of Aberdeen, a stimulus has been given to the study of the department of Medical instruction under his care, and more especially to the study of minute Anatomy, which he was the first to introduce into Aberdeen; and the opinion generally entertained among the Medical men of this city is, that much of the increasing respectability of the Aberdeen School of Medicine is due to Dr. R.'s connection with it.

Having had students under my care who studied Anatomy with Dr. R., I can bear testimony to the great success which has attended his instructions, and to his power of inspiring his pupils with much of the ardour which they are led to admire in their instructor.

The papers which Dr. R. read before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of this city were characterised by deep research and much originality.

I am persuaded that Dr. R. will be an honour to any Medical School with which he may be connected, and that, should he be continued in health, his talents will place him high among those who have thrown so much light on the nature of disease by their discoveries in Microscopic Anatomy.

DAVID MACKINTOSH, M.D.

XIII.—From WILLIAM LAING, M.D., *Senior Surgeon, and late Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, in the Royal Infirmary of Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, 8th August, 1849.

Having had frequent opportunities, within the last few years, of observing Dr. P. REDFERN's intimate acquaintance with Anatomy, and the zeal and assiduity with which he prosecutes researches into every branch of Anatomical and Physiological science, as well as his popularity and success



as a Teacher of them, I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his peculiar fitness for filling the Chair of Anatomy now vacant in the University of St. Andrews.

W. LAING, M.D.

XIV.—From ALEXANDER KILGOUR, M.D., *one of the Physicians of the Aberdeen Infirmary, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine.*

Aberdeen, 7th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—For some years past I have refused to give certificates in favour of candidates for office. The “certificate system” is one of the humbugs of the age, and by most sensible people is now taken at its real value.

You seem to think, however, that you have a strong claim upon me from my connexion lately with you in the University and King’s College. I do not know that the patrons of the Chair in the University of St. Andrew’s will give any weight to my certificate; but I, nevertheless, do say that I think you well qualified to be the successor of the late lamented Dr. John Reid; and my grounds for this belief are—that I know personally your success as a Teacher of Anatomy, and the great esteem in which you are held by your pupils—that from acting with you at the examinations for Medical Degrees, in the University and King’s College, I could see your extensive and minute knowledge of Anatomy and Physiology, and your tact in the examinations of Candidates on these and other branches of Medical Science—and that I have heard you read papers of much interest, in the Medical Society here. If you get the Professorship I shall be very glad for your sake; but I am quite sure, at the same time, that our Medical School will suffer thereby a great loss, and that the profession generally in this quarter will regret the departure of a most gentlemanly and agreeable friend.

I am, my Dear Sir, most truly yours,

AL. KILGOUR, M.D.



XV.—From ROBERT DYCE, M.D., *Senior Physician, Royal Infirmary; Lecturer on Midwifery, Marischal College.*

ABERDEEN, 7th August, 1849.

I have great pleasure in expressing the high opinion which I entertain of DR. P. REDFERN, as a Teacher of Anatomy. From my knowledge of his acquirements in that department, and his unwearied exertions for the promotion of Science, I feel confident that he will most satisfactorily discharge every duty incumbent on a Professor of Anatomy; and that any University will be most fortunate in securing his valuable services.

ROBERT DYCE, M.D.

XVI.—From STEPHEN BALFOUR, M.D., M.R.C.S.L.

22, UNION PLACE, ABERDEEN, 7th August, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—I am much gratified with this opportunity of expressing the high opinion I entertain of your professional talents and zeal.

The Medical profession of this place has had good cause to appreciate the able and zealous manner in which you have conducted the Anatomical Class of King's College Medical School. It will afford me great pleasure to learn that your merits have been duly rewarded, whether in obtaining the present appointment, vacant by the death of Dr. Reid of St. Andrews, or any other to which you may aspire.—Believe me, Dear Sir, very truly yours,

STEPHEN BALFOUR, M.D.

Dr. P. Redfern, Lecturer on Anatomy  
and Physiology, King's College.

XVII.—From ALEX. CUDDIE, M.D., *late President of the Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society.*

ABERDEEN, August 7, 1849.

I have much pleasure in testifying, from personal knowledge, that Dr. P. REDFERN has, during the last four years,



conducted the Lectures in King's College and University, Aberdeen, on Anatomy, Physiology, and Histology, with much zeal and success; and also that he has pursued Microscopic investigations, some of which, on Cartilage, he has lately published; and that, in general, his professional zeal, and diligence, and ability, have given much satisfaction.

ALEX. CUDDIE, M.D.

XVIII.—From ANDREW FINDLATER, M.A., *Head Master of Gordon's Hospital.*

ABERDEEN, 8th August, 1849.

Understanding that DR. REDFERN is a Candidate for the Chair of Anatomy, now vacant in the University of St. Andrews, it affords me great pleasure to testify the high esteem in which he is held here by all who enjoy the privilege of his acquaintance. He has taught Anatomy for four years in the Medical School of the University and King's College, and I have never heard but one opinion as to the success which has attended his labours.

Of his merits as a Lecturer and Demonstrator, I can speak from personal knowledge, having attended one of his classes last session. His expositions are remarkable for uniting minuteness and clearness; which arises from his knowing how to single out from the details and recapitulate those leading points which deserve prominence. The way in which he sustains the interest and attention of his hearers proves his success in this difficult art.

But what principally distinguishes his method of instruction, is the importance attached to *structure as revealed by the Microscope*. All his views of Physiology are based on this. His eminence as a Microscopist are acknowledged by all who know any thing of the subject, and much of his time I know to be spent in original researches of that nature.

From personal acquaintance I know him to be possessed of that enthusiasm in the pursuit of his favourite study,



without which no eminence can be attained in any science; and I believe that though he were independent of it as a profession, he would pursue it for its own sake.

Those who know Dr Redfern, though they may not lay claim to professional knowledge, yet feel entitled, judging merely from the analogy of other sciences and pursuits, to express their belief, that with the best years of life yet before him, he is one from whom Anatomy and Physiology have much to hope.

ANDREW FINDLATER, M.A.

XIX.—FROM GEORGE RAINY, M.D., M.R.C.S.L., *Surgeon to the Aberdeen Eye and Ear Institution, and Lecturer on Midwifery in the University and King's College, &c.*

ABERDEEN, 8th August, 1849.

Having been intimately acquainted with Dr. REDFERN for several years, and understanding that he is a candidate for the vacant Professorship of Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews, I readily embrace the opportunity thus afforded of expressing the high opinion which I entertain of his talents and professional acquirements.

Dr. Redfern has taught Anatomy, Physiology, and Histology, in the Medical School of King's College and University since the year 1845, with great ability and success. He is a profound Anatomist, and his style of communicating instruction is fluent, perspicuous, correct, and attractive.

He is the author of a valuable paper on Anormal Nutrition in Articular Cartilages, published in a recent number of the *Monthly Journal of Medical Science*, which reflects the highest credit on his powers of mind and persevering industry. In addition to his high Anatomical reputation, I may state that he possesses an intimate knowledge of the literature and practice of the other branches of Medical science, and that hitherto he has been very successful in discovering and treating disease.

From what I know of Dr. Redfern's professional and other attainments, I consider him eminently qualified to



discharge the duties belonging to the Professorship which he now solicits.

GEO. RAINY, M.D.

XX.—From DAVID FIDDES, M.D., M.R.C.S.L.

ABERDEEN, 8th August, 1849.

I have pleasure in adding my testimony to the professional qualifications of Dr. REDFERN, having, during an acquaintance of four years, had frequent opportunities of judging of them, as regards Anatomy, and the science and practice of Medicine, as well as of his mode of conveying instruction on these subjects.

I can with truth testify that his knowledge of Medicine is extensive and accurate, and his method of inquiry strict and searching. The zeal which he evinces in teaching renders his lectures and demonstrations most instructive, interesting, and impressive. From his strong and vigorous abilities, and the power with which he applies them to his profession, I feel persuaded that the knowledge of it will be materially advanced through his instrumentality, and that his name will yet be considered an ornament to any College or University with which he may be connected.

DAVID FIDDES, M.D.

XXI.—From J. JAMIESON, M.D., *formerly Lecturer on Midwifery in Marischal College, &c.*

ABERDEEN, 8th August, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to your fitness for filling the Chair of Anatomy now vacant in the University of St. Andrews, and shall feel gratified if my opinion of your professional attainments can have any influence in assisting you to obtain that situation. Though our personal intercourse has not been so frequent as I could have wished, you have afforded me, along with the other members of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of this place,



ample opportunity of judging of your excellent abilities and accomplishments, and of the zeal and assiduity with which you prosecute researches into every branch of Anatomical and Physiological science.

Wishing you success,—I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

J. JAMIESON, M.D.

To Dr. Redfern, Aberdeen.

XXII.—From DUNCAN REID, M.D., M.R.C.S.L.

CROWN COURT, UNION STREET, ABERDEEN,

August 8, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—Hearing that you are a candidate for the Chair of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews, I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to that of your numerous friends, to the high qualifications you possess for that situation. Knowing the zeal and activity with which you have prosecuted the study of Medical science, and the extensive acquirements you have attained on most subjects connected with that study, as well as your success as a Teacher in communicating that knowledge to others, I have no doubt that your appointment to the office for which you offer yourself, will be for the interest and advantage of that, or any similar, institution. The gentlemanly bearing of your conduct on all occasions, in the intercourse you have had with the profession during the few years of your residence here, as well as the high excellence of your moral and literary character, will occasion, I am sure, a regret in the minds of most at the idea of losing your services; but, apart from such feelings, however natural, I will be most happy to hear of your success, and to congratulate you on the attainment of the honourable object of your ambition.—I am, my Dear Sir, yours truly,

DUNCAN REID, M.D.

Dr. Redfern, Lecturer on Anatomy, &c.



XXIII.—From WILLIAM HENDERSON, M.D., *Lecturer on Materia Medica in Marischal College.*

ABERDEEN, 8th August, 1849.

Although from not having the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with DR. REDFERN, I am unable to say much from my personal knowledge, I am gratified in being able to testify to the very high character, for zeal and professional acquirements, which he has uniformly maintained since his appointment as Lecturer in King's College.

WILLIAM HENDERSON, M.D.

XXIV.—From B. WILLIAMSON, M.D., *formerly one of the Physicians to the Infirmary, Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, 9th August, 1849.

DR. REDFERN has been Lecturer on Anatomy, at the University and King's College of Aberdeen, for four years. I have good reason to know, that he has been a very successful Teacher, and if I may judge from what I have heard of him from the Profession, I must conclude that he has succeeded in imparting to those who have attended his classes, a large share of the zeal and perseverance by which he himself is actuated.

Dr. Redfern is familiar with the different branches of the Profession, and is an accomplished Anatomist. He has gained the most favourable opinion of all here who know him, and I have no doubt, that he will prove an honour to the University of St. Andrews, should he be elected to the Chair for which he is now a Candidate.

B. WILLIAMSON, M.D.



XXV.—From WM. KEITH, M.D., *Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; Lecturer on Clinical Surgery; and Author of various Papers on Lithotomy, &c. &c.*

257, UNION STREET, ABERDEEN,

9th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—It gives me much pleasure in being able, from the many opportunities I have enjoyed of judging of your varied professional acquirements, to testify to your special fitness to fill the Medical Chair at St. Andrews, now vacant in consequence of the death of Dr. Reid.—Believe me, my Dear Sir, very faithfully yours,

WM. KEITH, M.D.

Peter Redfern, Esq., M.D., &c.

XXVI.—From A. JARDINE LIZARS, M.D. *Professor of Anatomy, Marischal College.*

ABERDEEN, 9th August, 1849.

DR. P. REDFERN has been my opponent in this City for a period of five or six years; notwithstanding, it is with the utmost pleasure I bear testimony to his many qualifications.

Having had the pleasure to hear him lecture, I may state that his style is easy, yet impressive and eloquent. He is, I believe, an excellent Anatomist and Physiologist; and the success he has met with here, shew him to be a careful and laborious Teacher. Notwithstanding the relation which he and I have to one another, we have always been on the very best of terms, so that, instead of opponents, we might be termed fellow-labourers. In conclusion, I may say that I have invariably found him most honourable, gentlemanly, and agreeable.

A. JARDINE LIZARS, M.D.



XXVII. — From WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, A.M., M.D.,  
M.R.C.S.E., *Member of the Royal Medical Society of  
Edinburgh; Corresponding Member of the Obstetric So-  
ciety of Edinburgh; and late Senior House-Surgeon to  
the Royal Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh.*

ABERDEEN, August 8, 1849.

I have been well acquainted with Dr. REDFERN during his residence in Aberdeen, and from frequent intercourse with him, and the expressed opinions of others, I have been led to entertain a very favourable opinion of his talents and acquirements.

His qualifications as a Teacher of Anatomy are of a high order.

The great zeal, untiring industry, and constant application which he brings to bear upon this department of Medical science, joined to his happy method, and peculiar facility of imparting instruction to others, eminently fit him for the situation for which he is a candidate.

Should Dr. Redfern be appointed to the Professorship of Anatomy vacant in the University of St. Andrews, I have no doubt he will prove an honour to that ancient seat of learning.

WM. WILLIAMSON, M.D.



XXVIII.—From MICHAEL W. TAYLOR, M.D., *Edinburgh, L.R.C.S.E; F.B.S.; late President of the Hunterian Medical Society, Edinburgh; late Secretary of the Parisian Royal Medical Society, &c.*

HUTTON HALL, PENRITH,

9th August, 1849.

The intimate friendship which has now, for some years, existed between DR. REDFERN and myself, enables me to speak confidently as to his fitness to fill the situation to which he aspires.

I knew Dr. Redfern at Edinburgh, as a student, possessed of intellect of a high order, conjoined with great energy, perseverance, and power of application to the subject before him. Whilst at that place, Dr. Redfern applied himself practically, with the microscope and the scalpel, to Physiological researches. Whilst residing at Paris, I had also constant opportunities of observing Dr. Redfern's great zeal and assiduity in the pursuit of professional knowledge, and his close attendance on the most eminent teachers at the hospitals and schools.

At Rome, I again had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Redfern, and can speak of his diligence in the wards of the great Hospital of Santo Spirito.

I sincerely believe, from the prevailing bent of his mind, and the close attention he has devoted to the subjects, that Dr. Redfern is peculiarly qualified to excel in the cultivation and teaching of Anatomy and Medicine.

MICHAEL W. TAYLOR.

XXIX.—From GEORGE DICKIE, A.M., M.D., M.R.C.S.L., *Professor of Natural History, Queen's College, Belfast; late Lecturer on Botany and Natural History in the University and King's College, Aberdeen; Associate of the Linnaean Society; Fellow of the Edinburgh Botanical Society; Member of the Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society, and of the Philosophical and Natural History Societies of Aberdeen, &c.*

9th August, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—I am glad to hear that you are a candidate



for the Chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews.

It affords me great satisfaction to offer my humble testimony in favour of your merits as a teacher, and as an investigator of various important and difficult points in connection with Physiology.

As a teacher, you possess the utmost facility in conveying information to others; and I have often had occasion to admire the unwearied ardour with which you prosecute the practical department of the important branch which you have so successfully taught since your connection with the University; and also the time and attention devoted to the superintendence necessary in the dissecting room.

The extensive and careful series of observations which you have been for some time conducting, with the view of clearing up some points in the Physiology of the nervous system, afford abundant proof of your industry as an observer; and I trust that the results will soon be made public, as has been already partly done in regard to your investigations respecting the nature and causes of diseases of Articular Cartilages. The courses of Histology opened by you have been the means of diffusing a taste for Physiological investigation among the students of our Medical school.

But, in addition to the branches already alluded to, more immediately connected with Medicine, I may state that, from frequent intercourse with you, I can speak favourably of your acquaintance with certain accessory sciences. I am aware of your decided predilection for Natural History in general, and of your knowledge of Vegetable Structure, and of such points in Comparative Anatomy as are chiefly important to the Physiologist; all this is very creditable to you, seeing that it has been necessary to devote so much time to the duties of the appointment you presently hold.

In conclusion, allow me to say, that your moral qualities seem to me in harmony with your intellectual powers—a matter of vast importance in every one whose province it is to communicate instruction of whatever kind to the youth of our country.



With sincere wishes for your present success and future prosperity,

I am, very truly, yours,

G. DICKIE.

XXX.—From JOSEPH MACLISE, M.B., Lon., M.R.C.S.L.,  
*Author of Comparative Osteology, being Morphological  
Studies to demonstrate the Archetype Skeleton of Verte-  
brated Animals, &c. &c.*

14, RUSSELL PLACE, FITZROY SQUARE,  
LONDON, 9th August, 1849.

Dr. REDFERN is well known to me by his high profes-  
sional reputation.

His valuable published contributions to medical science—  
the fruits of that large professional experience which his  
fortunate course of education has afforded him—testify  
strongly that he is deserving of the appointment to the  
Chair of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St.  
Andrews, for which office he is now a candidate.

JOSEPH MACLISE.

XXXI.—From D. MACCARTHY, M.D., *late Interne of  
the Hospitals of Paris, and President of the Parisian  
Medical Society; Physician to the British Embassy, &c.  
&c.*

PARIS, 14 RUE CASTELLAN,  
9th August, 1849.

I have much pleasure in stating, that I was personally  
acquainted with DOCTOR REDFERN, during his residence in  
Paris, in 1845, and in 1847, and that I have had various  
opportunities of appreciating his indefatigable industry.

Doctor Redfern, who was a most prominent and useful  
office-bearer of the Parisian Medical Society, communicated  
to that association papers of the greatest interest on Patho-  
logy, which proved that the distinctions he had already  
earned at home had been the just reward of merit. If the  
University of St. Andrews confers upon him the honour



which he solicits, it will add to its list of Professors one who is well calculated to fill the high duties of the office, and to do credit to the Institution.

D. MACCARTHY, M.D.

XXXII.—From W. T. GAIRDNER, M.D., *Pathologist to the R. Infirmary of Edinburgh; one of the Editors of the Edinburgh Monthly Journal of Medical Science; Author of Contributions to the Pathology of the Kidney, &c.*

EDINBURGH, 18 HILL STREET,

10th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—You will doubtless be able to produce far more appropriate evidence of your qualifications as a Lecturer, and as a Medical man, than any that I could furnish.

From our acquaintance, however, as fellow-students in Edinburgh, I am enabled to state, that, while bearing a very high character as a student of Medicine in its more ordinary departments, you were also distinguished for your successful application to some of the more recondite branches of scientific inquiry, to which all who know the present state of Medical Science look chiefly for its advancement.

Your recent memoir on the diseases of Articular Cartilage, is one of the greatest interest and originality. By a number of strikingly novel, and apparently very careful observations, you have thrown much light on a subject hitherto very imperfectly understood, and furnished to Pathological science facts which promise to be of the highest importance.

I cannot doubt, therefore, that you would, in the event of your election to the vacant Chair of Medicine, at St. Andrews, fulfil the duties of your office with credit to yourself, and to the University.—I am, my Dear Sir, yours truly,

W. T. GAIRDNER, M.D.

P. Redfern, Esq., M.D.



XXXIII.—From Wm. H. ROBERTSON, M.D., *Physician to the Buxton Bath Charity; Author of "a Treatise on Diet and Regimen"; "Buxton and its Waters"; "the Nature and Treatment of Gout," &c.*

10th August, 1849.

MY DEAR DR. REDFERN,—I wish most sincerely that you may prove successful in your application for the distinguished appointment of Professor of Medicine and Anatomy, which is now vacant in the University of St. Andrews. I have had the pleasure of knowing you long; I was cognizant of your earlier efforts during your days of pupilage; and have watched your advancing and indefatigable career ever since; and I gladly express my belief that your merits and assiduity would render your appointment an advantage to the best interests of the University.

Believe me to be, my dear Sir, most faithfully yours,

WM. H. ROBERTSON, M.D.

Dr. Redfern, M.D.

XXXIV.—JOHN TOPHAM, M.D., (Lond.) *Extra Licen. Royal Coll. of Phys. London; Physician to the South Staffordshire General Hospital, Wolverhampton.*

WOLVERHAMPTON, 10th August, 1849.

I have very great pleasure in bearing testimony to the high scientific and professional acquirements of Dr. PETER REDFERN. His career, when a student, was marked by great success, as evidenced by the high honours which were awarded him at the examinations of the University of London; and I have reason to know that since that time Dr. Redfern has been assiduously pursuing his professional studies, and has filled high offices in the University and King's College, Aberdeen.

I can only add, that the honourable conduct both in professional and private life always shown by Dr. Redfern, most admirably fit him for the instructor of students in the Science of Medicine.

JOHN TOPHAM, M.D., (Lond.)



## XXXV.—From WILLIAM ROBINSON, M.D., &amp;c.

HAYTON, 10th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in giving my testimony to your qualifications for filling the vacant Chair of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews.

Having had the pleasure of being acquainted with you from an early period of your professional career, and knowing the great zeal and assiduity with which you have ever prosecuted the study of Medicine in all its branches, but more especially in those most important ones of Anatomy and Physiology, it is my conviction that if you should be elected to fill the vacant Chair, you will discharge the important duties belonging to it, with great satisfaction to the Students, and credit to the Institution. With best wishes for your success, I remain, my dear Sir, yours, faithfully.

WILLIAM ROBINSON, M.D.

Dr. Redfern.

XXXVI.—From WM. BOWMAN, F.R.S., *Professor of Physiology in King's College, London, &c.*

14, GOLDEN SQUARE, LONDON, 10th August, 1849.

Having the pleasure of a slight personal acquaintance with Professor Redfern, and having had otherwise good means of judging of his fitness to undertake the duties of the Chair of Medicine and Anatomy, at St. Andrews, I have no hesitation in expressing my belief that he would be fully competent for that important office.

WM. BOWMAN.

XXXVII.—From HUGH ECCLES WALKER, M.D., *Licentiate of the King and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland, M.R.C.S.L., &c. &c.*

CHESTERFIELD, 11th August, 1849.

I have unbounded satisfaction in bearing my testimony to the high intellectual attainments and moral character of



Dr. REDFERN, of King's College, Aberdeen; and, as I understand he is a candidate for the vacant chair in the University of St. Andrews, I have confidence in stating that no one is more capable of filling that chair with honour to himself, and to the University. I have known him for a long series of years, and my esteem for his private worth and vast professional attainments has annually increased.

When I review his *distinguished* and *extensive* educational career, his *untiring industry* in gaining information from every source, his love of science and of his profession, his *intimate knowledge of Histology*, the practical use of the Microscope, and the present advanced state of Organic Chemistry, added to his already acquired reputation as a most successful teacher and practitioner; I feel convinced that should he be the successful candidate, the chair and the occupier of it would be equally honoured. Under any circumstances, he is destined to occupy a first place in the first ranks of the profession.

H. E. WALKER.

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XXXVIII.—From THOMAS H. BABINGTON, A.B.M.B. Eblanensis; *Fellow and Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; Physician to the Coleraine Fever Hospital, and Medical Officer of the Union Workhouse.*

COLERAINE, County Londonderry, Ireland,

11th August, 1849.

I have had the pleasure of being acquainted with DOCTOR PETER REDFERN, and believe that he has devoted zeal, perseverance, and untiring energy, added to talents of no ordinary stamp, to the acquiring a thorough knowledge of his profession.

He delivered some Lectures on Comparative Physiology, when a student, before the Coleraine Mechanics Institute, which led me to augur future greatness for the then young Lecturer. I have every reason to consider Dr. Redfern fully competent for the Chair he seeks in the University of St. Andrews: all which I certify at Coleraine.

THOMAS H. BABINGTON.



XXXIX. — From JAMES ANDREW, M.D., Cantab.,  
F.R.S.E., F.R.C.P.E., *Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

EDINBURGH, 15, QUEEN STREET,  
11th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—In answer to your request about a certificate, I have much pleasure in stating, that since I have been connected with the Royal Infirmary of this city, as one of the Physicians of that institution, you have on two occasions acted as Pathologist, during the temporary absence of Dr. Bennett, and during the months that you were amongst us, I always remarked the thorough knowledge you displayed in the Sciences of Pathology and Physiology, the ease with which you communicated your knowledge to others, and your invariable gentlemanly bearing and urbanity of manner towards all connected with the Hospital.

I am, dear Sir, yours, very truly,  
JAS. ANDREW, M.D., Cantab.

To P. Redfern, Esq., M.D.

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XL.—From JAMES SPENCE, ESQ., *Lecturer on Operative Surgery; formerly one of the Teachers in the School of Anatomy, No. 1, Surgeon's Square, Edinburgh.*

24 DUBLIN STREET, EDINBURGH,  
11th August, 1849.

Having known DR. REDFERN for several years, I have great pleasure in giving my testimony as to the high estimation in which I hold his professional acquirements. Whilst studying his profession at Edinburgh, Dr. Redfern distinguished himself greatly, by the zeal and success with which he investigated the different departments of Medical Science; his acquirements in Anatomical and Physiological studies were of no ordinary kind; and for some years he has been engaged in teaching these branches as one of the Lecturers in King's College, Aberdeen, and I have reason to know the very high estimation in which he is held, both by the Lecturers and the students of that school. As an Anatomist, I can testify to Dr. Redfern's high at-



tainments in that science, and also to the zeal with which he has cultivated Histology. The practical character of Dr. Redfern's pursuits, and the assiduity with which he has devoted himself to his duties as a teacher, have in some degree prevented him from publishing much as yet; but the commencement of a series of papers on the Pathology of Cartilage, which has just appeared, will, I think, be sufficient to enable the profession to judge that his abilities in this respect also are of a very high kind. In conclusion, I feel confident that Dr. Redfern would prove not only an efficient Teacher, but a great acquisition in any School of Medicine.

JAMES SPENCE.

XLI. — From ANDREW FYFE, M.D., F.R.S.E.,  
F.R.C.S.E., *Professor of Medicine and Chemistry in the  
University and King's College, Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, 11th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—Though I have already, as a Member of the Senatus of this University, approved of the testimonial which has been given by that body in your favour, yet I do not feel that I am thereby precluded from stating my own opinion of your fitness for the chair of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews. I do so chiefly because, as the direction of the Medical School has been, in a great measure, intrusted to me by the Senatus, I have had more ample opportunity than others of forming an opinion of your qualifications. You have now been for four years our Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology; during which time I have frequently heard you lecture: your style of lecturing is fluent and easy, and at the same time exceedingly impressive; so much so, that I feel convinced that those who listen to your instructions must become intimately acquainted, not only with the minutiae of Anatomy, but also with the other departments of Medical Science, more immediately connected with it, to which you draw their attention. In proof of what I have said, I



may be permitted to allude to the examination of our Medical Students, and perhaps we have no better criterion to guide us in forming an estimate of the success of a teacher, than the appearance which his pupils make at the examination for honours. Having been present at all these since you became a Lecturer here, I can safely say that the manner in which the students acquitted themselves, proved that they were thoroughly acquainted with the different departments which it is your province to teach.

Allow me also to state, that I have been very highly pleased with the manner in which you have conducted the examinations of Practitioners, candidates for the Degree of M.D. In performing this part of your duty, as Lecturer on Anatomy, you have had a difficult task while examining men your seniors in years; and I am delighted to have to say that all those, with whom I conversed, expressed themselves highly satisfied with the very judicious and gentlemanly manner in which their examination was conducted; that while you avoided minute descriptive Anatomy, which Practitioners could scarcely be expected to remember, you thoroughly tested them on those parts which are of real and absolute importance in practice.

I fear that it would be considered presumptuous in me to offer an opinion regarding your original researches: these speak for themselves, and I have no doubt that they will be duly appreciated by Anatomists and Physiologists. Allow me, however, to say, that I know that you have devoted much of your time to Microscopical investigations, and were the first to introduce that method of teaching in this school. Your Lectures, or rather your Demonstrations, have been well attended, not only by students, but also by several of the Medical men of Aberdeen, all of whom have expressed themselves highly satisfied.

Besides the qualifications to which I have alluded, there are others which you possess, and which may be called into action, if you are successful in the present object of your ambition. In St. Andrews, there is little, if any, scope for a school of Anatomy, and you may therefore be required by the Patrons to turn your attention to other subjects—such



as Comparative Anatomy, Physiology of Plants, &c. With these you are intimately acquainted, having devoted much of your time to Botany, and to the recent discoveries in Organic Chemistry. To the last of these I can more particularly refer, having been frequently engaged with you in your Chemico-Microscopical inquiries, during which you shewed that you had read much on the subject, and had experimentally investigated it.

Your success as a teacher, conjoined with the qualifications above named, have rendered you one of the most efficient supporters of our Medical School, and in my opinion pre-eminently fit you for the vacant chair in the University of St. Andrews.

However much I shall regret your loss, not only as a friend whom I respect, but also as a much-valued colleague, I wish you success in the object you have in view. You are truly deserving of it, and should the Patrons honour you with the appointment, I feel satisfied that ere long they will have ample proof of the propriety of their choice, by your devoted attachment to science, your zeal and activity in the advancement of knowledge, and by your anxious desire to uphold the fame of the University.

Believe me to be, yours, sincerely,

Aw. FYFE.

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XLII.—From W. C. FOWLER, M.D., M.R.C.S.E.; *late Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in the University and King's College, Aberdeen.*

CORSTORPHINE, 11th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have the greatest pleasure in complying with your wish that I should express my opinion of your fitness for the vacant Chair of Anatomy, in the University of St. Andrews.

Considering your extraordinary talents and acquirements—your singular accomplishments as a public Teacher—the high esteem in which you are deservedly held by all who know you—the numerous important original contributions



which you have made towards the advancement of Medical Literature, evincing a mind of the highest order—I am convinced that should the patrons elect you, they will have conferred the honor of the appointment on the *best man, in every respect*, and that you would do every thing that *could* be done to support the dignity and reputation of the University of St. Andrews. With best wishes for your success, believe me, my dear Sir, very sincerely, yours,

W. C. FOWLER, M.D., M.R.C.S.E.

Dr. Redfern.

XLIII.—From P. D. HANDYSIDE, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,  
*late Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, and on Surgery, and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, &c. &c. &c.*

66, QUEEN STREET, EDINBURGH,

11th August, 1849.

Since the year 1842, when Dr. REDFERN distinguished himself very highly at my Anatomical Classes, I have observed his progress as an exact and comprehensive Anatomist, and as a zealous and efficient Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology.

I know no one of his standing better fitted than Dr. Redfern to follow in the footsteps of the lamented Dr. John Reid, as an original inquirer into the difficult or disputed doctrines of Physiology, or more familiar with the use and application of the Microscope as an adjunct to Pathological Anatomy.

P. D. HANDYSIDE.

XLIV.—From WILLIAM HENDERSON, M.D., *Professor of Medicine and General Pathology, University of Edinburgh.*

EDINBURGH, 11th August, 1849.

I have much pleasure in certifying that I know Dr. REDFERN to be a very able and zealous cultivator of Medical Science. He was distinguished as a student at this University, and at other seats of Medical Instruction pursued



his studies with distinguished success, and was rewarded with very high honours. His late researches on a peculiarly interesting and important department of Morbid Anatomy, display powers of observation which give the most satisfactory earnest of his future eminence, and prove him to be admirably fitted for a situation requiring a profound knowledge of Anatomy, and a clear and easy style in communicating information.

WILLIAM HENDERSON, M.D.

XLV.—From HENRY A. DEWAR, A.M., M.D., *Licentiate and Fellow of the Massachusetts Medical Society, Fellow of the Boston Natural History Society, and Boston Society for Medical Improvement, &c.*

250, UNION STREET, ABERDEEN,  
11th August, 1849.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dr. REDFERN for upwards of four years, during which period I have had many opportunities of forming my opinion as to his qualifications as a successor to the late Professor Reid. Dr. Redfern's attention, for many years, has been directed to the special study of Anatomy and Physiology. His knowledge of the French and German languages having given him access to all that has been written of importance on these subjects, he has most profitably availed himself of this knowledge, more especially in the matter, as well as manner, of his lectures. As a lecturer, his delivery is unusually fluent and agreeable; and in the choice of his language, he is invariably correct, and even elegant, as far as the nature of his subject will allow. He succeeds in arresting the attention of his whole class; and I can truly say that, in the opinion of the students, he is one of the most popular lecturers Aberdeen has ever possessed.

As a demonstrator of Anatomy, his close application and attention to the class were far beyond what is called for in any teacher. Dr. Redfern has, in addition to his duties as a lecturer on Anatomy, been in the habit of call-



ing the attention of his class to Microscopic investigations; and several medical men here, much his seniors, have availed themselves of his instructions, by attending his practical courses of Histology.

In fine, although Aberdeen would lose much by Dr. Redfern's removal, I believe the University of St. Andrews could not better supply the serious loss they have sustained by the death of Dr. Reid, than by appointing Dr. Redfern, as one who would fulfil the important duties of the vacant chair with ability, zeal, and distinction.

HENRY A. DEWAR.

XLVI.—From DAVID EVANS, Esq., *Surgeon; Author of "A Case of Aneurism of the Arteria Innominata, treated successfully by a ligature on the Common Carotid Artery"; "Case of a successful extirpation of the Uterus," &c.*

BELPER, 13th August, 1849.

GENTLEMEN,—I have much pleasure in bearing my favourable testimony to the general and professional character of DR. REDFERN.

I have been acquainted with Dr. Redfern many years—ever since he first commenced the study of his profession.

He is a gentleman of first rate abilities, and of most exemplary moral character.

During his pupilage, he was remarkable for his zeal and ability in the prosecution of his professional studies.

I entertain the highest opinion of his professional acquirements, derived both from a personal acquaintance with him, and from a knowledge of the brilliant career he has run in the different Universities to which he has been attached.

I have therefore the greatest confidence in stating my conviction, that I know of no one so well qualified to discharge the duties of Professor of Medicine and Anatomy as Dr. Redfern.—I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

D. EVANS.

To the very Reverend the Principals  
and the Professors of the University  
of St. Andrews.



XLVII.—From WM. EDWARD BODDINGTON, M.R.C.S.L.,  
L.S.A., &c.

CHESTERFIELD, 13th August, 1849.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the high professional attainments of Dr. REDFERN. I have been acquainted with him for about six years, and have known him to be unceasingly and indefatigably devoted to the advancement of the Science and Practice of Medicine. I believe him to be in every way fully qualified to fill the vacant Chair at St. Andrews, not only with credit to himself, but also with great satisfaction to his Pupils.

WM. EDWARD BODDINGTON.

XLVIII.—From ROBERT HAMILTON, M.D., F.R.S.E., *Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

42, QUEEN STREET, EDINBURGH,

13th August, 1849.

I think it was in the year 1842 that I made the acquaintance of Dr. PETER REDFERN, who was then nearly finishing his Academical studies in the Edinburgh School of Medicine. I then became cognizant of the high estimate in which he was held by his fellow-students and his teachers, on account of his abilities, industry, and high and varied accomplishments, as well as for his general intelligence and amenity of manners. Since that period his highly successful career in the various Schools he has visited, has fully realized my large expectations; and were he so fortunate as to succeed in his present canvass, I entertain a strong assurance that his energetic endeavours might be safely anticipated most satisfactorily to supply the sad and melancholy blank occasioned by Dr. Reid's lamented death, and to maintain and promote the reputation and honour of the University of St. Andrews.

ROBERT HAMILTON, M.D., F.R.S.E.

To Professor Redfern, M.D., &c. &c.



XLIX.—From JOHN SMITH, M.D., *Fordyce Lecturer on Agriculture in Marischal College, Aberdeen, &c.*

LONDON, 13th August, 1849.

It gives me much pleasure to have an opportunity of bearing testimony in favour of Dr. REDFERN.

Judging from the reports of students, and of others who had come much in contact with him, I had been led to form a very high opinion of his talents and energy as a teacher of Anatomy, and afterwards, when I had sufficient opportunity of observing for myself, these impressions were abundantly confirmed. During my attendance on one of his courses of Microscopical Demonstrations, I found his attention to his pupils unwearied, his zeal unflagging, his tact and skill admirable. In that course we examined minutely under his direction not only all the tissues of the human body, but also almost every texture of importance in plants, and a great many likewise in the lower animals, that were either interesting in themselves, or illustrative of the development and uses of organs in man. We examined also, under the microscope, the forms, and many of the chemical relations, of those crystalline compounds, organic and inorganic, that are found in the animal and vegetable fluids. These studies with Dr. Redfern were very pleasant, not less from his kind open disposition, and engaging manners, than from the large amount of valuable information then obtained; and I believe I express the sentiments of my fellow-students in that class as well as my own, when I add that we not only were made familiar with a most valuable instrument of research, but that some degree also of the true spirit of research, and of untiring diligence in the pursuit of knowledge, was communicated by the enthusiasm of the teacher.

Judging on such grounds, I believe that Dr. Redfern is eminently qualified, both in regard to ability and devotedness, to fill the chair in the University of St. Andrews, for which he is at present a candidate.

J. SMITH, M.D.



L.—FROM DAVID KERR, M.D., *Lecturer on Surgery in the University, and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary.*

ABERDEEN, 13th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,

As I understand you have been persuaded to offer yourself, as a candidate for the Professorship of Medicine and Anatomy, in the University of St. Andrews, now vacant by the death of Dr. Reid, I willingly comply with your request, in contributing my testimony to your character and professional acquirements. At the same time, I must be allowed to say, that I consider the high professional education you have received, the examinations you have so successfully passed, and the honours you have won, should place you beyond the need of testimonial support; and were this appointment to be determined by comparative trial, I should have little doubt of your success.

I may state, however, that I have known you intimately for the last four years, during which period you have, as my colleague, held the appointment of Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, in the University and King's College, the duties of which situation you have discharged with the utmost credit to yourself, advancing, at the same time, in the highest degree the interests and reputation of our Medical School. Great as has been the loss to the University of St. Andrews, by the death of the late distinguished Professor, I do not hesitate to say, that, should you be appointed his successor, that loss will be fully compensated, as I know no one so peculiarly qualified to discharge the duties of Professor of Medicine and Anatomy as yourself, bringing to bear upon these subjects, as you do, all the light that has of late years been thrown on them, by the Microscope and Organic Chemistry, as well as an intimate acquaintance with the allied Natural Sciences. Although, on your own account, I shall rejoice to hear of your success, I shall deeply regret the loss of a colleague and friend, so justly esteemed, and whose place we can scarcely hope fully to supply.

I remain, my Dear Sir, yours sincerely,

DAVID KERR, M.D.

To Dr. Redfern, M.D.,  
Lecturer on Anatomy, &c.



## LI.—From SAMUEL JOHNSON, M.D.

FORLEY near MAMBLE, WORCESTERSHIRE,  
13th August, 1849.

MY DEAR REDFERN,—I find from your circular, received on Saturday last, that you were about to offer yourself as a Candidate for the vacant Chair of Medicine and Anatomy, in the University of St. Andrews, void by the lamented death of Dr. Reid. I should say that there is not any one more able than yourself, to fill that Chair. Your most profound knowledge of Anatomy, (which is the basis of all Medical literature,) and all the other branches of Medical and Surgical knowledge, is of the first rate order; and I have no hesitation in stating that, should you be successful in obtaining the desired honor, the Principals and Professors of St. Andrews University may be justly proud of having one in their Body, whose deep learning and high attainments will add to the reputation of that ancient seat of learning.—I am, my dear Redfern, your most sincere friend,

SAMUEL JOHNSON, M.D.

LII.—From THOMAS HENRY CLARK, *Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of London.*

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE,  
13th August, 1849.

I have known DR. REDFERN of Aberdeen, for many years. He possesses qualities and acquirements which fit him, in an eminent degree, to fill the honourable position to which he aspires with distinction and success.

He entertains a genuine enthusiasm for professional pursuits, and an eager fondness for natural science, united to a diligent and untiring spirit of research, by which he acquired great distinction as a student, and subsequently much success as a Lecturer and Teacher.

To a thorough knowledge of the Science of Medicine, he combines a very extensive acquaintance with the collateral branches of art.



I consider his acquirements of a very superior order, and I have much pleasure in testifying to his fitness for the duties of the vacant appointment.

THOMAS H. CLARK.

LIII.—From J. F. OLIFFE, M.D., *late President of the Parisian Medical Society, Member of the Anatomical Society of Paris, Knight of the Legion of Honor, &c.*

PARIS, 14th August, 1849,

2, RUE ST. FLORENTIN.

MY DEAR SIR,—It affords me much pleasure to state, that during your stay in Paris, I had frequent opportunities of witnessing the zeal and assiduity with which you attended the lectures and visits of the different Professors of the Parisian School of Medicine and Hospitals. You were also one of the most distinguished Members of the Parisian Medical Society, and I, in common with the rest of your colleagues, can safely say that the contributions you made to the Society, in the way of papers and scientific communications, afforded convincing proof of your talent and most extensive attainments.

Wishing you that success in your professional career, which you so eminently merit,

I remain, my Dear Sir, sincerely, yours,

J. F. OLIFFE.

To Peter Redfern, Esq., M.D., &c. &c.

LIV.—From FRANCIS IRVINE, M.D., *and M.R.C.S.L; Surgeon to the Old Town Dispensary.*

OLD ABERDEEN, 14th August, 1849.

Having had a son educated in Anatomy and Physiology, by DR. REDFERN, at the University and King's College, I have had the best opportunities of judging of the superior manner in which he has conducted his Courses of Lectures, and his practical teaching.

Whilst he has been in Aberdeen, he has shewn himself to be indefatigable in the cause of science, and most anxious



for the success of his Pupils, and to increase the reputation of the University. Dr. Redfern possesses an intimate acquaintance with the present state of Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology, and has regularly illustrated his Lectures by a valuable series of Microscopes and Preparations, from which the students have derived great advantages. He is, in my opinion, admirably qualified to succeed the late Dr. Reid, at St. Andrews, and should he be appointed, I am satisfied that he will prove a great acquisition to the University.

FRANCIS IRVINE, M.D., & M.R.C.S.L.

LV.—From RICHARD COLLIS BOTHAM, Esq., *Surgeon,*  
&c.

CHESTERFIELD, 14th August, 1849.

Dr. REDFERN was an articled pupil of mine for upwards of four years. During part of that time I was Surgeon to a very large Poor Law District, so that Dr. Redfern had very great opportunities of attending the patients; and I have great pleasure in stating that his conduct and attention were to me a source of great satisfaction, for he displayed a degree of talent and zeal which I never saw equalled. During his abode with me he paid great attention to Botany, and gave some Lectures on that subject before the Members of the Mechanics' Institution in Chesterfield, which surprised almost every one who heard them; he also took every opportunity of obtaining a knowledge of Comparative Anatomy. Dr. Redfern's moral and religious character I believe to be admirable. I am decidedly of opinion that he possesses talents of the highest order; and if he receives the appointment he is aiming at, he will fulfil its duties in a manner not to be surpassed. I have known Dr. Redfern for many years, in fact from childhood, and his conduct has been uniformly excellent.

RICHARD C. BOTHAM.



LVI.—From HENRY DOUGLAS, ESQ., M.R.C.S.L.; *Licentiate of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London, &c.*

WYMONDHAM, 14th August, 1849.

Having learnt that DR. P. REDFERN is a candidate for the Chair of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews, I feel great pleasure in offering my humble testimony strongly in his favour.

The well-merited honours Dr. Redfern gained during his pupilage, and at the examinations for his Degrees at the University of London, are sufficient evidence of his great talent and industry; and from a personal knowledge of him, extending over several years, I can testify to his untiring zeal and perseverance in the advancement of science. His profound knowledge of Physiology, and Pathological and Structural Anatomy—the felicitous manner in which he brings that knowledge to bear upon the theory and practice of Medicine—and his affability, experience, and tact as a teacher, peculiarly qualify him, I think, for the Chair to which he aspires; and should he have the honour to be appointed to the vacant professorship in the ancient University of St. Andrews, I am sure he will in turn add lustre to the fame of that time-honoured seat of learning.

HENRY DOUGLAS, M.R.C.S.L.

LVII.—From A. D. CAMPBELL, B.A., *Trinity College, Dublin; B.A., and B.M., St. John's, Oxford; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh; and Member of the Parisian Medical Society.*

EDINBURGH, 14th August, 1849.

I hereby certify that I have known Dr. REDFERN for some years. I first made his acquaintance as a pupil of my Father's class; during his attendance on which, he pre-eminently distinguished himself by his industry and his unceasing zeal in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the Obstetric department. His distinguished career as a stu-



dent is best proved by the fact of his having gained prizes at almost every class that he attended, except my own, and there he obtained no medal, for the reason that when his fellow students understood that he was to become a candidate for the medal I had offered, so invariably had he surpassed them at all the other competitions in the extra academical school, that no one would enter the lists against him. I know that all his teachers looked upon him at that time as a student of the highest promise; and this has been fully borne out by his career. He has since highly distinguished himself by his contributions to Pathological Anatomy; and I am confident that if promoted to any more extensive sphere of usefulness, his extensive professional knowledge, and his general abilities, confessedly of the highest order, will render him a most valuable member of any Institution he may become connected with. For these reasons I consider Dr. Redfern eminently qualified to succeed the late Dr. Reid in the University of St. Andrews.

A. D. CAMPBELL.

LVIII.—From THOMAS JONES, Esq., *Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Licentiate of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, London, &c.*

MANOR HOUSE, CHESTERFIELD,  
14th August, 1849.

I have real pleasure in offering testimony with regard to Dr. REDFERN, whom I have known for some years, and with whom I have frequently come into personal contact. He was pupil in the town in which I am practising, and displayed such degree of earnestness of purpose, and indefatigable perseverance in the prosecution of his studies, as surprised all who knew him. Sometime ago I had occasion to be absent from practice, and during such period was too happy to avail myself of his services. His practical knowledge of, and thorough familiarity with, disease, are among the leading features of his character, and I have no hesitation in averring that he is one of the most practical and scientific physicians of the day.

THOS. JONES.



LIX.—From WILLIAM ROBERTSON, M.D., *Physician to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, &c.*

EDINBURGH, 15th August, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—Although I have already given a testimonial to another candidate for the Chair of Medicine at St. Andrews, I can have no objections to state my opinion of your qualifications for the same post.

It is now more than two years since I first made your acquaintance in the Royal Infirmary, where you acted, in Dr. Bennett's absence, as Pathologist. At that time, I had heard you spoken of as a diligent and successful student of Morbid Anatomy, and in the course of our conversations on medical subjects, I had ample opportunities of ascertaining that your acquirements were of no common order.

The paper on "Anormal Nutrition in Articular Cartilage," published in the Monthly Journal for August, shews how industriously you continue to use your opportunities of observation, how familiar you are with the writings of modern Physiologists, and how well versed in the use of the Microscope in Anatomical investigations.—I am, my Dear Sir, yours, faithfully,

WILLIAM ROBERTSON, M.D.

Dr. P. Redfern, Aberdeen.

LX.—From A. HALLIDAY DOUGLAS, M.D., *Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Physician to the Royal Infirmary, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, Edinburgh.*

15, DRUMMOND STREET,

EDINBURGH, 15th August, 1849.

Dr. REDFERN has requested me to state my opinion of his fitness for the Professorship of Medicine in the University of St. Andrews. He distinguished himself as a student; and for a time conducted the dissections in the Edinburgh Infirmary, in a most satisfactory manner.



I have known less of Dr. Redfern since his removal to Aberdeen ; but I am of opinion that he is well qualified to teach Anatomy. His papers on subjects in Anatomy are held in estimation ; and they display ability as well as carefulness of investigation.

A. HALLIDAY DOUGLAS, M.D.

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LXI.—From HENRY LONSDALE, M.D. ; F.R.C.P.E. ;  
*late Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology, Edinburgh,*  
*&c. &c.*

CARLISLE, 16th August, 1849.

DR. REDFERN is personally known to me, and I can most conscientiously express a very favourable opinion of his zeal, industry, and talents.

He has been most assiduous in the cultivation of Anatomical Science, and though he has published little, his time has been much occupied during the last two years, in ascertaining the abstruse Physiology of the Brain, and in illustrating the subject of Anormal Nutrition in Articular Cartilages.

His success as a Teacher of Anatomy and Physiology at Aberdeen has been extremely satisfactory to himself and friends.

HENRY LONSDALE, M.D.

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LXII. — From NICHOLAS PARKER, M.D., London,  
M.R.C.S.L., *Lecturer on Microscopical Pathology, and*  
*Curator of Museum, London Hospital, &c. &c.*

FINSBURY SQUARE, LONDON,

August, 1849.

I have been intimately acquainted with Dr. PETER REDFERN for some years ; and holding him to be an intelligent, skilful, and accomplished Physician, it affords me much pleasure thus to bear testimony to his high scientific attain-



ments. He has had the most ample opportunities of acquiring an extended knowledge of his profession, both in this country, and on the continent; and has availed himself, with great zeal and assiduity, of the advantages which he has enjoyed. With all that relates to the science and practice of Medicine, I believe Dr. R. to be thoroughly conversant; and as he has already filled the chair of Anatomy at King's College, Aberdeen, with great credit, he is in every respect eminently fitted for the appointment at St. Andrews, which he is now soliciting.

NICHOLAS PARKER.

LXIII.—From FORBES WINSLOW, M.D., M.R.C.S.L., &c., *Editor of the Monthly Journal of Psychological Medicine; Author of numerous papers on Insanity, &c. &c.*

HAMMERSMITH, NEAR LONDON,

August, 1849.

This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Dr. PETER REDFERN, the candidate for the Professorship of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews.

It affords me the greatest pleasure in having an opportunity of expressing my opinion of his many accomplishments, and high and varied medical attainments.

Having witnessed some of his Microscopic experiments, and acquainted myself with the extent of his Medical and Anatomical knowledge, I feel much pleasure and unqualified satisfaction in stating that, in the profession, I know no man so fully qualified to fill with dignity, and with ability, the chair of Medicine and Anatomy now vacant in the University of St. Andrews. The appointment of Dr. Redfern to that important post would be hailed with universal satisfaction by the profession, and would reflect great credit and honour upon the University.

Dr. Redfern's profound knowledge of Anatomy—his extensive acquaintance with Practical Medicine—his scholastic accomplishments, urbanity of manners, high moral character, combined with his undiminished zeal in the pursuit



of professional knowledge, and happy mode of conveying it to others, peculiarly qualify him for the distinguished honour which he is solicitous of obtaining.

FORBES WINSLOW, M.D.

LXIV.—From ANDREW CLARKE, M.D., *Pathologist to the Royal Naval Hospital at Haslar.*

MUSEUM, ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL AT HASLAR,

August, 1849.

Having just been informed that DR. REDFERN is at present a candidate for the vacant Chair of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews, I hasten to give expression to the conviction I entertain of his being *eminently* and *peculiarly* qualified to perform the duties of that honorable and important office.

I have for several years enjoyed an intimate acquaintance with Dr. Redfern; and, engaged in the cultivation of similar pursuits, have, through the interchange of kindred opinions on various Anatomical and Physiological questions, had many opportunities of forming a just estimate of the extent and variety of his attainments, the method of his pursuits, and the character of his mind.

As a student in Edinburgh, Dr. Redfern was unquestionably the most distinguished and successful of his time; and, as a graduate of the University of London he obtained the highest honors—honors which are bestowed only at intervals, and on first class merit. Dr. Redfern was invariably looked upon by his teachers and others, as a “rising man”; and I know that his talents, acquirements, and promise, were always matter of gratulation to our joint and distinguished preceptor, Bennett. Since then, he has proved himself an enlightened and successful teacher, and by his untiring zeal for the advancement of his pupils, has gained their lasting gratitude and esteem.

My conviction of Dr. Redfern's fitness for the office he now solicits rests *generally* on his laborious industry in the



cultivation of scientific pursuits, and the philosophic spirit by which these pursuits have been regulated and controlled ; on the success of his past career, and the promise he has already given of future distinction ; on his general learning and acquirements ; on his great natural talents, his acute powers of observation, maturity of judgment, and unaffected love of truth : *specially* my conviction rests on Dr. Redfern's accurate and extensive knowledge of Human, Comparative, and Vegetable Anatomy and Physiology ; on his intimate and practical acquaintance with Histology ; on the power he possesses of impressing, on the minds of others, the principles and details of these departments of knowledge, with clearness and simplicity, and of developing their relations to the origin of diseased actions, and the evolution of morbid products ; and lastly, *on the fact of his being thoroughly imbued with the spirit, and perfectly conversant with the nature and tendencies of modern research.*

It only remains for me to repeat my conviction that Dr. Redfern is eminently qualified to fill the vacant Chair of Anatomy at St. Andrews ; that his literary and professional acquirements are such as would reflect credit on any University ; that few, if any, can adduce equal claims to success ; and that his appointment to the office he now solicits would prove but a fair reward for the honourable distinction which he has gained in the minds of his fellow-labourers in the cultivation of Science.

ANDREW CLARK, M.D.



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LXV.—From JOHN HUGHES BENNETT, M.D., F.R.S.E.,  
*Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, and one of the  
 Clinical Professors in the University of Edinburgh; late  
 Examiner for Degrees in Medicine at the University of  
 St. Andrews; Honorary Member of the Literary and  
 Philosophical Society of St. Andrews, &c. &c.*

30, QUEEN STREET, EDINBURGH,

28th August, 1849.

In all educational institutions where Medicine possesses but one representative, it ought to be taught as a science rather than as an art, and in a University town where no Hospital exists, it has been found necessary to profess the theory rather than the practice. The first may be done successfully and with credit to the University; the latter must necessarily fail for want of the means of illustration. It is of the utmost importance, therefore, to the University of St. Andrews (in the reputation of which, owing to my past connection with it, I shall always feel a deep interest) that the future Professor should give evidence of being an Anatomist and Physiologist in the most extensive signification of those terms; that he should possess a knowledge of all those means of research by which Medicine is now cultivated; and that he should have the energy and ability not only to excite enthusiasm in his pupils, but to advance the science he professes to teach.

A long and intimate acquaintance with Dr. REDFERN has convinced me that he possesses all the qualifications to which I have alluded. To a most extensive and liberal education (during the course of which he highly distinguished himself), he has added the advantage of foreign travel and a study of Continental institutions and modes of instruction. During this period he not only became a most accomplished Physician, theoretically and practically, but made himself master of the use of the Microscope, Stethoscope, and all those modern means of investigation, without a knowledge of which *it is utterly impossible to communicate the present state of scientific Medicine to*



*others.* As a public teacher, he is acknowledged to have formed a gradually increasing class, and to have raised the character of King's College, Aberdeen, not merely by the zealous and able discharge of his duties, but by the truly scientific and elevated manner in which they were accomplished. Lastly, that Dr. Redfern has exhibited a sound discretion in employing his time in original investigation, the Memoir which he has just published sufficiently proves, exhibiting as it does evidence of the most masterly, accurate, and laborious research, in a field of Anatomical observation hitherto little cultivated, on which his discoveries have thrown the clearest and most advantageous light.

Dr. Redfern, therefore, comes forward as a profound Anatomist, Physiologist, and Pathologist; as a tried and most successful lecturer in a University School; as an experienced Examiner for Medical Degrees; and as one who has extended the boundaries of knowledge, and given proof of his capability for original scientific investigation. If, then, we are warranted in judging of the future, by an observation of the past, I most conscientiously believe, indeed I feel satisfied, that Dr. Redfern is not only well qualified for the Chair of Anatomy and Medicine in the University of St. Andrews, but that he will prove a worthy successor to the late lamented Professor, and like him, by a conjunction of high scientific research and earnestness in the pursuit of truth, throw increased lustre on the ancient seat of learning with which he aspires to be connected.

J. HUGHES BENNETT.

LXVI.—From W. P. ALISON, M.D., F.R.S.E., *Fellow and late President of the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh; Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh; and First Physician to her Majesty in Scotland, &c.*

DUNSTER, 15th August, 1849.

I hereby certify that I was highly satisfied with the intelligence, zeal, and punctuality shewn by Dr. PETER



REDFERN during a short time when he acted as Clinical Clerk with me, in the Royal Infirmary at Edinburgh, in 1844; and that, from what I have heard of him since that time, I am convinced that he is an accomplished, zealous, and experienced teacher of several departments of Medical science.

W. P. ALISON, M.D.

LXVII.—From JAMES MILLER, F.R.S.E., F.R.C.S.E.,  
*Professor of Surgery in the University of Edinburgh,*  
*Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, &c. &c.*

EDINBURGH, August 18, 1849.

I have much pleasure in stating that I concur in the general tenor of the honourable testimonies Dr REDFERN has already received, as to his fitness for the vacant Medical Chair in St. Andrews.

Dr. Redfern has shewn himself possessed of talents and accomplishments fully adequate to any such appointment.

JAs. MILLER.

LXVIII.—From ANDREW WOOD, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., *Inspector of Anatomy for Scotland, &c. &c. &c.*

EDINBURGH, 17th August, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—Though I have already given a testimonial in favour of another of the candidates for the vacant Medical Chair at St. Andrews, yet I do not, on that account, consider myself precluded from bearing testimony in your favour also.

My frequent visits to Aberdeen, in my official capacity as Inspector of Anatomy, have afforded me good opportunities of seeing and knowing you. I have observed with interest the ability, patience, and enthusiasm, with which you have cultivated Medical science in general, and more



especially those important branches—Anatomy and Physiology; and I cannot doubt, from the specimen which your recently published Memoir exhibits, that you are destined to illustrate important points in connection with them.

You possess in an eminent degree the qualifications requisite for a Lecturer; and I have reason to know that you have for some years lectured most acceptably and successfully in King's College, Aberdeen.

As additional recommendations, I think it right to mention that you have a remarkable aptitude for business, and agreeable manners.

Should you be elected to the Professorship at St. Andrews, I have no doubt that you will do credit to the choice of the Patrons, and that you will spare no efforts to advance in every way the interests of that venerable University.—I remain, Dear Sir, yours truly,

A. WOOD.

Dr. Redfern, Lecturer on Anatomy,  
King's College, Aberdeen.

LXIX.—From W. WALKER, Esq., *Lecturer on Ophthalmic Surgery; Surgeon to the Eye Dispensary of Edinburgh, &c.*

47, NORTHUMBERLAND STREET, EDINBURGH,

August 13, 1849.

I have known Dr. PETER REDFERN for several years, and have had frequent opportunities of forming an opinion of his talents and acquirements. These are of a high order, and Dr. R. has cultivated them most assiduously. When a student in Edinburgh, Dr. R. was distinguished for his zeal in the pursuit of medical knowledge, and was the gainer of many prizes. To Anatomy he paid particular attention, and since his appointment in 1845 to the Lectureship on that subject in King's College, Aberdeen, he has taught it with great success. Within the last few weeks, Dr. R. has published part of a very excellent paper "on Anormal Nutrition in Articular Cartilages" in the *Monthly Medical*



*Journal*, which gives evident proof of laborious investigation and research.

From Dr. Redfern's gentlemanly manners, thorough knowledge of Anatomy and Physiology, and his aptitude for teaching those branches of medicine, I am of opinion that he is well qualified to fill the Chair of Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews.

WM. WALKER.

LXX.—From WM. SHARPEY, M.D., F.R.S.L. & E., F.R.C.S.E., *Professor of Anatomy and Physiology in University College, London.*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON,

23d August, 1849.

I became acquainted with Dr. REDFERN in 1843, when he passed his first examination for M.B. at the University of London. He then greatly distinguished himself by his proficiency in Anatomy, as is attested by the place he obtained among the competitors for honour in that branch of the examination. Since taking his degrees, he has had some years' experience as a teacher of Anatomy in the University of King's College, Aberdeen, and although I have not heard him lecture, I have heard his manner of lecturing spoken of in terms of very high commendation. He has lately published the first part of a Paper on the Diseases of Articular Cartilage, which affords evidence of his possessing a decided aptitude for original scientific inquiry. On these grounds, I should be disposed to look very favourably on Dr. Redfern's claims to a Professorship of Anatomy in any College or University.

W. SHARPEY, M.D.

LXXI.—From H. BENNET, M.D., M.R.C.P.L., *formerly House Physician to the Hospitals of St. Louis, La Pitié, and La Salpêtrière, Paris; Lecturer on Dis-*



*eases of Women; Physician Accoucheur, Western General Dispensary; Author of "A Practical Treatise on Inflammation of the Neck of the Uterus, &c.," "An Essay on Inflammation and Abscess of the Uterine Appendages," &c. &c. &c.*

EDINBURGH, September 8, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—I much regret that my absence from London has hitherto prevented my answering your letter, which I have only just received. I feel great pleasure in adding my testimony to that of your numerous friends with reference to your professional abilities. During the last few years that I have had the pleasure of your acquaintance, I have followed with interest your labours, which have been such as to fully qualify you for the post to which you aspire. Your success as an Anatomical Teacher, the nature of your researches, and the great length of time during which you have specially devoted your attention to Anatomy, undoubtedly give you great claims to such an appointment.—I remain, my Dear Sir, very truly yours,

HENRY BENNET.

LXXII.—From A. VELPEAU, M.D., *Officer of the Legion of Honour; Professor of Clinical Surgery at the Faculty of Medicine of Paris; Surgeon of the Hospital de la Charité; Member of the Institute and of the National Academy of Medicine of France; Author of "Nouveaux éléments de Médecine opératoire," &c.; "Recherches Anatomiques, Physiologiques, et Pathologiques sur les cavités closes"; "Des Injections Médicamenteuses dans les cavités closes"; "Traité des Maladies du Sein"; "De la Rupture ou de l'écrasement sous-cutané des tumeurs en général, des tumeurs sanguines en particulier"; "Manuel pratique des Maladies des Yeux"; "Embryologie, ou Ovologie humaine"; "Traité complet de l'art des Accouchements"; "Des Convulsions chez les Femmes enceintes pendant le travail et après l'accouchement";*



" *De l'opération du trépan dans les plaies de tête* ";  
 " *Exposition d'un cas remarquable de Maladie Cancéreuse avec oblitération de l'aorte* "; " *Memoire sur l'Inflammation aiguë des membranes synoviales* "; " *Recherches sur la Cessation Spontanée des Hémorrhagies traumatiques primitives* "; " *Leçons orales de Clinique Chirurgicale faites à l'Hôpital de la Charité* "; " *Traité complet d'Anatomie Chirurgicale générale et topographique du corps humain* "; " *Manuel d'Anatomie Chirurgicale* ";  
 " *De l'introduction de l'air dans les veines* "; " *Des Luxations de l'Epaule* "; " *Remarques sur la Nature de l'Erysipèle,*" &c. &c. &c.

PARIS, 13 7bre, 1849.

Je, soussigné, Chirurgien en chef de l'Hôpital de la Charité, Professeur de Clinique Chirurgicale à la Faculté de Médecine de Paris, certifie que M. le Dr. REDFERN a suivi mes visites à l'Hôpital et mes leçons cliniques, et qu'il s'est distingué par son zèle et son aptitude Chirurgicale.

J'ai lu avec intérêt l'ouvrage qu'il vient de publier sous le titre de "Anormal Nutrition in Articular Cartilages." J'ai trouvé sur les alterations de ces organes des recherches intéressantes, et des études microscopiques tout a fait nouvelles. Elles étendent sans contredit la connaissance des lésions que peut subir la structure intime des tissus cartilagineux.

Je pense que par ses connaissances acquises et par ce travail important, M. le Dr. Redfern a démontré son aptitude à obtenir une Chaire d'Anatomie.

VELPEAU.

LXXIII.—From F. A. LONGET, M.D., *Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, Professor of Anatomy and Physiology at the Faculty of Medicine, and Member of the National Academy of Medicine of Paris; Author of "Anatomie et Physiologie du Système nerveux de l'homme, et des animaux Vertébrés;" "Recherches expérimentales sur l'irri-*



*tabilité musculaire;*" "*Sur les fonctions de l'Epiglote,* &c.;" "*Sur les Fonctions des Muscles et des Nerfs du Larynx;*" "*Sur les propriétés et les fonctions des faisceaux de la moelle épinière et des racines des nerfs rachidiens;*" "*Expériences relatives aux effets de l'Ether Sulphurique sur le Système nerveux des Animaux,*" &c. &c.

PARIS, le 16 7bre, 1849.

Je, soussigné, Professeur d'Anatomie et de Physiologie, Membre de l'Académie Nationale de Médecine de Paris, &c., après avoir pris connaissance des travaux publiés par Monsieur REDFERN, certifie qu'il me paraît avoir les titres les plus recommandables à la place de professeur qu'il sollicite dans l'Université de St. Andrews.

En foi de quoi j'ai délivré le présent certificat pour servir et valoir à qui de raison.

A. LONGET.

LXXIV.—From CL. BERNARD, M.D., *Professor of Anatomy, and of Experimental Physiology; Assistant Professor to M. Magendie at the College of France; Laureate of the Institute of France; Member of the "Société Philomatique"; Vice President of the "Société de Biologie"; Author of a Dissertation "Du Suc Gastrique," &c.; "Expériences sur le Sucre, l'Albumen, et la Gelatine;" "De l'influence des Nerfs sur la Digestion;" "Recherches Experimentales sur les Fonctions des Nerfs Spinaux;" De l'alteration du Gout dans la Paralysie du Nerf Facial;" "Sur les Matières colorantes chez l'homme;" "Analyse du Suc Gastrique;" "Expériences sur le Nerf Pneumogastrique et le Spinal ou accessoire de Willis;" Joint Memoir "Recherches Physiologiques sur les Substances Alimentaires;" "Recherches Experimentales sur les Phenomenes Chimiques de la Digestion," &c. &c.*

PARIS, 7bre, 1849.

Je, soussigné, Professeur suppleant de Médecine et de Physiologie expérimentale au College de France, certifie avoir été à



même d'apprécier tout le mérite scientifique et toute l'étendue des connaissances de Monsieur le Docteur REDFERN. L'ouvrage qu'il vient de publier sur la pathologie des cartilages des articulations le place certainement au nombre des observateurs les plus distingués. Je pense donc que Monsieur le Docteur Redfern est parfaitement digne de la place qu'il sollicite.

CL. BERNARD.

LXXV.—From LOUIS MANDL, M.D., *Lecturer on Histology, Paris; Physician to the Austrian Embassy; Author of the Works, "Anatomie Microscopique," folio; "Traité Pratique de Microscope," &c.; "Manuel d'Anatomie Générale;" Memoirs on "Les Moyens de Découvrir le Pus dans le Sang;" "Sur l'Altération des Globules Sanguins considérée comme signe de la Mort;" "Sur la Structure élémentaire des Muscles;" "Sur les Caractères Chimiques des Secrétions;" "Globules de Sang de forme Elliptique Observés chez deux espèces de Mammifères;" "Sur la Structure intime des écailles chez les Poissons et les Reptiles;" "Sur la forme Elliptiques des Globules du Sang chez le Chameau, ses Dimensions et Formes chez la Protée, et les Crocodiles;" "Sur le Mode d'accroissement des Cheveux;" "Recherches sur le Sang;" "Sur la Structure intime des Nerfs et du Cerveau;" "Sur la Structure intime des Os;" "Recherches Microscopiques sur la Composition du Tartre et des enduits Muqueux;" "Sur l'Epithelium des Membranes Muqueuses;" "Sur l'Epithelium des Zoospermes;" &c. &c.*

54, RUE DE VERNEUIL, PARIS,

ce 17 Août, 1849.

MONSIEUR ET TRÈS HONORÉ CONFREÈRE,—Je suis très sensible au souvenir que vous avez bien voulu conserver de moi et à la lettre que vous m'avez adressé, à la date du 6 Août. J'ai eu, pendant votre séjour à Paris, en automne 1847, dans nos entretiens scientifiques, trop de preuves de votre habileté au microscope et de vos connaissances étendues en Anatomie et en Physiologie, pour que je puisse douter un instant de votre par-



faite aptitude à la place de Professeur de Médecine et d'Anatomie, que vous sollicitez en ce moment à l'Université de St. Andrews. Si mon faible témoignage pouvait avoir quelq'influence, je serais charmé que ses quelques lignes produisent l'effet que vous avez le droit d'attendre.

Je m'empresserai de me procurer le numéro du "Monthly Journal," aussitôt qu'il sera arrivé à Paris, et je suis convaincu d'avance que votre mémoire sur les cartilages renfermera autant de détails nouveaux qu'intéressants pour l'Anatomie et la Médecine.

Veuliez agréer, Monsieur et très honoré Confrère, l'expression de ma plus haute estime.—Vôtre très humble serviteur,

DR. LOUIS MANDL.

LXXVI.—FROM H. LEBERT, M.D., *Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, Laureate of the Institute of France and of the National Academy of Medicine of Paris; Secretary of the "Société de Biologie"; Member of the "Société Médicale d'Observation," and formerly President of the German Medical Society in Paris; Correspondent of the "Société Philomatique" and of the Anatomical Societies of Paris; Member of the "Société Helvétique des Sciences Naturelles," and of the Medical and Natural History Societies of Lausanne; Correspondent of the "Société Médicale d'Emulation" of Lyons, of the Medical Societies of Geneva and Berne, and of the Medico-Chirurgical Academy of Ferrara; Author of "Physiologie Pathologique," &c., 2 vols., with Atlas of Plates; Memoirs, "Sur la Formation Buccale;" "Sur la Teigne;" "Sur les Hydatides du Foie renfermant des Echinocoques;" "Sur les Formes Principales sous lesquelles se montrent les globules élémentaires dans les Produits Pathologiques;" Joint Memoirs, "Sur la Formation des Organes de la Circulation, et du Sang dans les Batraciens;" "Sur la Formation des Organes de la Circulation, et du Sang, dans le Poulet;" "Traité Pratique des Maladies Scrofuleuses et Tuberculeuses," &c. &c. &c.*

PARIS, le 13 Septembre, 1849.

Monsieur le Professeur REDFERN, déjà très honorablement connu



dans le monde scientifique, a surtout montré par son dernier travail sur la Nutrition Anormale des Cartilages Articulaires qu'il a autant à cœur de reculer les limites de la science que de se tenir au courant de son état actuel. Ce travail qui démontre que les diverses altérations décrites et observées dans les Cartilages Articulaires tiennent essentiellement à un vice de Nutrition et ni à un effet de macération ni à un travail phlegmasique, comme on avait cru jusqu'alors, est à la fois plein de faits nouveaux et d'une grande portée Physiologique et Pathologique et exécuté avec une rare conscience et sagacité d'observation, et l'inverse de beaucoup de travaux modernes la partie de l'observation y tient la majeure place, tandis que les généralisations, sobrement déduites, n'occupent que quelques pages de la fin. C'est à dire que l'auteur sait éviter l'écueil des hypothèses et laisser parler les faits seulement.

En jetant un coup d'œil sur toute l'individualité scientifique de M. Redfern on ne peut que féliciter d'avance l'Université qui le comptera au nombre de ses professeurs ; les élèves seront sûrs de trouver en lui à côté de vastes connaissances, la seule voie assurée du progrès scientifique.

H. LEBERT, M.D.

LXXVII.—FROM D. GRUBY, *Med. et Chir. Doct., Professor of Anatomy and Physiology to the National Atheneum of Paris ; Member of the Imperial Society of Medicine at Vienna ; Author of "Observationes Microscopicæ ad Morphologiam Pathologicam Spectantes ;" "Recherches Anatomiques sur le Système Veineux de la Grenouille ;" "Recherches et Observations sur une nouvelle espèce de Hæmatozoaire ;" "Sur une Vegetation qui constitue la vraie Teigne ;" "Sur les Micodermes qui constituent la Teigne faveuse ;" "Sur les Cryptogames qui se développent à la Surface de la Muqueuse Buccale, dans la Maladie des Enfants connue sur le nom de Muquet ;" "Sur une espèce de Mentagre Contagieuse, résultant du développement d'un nouveau Cryptogame dans la racine des Poils de la Barbe ;"*



*“Recherches sur la Nature, le Siege, et le Developpement du Porrigo Decalvans ou Phyto-alopece;” “Recherches sur les Cryptogames qui constituent la Maladie decrite sur le nom de Teigne tondante (Mahon), Herpes Tonsurant (Cazenave);” “Sur les Plantes Cryptogames se Developpant en grande masse dans l’Estomac,” &c.; “Observations on the Parasitic Animalcules which occupy the Sebaceous Follicles of Man,” &c.; “On a New Microscope for the Use of Medical Practitioners at the Bed-side,” &c. &c.*

PARIS, 11 Septembre, 1849.

Je, soussigné, atteste que M. le Docteur REDFERN, d’Aberdeen, merite d’être nommé professeur d’Anatomie, que les travaux scientifiques et notamment les recherches de M. Redfern sur les cartilages sont tellement remarquable par leur précision que la science et sa Patrie lui en est redevable.

DR. GRUBY.

LXXVIII.—FROM A. TROUSSEAU, M.D., *Officer of the Legion of Honour; Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics to the Faculty of Medicine of Paris; Physician of the Hospital “des Enfants Malades;” Author of “Traité Pratique de la Phthisic Laryngée, de la Laryngite Chronique et des Maladies de la Voix;” “Traité de thérapeutique et de matière médicale;” “Essai thérapeutique sur l’antimoine;” “Du muguet chez les enfants à la mamelle;” “Eaux minérales de l’Allemagne,” &c. &c.*

PARIS, ce 12 Septembre, 1849.

Je, soussigné, Docteur et Professeur de la Faculté de Médecine de Paris, Médecin de l’Hôpital des enfants malades, officier de la Légion d’Honneur, certifie que M. le Docteur P. REDFERN a suivi mes cours à la Faculté de Médecine, et mes leçons Cliniques à l’Hôpital, et que toujours il s’est distingué par son assiduité et par son travail.

L’ouvrage qu’il vient de publier sous le titre de “*Anormal Nu-*



*trition in Articular Cartilages,*" dont je viens de prendre connaissance, renferme des recherches extrêmement curieuses sur la structure anatomique des cartilages, et sur les lésions que ces cartilages subissent dans les maladies. Ces recherches sont propres à éclairer des points encore fort obscurs, et par conséquent doivent contribuer puissamment aux progrès de la science.

Je me plais à rendre ce témoignage de haute estime à notre honorable confrère M. le Docteur Redfern.

A. TROUSSEAU.

LXXIX.—From P. A. PIORRY, M.D., *Officer of the Legion of Honour ; Professor of Internal Pathology at the Faculty of Medicine, Paris ; Member of the National Academy of Medicine ; Physician to the Hospital "de la Pitié ;" Author of the works, "De la Percussion Médiète ;" "Du Procédé Opératoire à suivre dans l'Exploration des Organes," &c. ; "Traité de Diagnostic et de Semeiologie," 3 vols. ; "Traité des Alterations du Sang ;" "Traité de Pathologie Iatrique ou Médicale ;" "Traité de Médecine Pratique," in 7 vols. ; Memoirs on "Quelle Part a l'Inflammation dans la Production des Maladies dites organiques ;" "Sur la Nature et le Traitement de Plusieurs Névroses ;" "Sur les Névralgies ;" "Sur la Pneumonie Hypostatique ;" "Recherches sur la Nature de Fièvre ou Enterite Typhoïde ;" "Sur l'Etat de la Rate dans les Fièvres Intermittentes ;" "Sur les Accidents cérébraux qui surviennent dans l'Erysipèle de la Face," &c. &c.*

PARIS, le 13 Septembre, 1849.

Je, soussigné, Professeur à la Faculté de Médecine de Paris, Médecin de l'Hôpital de la Pitié, &c., certifie que M. REDFERN, Docteur en Médecine a suivi avec zèle et assiduité en 1844 et 1845 ma Clinique à l'Hôpital de la Pitié, qu'il s'y est exercé à la plessimétrie, et que dans mon opinion est très apte à remplir la place de professeur d'Anatomie et de Physiologie dans l'Université de St. Andrews.

P. A. PIORRY.



LXXX.—FROM RAIGE DELORME, M.D., *Principal Editor of the "Archives Générales de Médecine;" Librarian of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris; Contributor of numerous articles published in the "Dictionnaire de Médecine,"* &c. &c. &c.

PARIS, le 12 Septembre, 1849.

Les relations que me donne mon journal de Médecine m'avaient fait connaître le mérite tout particulier du cours d'Anatomie de M. le Dr. REDFERN à l'Université d'Aberdeen. Tout le bien qui m'en avait été rapporté me semble pleinement justifié par un travail des plus remarquables qu'il vient de publier, et qui a pour titre: "On Anormal Nutrition in Articular Cartilages"; travail qui m'a paru tellement important que je me propose de le faire extraire en détail dans mon journal. Je ne puis donc qu'attester en toute conscience combien M. le Dr. Redfern est digne de la place qu'il postule à l'Université de St. Andrews, et combien cet habile observateur est capable par sa science peu commune en histologie, de donner d'intérêt et d'importance à ses leçons théorique et pratique d'Anatomie.

RAIGE DELORME.

LXXXI.—FROM A. DELPECH, M.D., *late Chief of the Clinique of the Faculty of Medicine at the Hotel Dieu, Paris; formerly "Interne Lauréat" of the Hospitals of Paris; Laureate of the School of Practical Anatomy (with Gold Medal), and of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris ("Prix Montyon," Gold Medal); Member of the Anatomical Society of Paris, &c.; Author of "Du Muguet chez les Enfants à la Mamelle;" "Histoire d'une Epidémie de Varicelle;" "Memoire sur Les Spasmes Musculaires Idiopathiques et sur la Paralysie Nerveuse Essentielle;" "De la Fievre,"* &c. &c.

PARIS, le 13 Septembre, 1849.

Je, soussigné, Docteur en Médecine de la Faculté de Paris, ancien chef de Clinique à l'Hotel Dieu, certifie avoir vu souvent à la Charité et à l'Hôpital Necker où j'étais attaché comme interne



aux services de M. Mrs les professeurs Velpeau et Trousseau, M. le Dr. REDFERN. Les relations qui se sont établies entre nous à cette époque ont pu me faire apprécier tout le zèle et toute l'aptitude scientifique qu'il montrait dans ses études. Je pense que M. le Dr. Redfern après un travail aussi assidu et aussi sérieux ne peut manquer de faire un habile professeur. Le remarquable travail qu'il vient de publier sur les alterations des cartilages établit d'une manière évidente son habileté comme anatomiste et micrographe.

DR. A. DELPECH.

LXXXII.—From L. A. DESMARRES, M.D., of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris; Clinical Professor of Ophthalmic Surgery, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour; Author of "*Traité Théorique et Pratique des Maladies des Yeux*," avec 78 fig.; "*Mémoire sur une nouvelle méthode d'employer le nitrate d'argent dans quelques ophtalmies*"; and of several other Memoirs.

PARIS, 12 Septembre, 1849.

Je, soussigné, Docteur en Médecine de la Faculté de Paris, Professeur particulier de Clinique oculaire, &c., certifie que Monsieur Docteur P. REDFERN est un Médecin extrêmement distingué par ses connaissances en Anatomie et en Médecine, et que son ouvrage ayant pour titre: "*On Anormal Nutrition in Articular Cartilages* (Edinburgh, 1849)" le classe au premier rang parmi nos confrères.

Je serais heureux que cet honorable confrère obtint la place distinguée qu'il sollicite et donc il me paraît digne à tous égards.

DR. DESMARRES.

LXXXIII.—From L. MAILLIOT, M.D., of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, Secretary of the Anatomical Society, and of the Medical Society of the 6th Arrondissement; Author of "*Traité Théorique et Pratique d'Auscultation*;" "*Traité Pratique de*



*Percussion ;*" "*De la Percussion et de l'Auscultation de la poitrine à l'état de santé et de maladie ;*" and of many other *Memoirs, published in the Bulletins of the Anatomical Society, and the Medical Journals.*

Je, soussigné, Docteur en Médecine de la Faculté de Paris, Secrétaire de la Société Anatomique et de la Société Médicale du 6<sup>me</sup> arrondissement, déclare que M. le Dr. REDFERN a suivi avec beaucoup de zèle et avec succès, à l'Hôpital de la Pitié mes leçons pratiques de Percussion et d'Auscultation.

L'ouvrage qu'a publié depuis M. Redfern sur les alterations anatomiques des Cartilages Articulaires, ouvrage qui renferme des idées neuves et parfaitement conformes à la vérité, m'a prouvé qu'il n'a discontinué de travailler en se livrant à des études délicates et pratiques.

En conséquence, je lui délivre avec bien du plaisir le présent certificat.

L. MAILLOT.

LXXXIV.—From FRANCIS OGSTON, M.D., *Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in Marischal College ; late President of the Royal Medico-Chirurgical Society of Aberdeen, &c.*

ABERDEEN, 7th August, 1849.

DEAR SIR,—I have much satisfaction in having an opportunity of testifying that, at the period of your settling amongst us as a Lecturer at King's College and University, your acquirements as an Anatomist and Physiologist at once became very favourably known to the Profession and the Medical Students in this quarter ; while your untiring industry in the prosecution of the highest departments of Medical science has since been as generally appreciated as it has been constantly witnessed by those who have had the pleasure of knowing you.—I am, Dear Sir, yours faithfully,

F. OGSTON, M.D.

Dr. Redfern, &c. &c.



LXXXV.—From WILLIAM TEMPLETON, A.M., M.D., M.R.C.S.L., *Lecturer on Materia Medica, and late Lecturer on the Institutes of Medicine in the University and King's College, Aberdeen; one of the Medical Officers of the Aberdeen General Dispensary, &c.*

ABERDEEN, 17th August, 1849.

MY DEAR SIR,—Having learned that you are a candidate for the Chair of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews, I feel, from my intimate acquaintance with you as a colleague and as a friend, that I can, with confidence, certify as follows:—

I.—That, as a Teacher of Anatomy and Physiology, you have already attained an eminent position. This statement is based on my observation, 1st, Of your intimate and practical acquaintance with the branch of Medicine which you profess to teach; 2dly, Of your attainments as a Lecturer; 3dly, Of your assiduity in the Dissecting-room; and 4thly, Of the marked progress of those who had the privilege to be your pupils.

II.—That, in the prosecution of Microscopic researches regarding Animal Structures, both Healthy and Diseased, you have shewn unwearied perseverance. Your Paper on “Anormal Nutrition in Articular Cartilages” speaks for itself so far; but only those who have had the opportunity (as I have often had) of witnessing, from day to day, your untiring zeal, in the prosecution of this department of Medical science, can form a just estimate of the energy of which you are possessed.

III.—That you have successfully taught the use of the Microscope to your students, both in your Anatomical and Histological Courses, using several Microscopes so as to give facility for study, and illustrating the subject with many rare and interesting preparations. It may be added, that to you belongs the merit of having first taught Histology as a distinct branch of Medicine at King's College, and that, on numerous occasions, I have admired the zeal, the skill,



and the discrimination evinced by your students in the examination of Minute Structure.

IV.—That you have been an ornament to our Medical School; more especially by your upright and honourable conduct towards your colleagues—by the correct principles which on all befitting occasions you instilled into the minds of the youth committed to your care—and by the zeal and energy which you have displayed in advancing the boundaries of Medical science, of which science you are not less distinguished as a student than as a teacher.

With my best wishes for your success, I remain, my Dear Sir, yours sincerely,

WILLIAM TEMPLETON.

To Peter Redfern, M.D., &c.

LXXXVI.—From W. MACGILLIVRAY, LL.D., *Professor of Natural History, and Lecturer on Botany in Marischal College.*

MARISCHAL COLLEGE, ABERDEEN,

31st August, 1849.

Having been requested by Dr. REDFERN to express my opinion as to his qualifications for the office of Professor of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews, I have great pleasure in stating that, both from personal acquaintance with him, and from the accounts given me by individuals qualified to judge, his character as an anatomist and physiologist stands very high in my estimation. I have never heard but one opinion of his efficiency as a teacher; and to his amiable disposition, honourable conduct, and gentlemanly manners, I am enabled to bear direct testimony. His devotion to the sciences in which he already excels, and the continuous attention which he has bestowed upon them, render him deserving of the honour to which he aspires, and give promise of distinguished eminence, not only as a teacher, but as an original observer.

W. MACGILLIVRAY, LL.D.



Testimonials have also been received from the following Medical Practitioners; but fearing that the number of these documents is already too great, I shall not publish them in this place, but lodge them with the Clerk of the Senatus of the University, that they may be referred to, if necessary. They are from—

C. T. DOWNING, M.D., M.R.C.S., Physician to the Blenheim Street Dispensary.

JOHN BARKER, M.D., Extra Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

JOHN RICHARD WARDELL, M.D., Edin., late Assistant Pathological Anatomist, and Resident Physician in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, &c. &c.

JOHN WALKER, M.R.C.S.L., Chesterfield.

JOHN MARSHALL, M.R.C.S.L., L.A.C., Medical Officer of the Chesterfield General Dispensary,

JOHN HOLLAND, M.R.C.S.L., L.A.C., &c., Chesterfield.

JAMES C. L. CARSON, M.D., Coleraine, Ireland.

JAMES M. COWAN, M.D., Edin., L.R.C.S.E., late Hon. E. I. Co.'s Service.

ALEXANDER WILSON, A.M., M.D., Edin., L.R.C.S.E., Surgeon, Royal Navy.

JOHN GALEN, M.D., one of the Medical Officers of the Aberdeen General Dispensary.

GEORGE MORISON, M.D., Edin., L.R.C.S.E., &c., Aberdeen.

ALEXANDER RAINY, M.R.C.S.L., Kintore.



LXXXVII.—*Extract from the Minutes of the Senatus of the University and King's College, Aberdeen.*

KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN,  
September 13, 1849.

Said day, *inter alia*, on the motion of Dr. SCOTT, the Senatus unanimously conferred the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts on Dr. PETER REDFERN, Lecturer on Anatomy and Physiology in this University, in testimony of the high opinion which they entertain of his talents, acquirements, and professional eminence.

Extracted from the Minutes of Senatus, by

GEORGE FERGUSON,

INTERIM SECRETARY.

LXXXVIII.—*From Students who have attended Dr. REDFERN'S Classes in the University and King's College, Aberdeen.*

ABERDEEN, August, 1849.

WE, the undersigned, lately attending your classes, in the University and King's College, Aberdeen, having heard that you are a Candidate for the vacant Chair of Medicine and Anatomy in the University of St. Andrews, beg your acceptance of this Memorial, in token of gratitude for your former kindness, and your unwearied attention to us on all occasions—sincerely trusting that it may assist in forwarding your views in this matter.

We are now fully convinced of the importance of paying that rigorous attention to the relative Anatomy of the great cavities, and organs of the body, to which you were always so desirous that we should pay especial regard; for we have found it utterly impossible to make an accurate diagnosis without such knowledge, on which, we are assured, all truly scientific practice must be based.



We have to acknowledge with gratitude, the introduction of the study of Structural Anatomy by you in Aberdeen, as one of the most potent stimuli which we have ever possessed in the acquisition of sound Physiology and Pathology; since, had it not been for the opportunities we have enjoyed, in attendance upon your classes, of examining for ourselves healthy and diseased textures, they must have remained to a considerable extent practically unknown to us.

Those of us who have attended your class of Histology, have derived the greatest possible pleasure in being enabled to arrive at generalizations in themselves extremely interesting and simple, where before everything appeared involved in obscurity.

In your Physiological experiments, on the functions of the cranial nerves and ganglia, conducted, last summer, on a large number of the lower animals, our attention was forcibly directed to the utility of the true inductive method, which ought to be followed in all philosophical research.

At a later date, those who continued to attend your classes, have become equally familiar with your observations on Diseased Cartilage, through your kindness, and the facility of approach at all times enjoyed by your students.

In conclusion, it is our fervent hope, that you may meet with that success to which your uniform interest in the welfare of your pupils, your anxiety to advance the true interests of your profession, and your love of science and philosophy, entitle you.

SIGNED BY

JAMES ROBERTSON, M.D., Surgeon, Fettercairn.

T. BASSETT REID, L.R.C.S.E.

DONALD G. PENDRITH, M.R.C.S.E.

J. G. SMITH, L.R.C.S.E., Rhynie.

ROBERT L. POLSON, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Old Aberdeen.

GEORGE RUNCIE, M.D., Aberdeen.

WILLIAM MENZIES.

PETER C. SUTHERLAND, M.D., Surgeon, New Pitsligo.

ARTHUR MITCHELL, M.D., L.R.C.S.E.



- JOHN S. KYLE, L.R.C.S.E., Dundee.  
 ARCHIBALD K. IRVINE, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., Peterhead.  
 ALEXANDER MACRAE, M.D., L.R.C.S.E.  
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 ALEXANDER WALKER, Aberdeen.  
 ALEXANDER BROWN, M.D., Surgeon.  
 DAVID SCOTT, Kincardine.  
 JOHN SIMPSON, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., late House Surgeon  
 of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.  
 JOHN FORBES WATSON, M.D., M.R.C.S.Eng.  
 DONALD MURRAY, L.R.C.S.E., Old Aberdeen.  
 WILLIAM MEARNS.  
 ANDREW FYFE, M.D., L.R.C.S.E.  
 JOHN IRVINE, M.D., Surgeon, Chatham.  
 JAMES STEVENSON, M.D., M.R.C.S.L., London.  
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 JOHN H. ROSS, Aberdeen.  
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 WM. HENRY PEARSE, Cornwall.



THOMAS PEARSE, M.D., &c., Cornwall.

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JAMES MUDGE, Cornwall.

HENRY EDWIN SARGENT, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., &c.

JAMES N. BELL.

JAMES P. THOMSON, Edinburgh.



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