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TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

RICHARD ASSHETON CROSS, M.P.,

HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I BEG respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children in the University of Aberdeen.

I am a Doctor of Medicine of the University of Edinburgh (1861), and a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh (1863).

Since my graduation, Midwifery, and the Diseases of Women and Children, have been the branches of professional study to which I have devoted special attention.

For four years I acted as Secretary to the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society.

For five years I have held the office of Physician-Accoucheur to the Royal Public Dispensary.

For eleven years I have been connected with the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children; first as Extra-Physician, and for the last seven as Ordinary Physician, being now Senior on the staff.

Since 1869, I have delivered yearly a Systematic Course of Lectures on the Diseases of Children in the Edinburgh School of Medicine.

Since 1873, I have been an Examiner in the Royal College of Surgeons.

It has always been my aim, in prosecuting my studies, to become a Lecturer on Midwifery in the Edinburgh School, and I have deferred carrying out my intention only because the field has been ably filled by older and more experienced men. As Physician-Accoucheur at the Royal Dispensary, however, I have taught the subject, after the tutorial method, to a large number of Students who have acted as my assistants. This appointment, moreover, has afforded me very considerable experience in the management of difficult obstetric cases, including many requiring instrumental aid.

The department of Diseases of Children I found wholly unoccupied, and have therefore devoted my energies to the cultivation and teaching of this branch. In addition to my Course of Systematic Lectures, I have since my appointment as Ordinary Physician regularly conducted a Clinique at the Children's Hospital.

From time to time I have recorded the results of my observations in various Papers, which have been published in the Medical Journals; a list of which is given below. Some of them have been noticed or translated in full in Foreign Periodicals.

Basing my claims for your favourable consideration of my application upon the position which I have attained among my professional brethren in Edinburgh, the experience I have acquired as an Hospital and Dispensary Physician in the various branches connected with the Chair, the training I have had as a Lecturer and an Examiner, and the evidences I have given as an observer and worker in the furtherance of the Art of Medicine, it would have been more in accordance with my feelings to have dispensed entirely with Testimonials; but as some testimonial evidence is essential, I shall limit myself to forwarding in due course a few Testimonials only from leading medical men of this city who have known me personally, and have watched my career.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

WM. STEPHENSON.

33 BUCCLEUCH PLACE,
EDINBURGH, 19th April 1875.

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*To the Right Honourable and the Honourable
the Curators of the University of Edinburgh.*

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Practice of Physic, now vacant in consequence of the death of Professor Laycock.

I am at present an Extramural Lecturer on the Practice of Physic, one of the Ordinary Physicians to the Royal Infirmary, Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, and an Examiner in Medicine and Clinical Medicine in the Royal College of Physicians.

After graduating in Edinburgh in 1858, I spent a year in the study of Pathology and Medicine in the Universities of Berlin, Prague, and Vienna, and another year as Resident Physician in the University Wards of the Royal Infirmary under Professors Bennett and Laycock.

During that time I made some original observations on Diseases of the Kidney, which were afterwards published; and were, I believe, mainly instrumental in obtaining for me the office of Pathologist to the Royal Infirmary, which soon after became vacant. I held that office for seven years, and along with it the Lectureship on General Pathology and Pathological Anatomy at Surgeons' Hall.

During the two last years of my tenure of the office of Pathologist, I was one of the Physicians to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, and gave clinical instruction on the diseases of children to large classes of students attending the University and Medical School.

I have for eleven years held the office of Physician to the Royal Infirmary—four as Extra Physician in charge of one ward; seven as Ordinary Physician and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine.

For upwards of fifteen years I was engaged in family practice as a Physician in Edinburgh, but the increase of consulting practice rendered it necessary for me, early in the present year, to devote myself exclusively to the work of a Consulting Physician.

I have thus had unusual opportunities of acquiring a thorough knowledge of Pathology and Medicine, both as a Hospital Physician and in private practice. That I have availed myself of these opportunities is shown by my writings on Pathological and Practical subjects, which are well known to the profession; especially by a work on Bright's Diseases of the Kidneys, which has passed through two editions, both in this country and in America. Many of the views advanced in it and in my papers are now embodied in current medical literature.

During the seven years that I have been Ordinary Physician to the Royal Infirmary and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine, I have devoted myself with the utmost assiduity to the teaching at the bedside; and this teaching has, I believe, been much more numerous followed by students than any other in the Extramural School.

The demand for Clinical Clerkships in my Wards became so great, that I was obliged to increase the number of the appointments from six to eighteen. The number of candidates has usually been largely in excess of the appointments available, as many as fifty students having applied for them in one session.

I have further, during the past three years, been one of the Extramural Lecturers on the Practice of Physic. My class has grown to be the largest in that department in Edinburgh, having numbered in each of the first two sessions between fifty and sixty, and in the third (last winter session) ninety-three students.

I have the honour of submitting to you a few Testimonials in evidence of the value of my original observations; and of the success which has attended my teaching of the subjects proper to the Chair of Practice of Physic, viz., Systematic and Clinical Medicine.


Should I have the honour of being elected to this important office, I shall do all in my power to maintain the long-established renown of the Chair, and of the University.

I have the honour to be,

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

Your most obedient Servant,

T. GRAINGER STEWART.



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TESTIMONY

THE

TESTIMONIALS.

I.

From the PRESIDENT of the ROYAL COLLEGE of PHYSICIANS of LONDON.

22 CAVENDISH SQUARE, *October 7, 1876.*

ALTHOUGH I have not the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with DR. GRAINGER STEWART, he is well-known to me by his public reputation and published works.

The original investigations of Dr. Stewart, both in the field of Pathology and Practical Medicine, are, in my opinion, of the highest value, and indicate both industry and ability of no common kind.

Judging from Dr. Stewart's past career and the aptitude which he has shown, both for the acquirement and communication of knowledge, I have the fullest confidence that he would uphold, in the Chair of Practice of Physic, the high reputation of the University of Edinburgh. His appointment would, I believe, conduce to the interests of the University and of medical science and education.

JAMES RISDON BENNETT.

II.

From A. P. STEWART, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., Consulting Physician to
and late Lecturer on Medicine at the Middlesex Hospital; Author of
contributions "On Typhus and Typhoid Fevers," "Cholera," &c.

GROSVENOR STREET, W.

September 1876.

I UNDERSTAND that Dr. GRAINGER STEWART intends to offer himself as a candidate for the Chair of Practice of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh. I have no hesitation in expressing my strong conviction of his fitness to fill, not only with credit, but with distinction, that important Chair, now vacant by the death of my late friend Professor Laycock.

For many years before I had the pleasure of his personal acquaintance, I was familiar with the name of Dr. Grainger Stewart as that of one of the ablest and soundest Pathologists and Practical Physicians of the present day. By his writings, which I have often perused with much pleasure and profit, and which have earned for him the character of an accurate and highly intelligent observer, and an acute and sagacious reasoner, he has made additions to our medical knowledge and resources, for which his professional brethren hold him deservedly in honour; while they give promise of still larger and more valuable contributions in the future. I believe that his appointment as Dr. Laycock's successor will not only maintain, but augment, the high reputation of one of the most celebrated Schools of Medicine in Europe.

A. P. STEWART.

III.

From WILSON FOX, Esq., M.D. (Lond.), F.R.C.P., F.R.S.; Physician Extraordinary to Her Majesty the Queen ; Physician in Ordinary to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh ; Examiner in Medicine in the University of London ; Holme Professor of Clinical Medicine at University College ; Physician to University College Hospital ; Author of "Diseases of the Stomach," "Diagnosis and Treatment of Varieties of Dyspepsia," &c.

67 GROSVENOR STREET, W., *October 7th*, 1876.

I HAVE great satisfaction in expressing my sense of DR. GRAINGER STEWART'S special qualifications for the Professorship of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh.

I have long been familiar with Dr. Grainger Stewart's writings as among those which have afforded, in recent periods, some of the most accurate information and instructive thoughts on the subjects of which he has treated.

His researches have extended over a wide range of topics, and all with which I am acquainted are distinguished by originality of thought, by closeness of observation, by strict adherence to truthfulness in detail and in reasoning, and by method, order, and clearness in the arrangement and classification of his subjects, facts, and arguments—qualities which have secured for those of longer standing a title to be regarded as eminently authoritative in medical literature.

These qualities are among the most valuable that can be possessed by a medical teacher ; and of such, Dr. Grainger Stewart has given abundant evidence.

He has also shown that his knowledge of medicine is extensive and accurate, and that he has thoroughly

utilized the large opportunities which he has enjoyed both in Pathology and Clinical Medicine, for acquiring a minute personal experience of the subjects with which, as a teacher, he has to deal.

I believe that the high respect which I entertain for Dr. Grainger Stewart's personal character is shared by the whole medical profession. I will add that I believe that his appointment to the Chair of Medicine would promote the interests of the University, through the acquisition of a talented, able, and energetic teacher.

WILSON FOX.

IV.

From W. H. WALSHE, Esq., M.D. (Edin.), F.R.C.P., Member of the Medical Societies of Copenhagen, Paris, and Athens; Emeritus Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine, University College, London; Consulting Physician to the Royal Hospital for Consumption, Brompton; Author of "Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Lungs;" "Practical Treatise on Diseases of the Heart," &c.

37 QUEEN ANNE STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,

October 7, 1876.

DR. GRAINGER STEWART appears to me, on the evidence of his published writings, to possess in a very high degree the qualities essential for success in the laborious path of a teacher of Medicine. His knowledge is precise, as it is extensive and varied; his method logical; his style lucid. His proved and untiring energy in the pursuit of Clinical truth, would furnish the happiest example to pupils entrusted to his guidance; he has,

besides, already attained high reputation as an exponent of the general doctrines of medicine; and, in a word, it would be far from easy, in my humble opinion, to find a person better qualified for the high office he aims at filling than Dr. Grainger Stewart.

W. H. WALSHE.

V.

From RICHARD QUAIN, Esq., M.D. (Lond.), F.R.S., F.R.C.P.; Member of the Senate of the University of London; Member and Treasurer of the General Medical Council; Consulting Physician to the Consumption Hospital, Brompton; Author of numerous Publications on Diseases of the Heart, Kidneys, &c.

HARLEY STREET, LONDON, *October 1876.*

THE very successful and continuous work in the higher department of Medical Science accomplished during several years by DR. GRAINGER STEWART; the high rank which he has acquired as a practical Physician and as a Teacher of Medicine in the widest sense, afford the most solid and reliable evidence of his special qualification for fulfilling the duties of the Professorship of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh. If the expression of individual opinion can add weight to this evidence, I have great confidence in stating my conviction (and I can do so on some special grounds), that should Dr. Grainger Stewart succeed in the object of his desires, he will take a foremost rank amongst his distinguished predecessors and colleagues in upholding the fame of the great Medical School of the University of Edinburgh.

RICHARD QUAIN.

VI.

From T. M'CALL ANDERSON, Esq., M.D. (Glasg.), F.F.P. & S.G., Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Glasgow ; Physician to the Western Infirmary ; Author of "The Parasitic Affections of the Skin," "Eczema," &c.

14 WOODSIDE CRESCENT, GLASGOW,
October 1876.

DR. GRAINGER STEWART is so well and so favourably known to his professional brethren, that if the appointment to the Chair of Practice of Medicine rested with them, he would have no need of testimonials of any kind.

I have been acquainted with him for many years, and am satisfied that he possesses, in an eminent degree, all the qualifications necessary for such an important position. His general and professional education has been of the most varied kind, he has abilities of the highest class, as is shown by his well-known work on the various forms of "Bright's Disease," and everything which he undertakes is done thoroughly and conscientiously.

He formerly lectured on Pathology with much success ; and latterly, his teaching of Practice of Medicine and of Clinical Medicine in the Extra-Academical School has attracted very large classes of Students, and has materially contributed to maintain the reputation of the Edinburgh Medical School.

In my opinion, it would be difficult to select a Physician who is in every way so well qualified, or so justly entitled to fill the Chair of Practice of Medicine.

T. M'CALL ANDERSON.

VII.

From WILLIAM AITKEN, Esq., M.D. (Edin.), F.R.S., Professor of Pathology in the Army Medical School; Author of "The Science and Practice of Medicine," &c.

I HAVE had the pleasure of knowing DR. T. GRAINGER STEWART entirely through his numerous writings on medical subjects; and these I hold in great esteem. They are of very great scientific interest, and of much practical value; so that from them Dr. Stewart's reputation as a scientific and practical Physician has become widely spread. They also show indefatigable industry and perseverance in the elucidation of topics which are of great difficulty and importance; while his expositions of the subjects he has written upon are extremely clear.

I have also heard of Dr. Stewart's success as a teacher in the Edinburgh School; and from all I thus know of him, I am convinced his election to the Chair of Medicine in our University will tend to the maintenance of its ancient fame.

WILLIAM AITKEN.

VIII.

From WM. ROBERTS, M.D. (London), F.R.C.P.; Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Owen's College, Manchester; Physician to the Manchester Royal Infirmary; Author of "A Practical Treatise on Urinary and Renal Diseases," &c.

89 MOSLEY STREET, MANCHESTER.

October 10, 1876.

DR. GRAINGER STEWART is so widely and so favourably known through his writings, that he stands in no need of a testimonial of his fitness to hold the highest post on the

staff of a Medical School. His original investigations on several subjects—and especially on the Diseases of the Kidney—are of the greatest value and importance.

He has already taken a foremost place among contemporary medical inquirers—and although I cannot speak from actual knowledge of his abilities as a medical teacher, the painstaking accuracy of his researches makes me think that he possesses in the highest degree the qualities necessary to make a most successful and distinguished Medical Teacher.

WM. ROBERTS.

IX.

From GEORGE JOHNSON, Esq., M.D. (Lond.); F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Member of Senate University of London; Physician to King's College Hospital; Professor of Clinical Medicine; formerly Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicine in King's College; Author of "Diseases of the Kidney," "Epidemic Diarrhoea and Cholera," &c.

11 SAVILE ROW, W., *October 3, 1876.*

DR. GRAINGER STEWART'S numerous contributions to medical literature prove him to be a very laborious student, and an able and accomplished physician. He has published much on a great variety of subjects; and he has made important original researches, the result of which has been to increase our knowledge of disease.

His extensive and accurate knowledge of all departments of medicine, and his experience and success as a teacher, give him, in my opinion, the highest claims to be appointed to the vacant Chair of the Practice of Physic in the University of Edinburgh.

GEORGE JOHNSON.

X.

From PROFESSOR DR. C. BARTELS, Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Kiel; Author of the Volume on Diseases of the Kidneys in Ziemssen's "Handbuch der Pathologie and Therapie," &c.

KIEL, 29 September 1876.

HERRN T. GRAINGER STEWART in Edinburgh bezeuge ich hiedurch mit vergnügen, dass mir ein Theil seiner zahlreichen Schriften im Gebiete der praktischen Medicin sehr genau gekannt ist und dass ich aus dem Studium derselben für meine eigene Unterweisung grossen Vortheil gezogen habe. Die Ergebnisse der Forschungen dieses Gelehrten habe ich bei eigener Prüfung am Krankenbette bestätigt gefunden. Herrn Grainger Stewart's literarischen Arbeiten erfreuen sich unter meinen Fachgenossen hier in Deutschland allseitiger Anerkennung.

Durch die literarischen Leistungen des Herrn Grainger Stewart bin ich vollkommen davon überzeugt, dass dieser Herr vorzüglich geeignet und befähigt ist, den Lehrstuhl für praktische Medicin an einer Universität zu bekleiden.

DR. C. BARTELS.

TRANSLATION.

I HAVE much pleasure in testifying hereby to DR. T. GRAINGER STEWART of Edinburgh, that a portion of his numerous writings in the department of medicine is very accurately known to me, and that I have derived great profit from the perusal of them for my own instruction. The results of this author's investigations I have myself verified, by putting them to the test at the sick-

bed. Dr. Grainger Stewart's literary works meet with universal recognition among my professional brethren here in Germany.

On account of the literary productions of Dr. Grainger Stewart, I am fully convinced that that gentleman is pre-eminently qualified and entitled to occupy a University Chair of Practice of Physic.

DR. C. BARTELS.

XI

From PROFESSOR N. SIEGMUND ROSENSTEIN, Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Leiden; Author of a work on Diseases of the Kidney, &c.

LEIDEN, *October 1876.*

DEAR SIR,—Being informed of your candidature for the Chair of Medicine and Clinical Medicine in the University of Edinburgh, I am happy to have an opportunity of bearing testimony to the high character which you have obtained for your knowledge of pathology.

With sincere pleasure and great consciousness* I can testify that, by your numerous contributions to the special pathology, but especially your great work on "Bright's Disease," you have been made known as a most able and accurate worker in the field of Clinical Medicine. It is therefore that I am convinced that you are fully qualified to fill the position of Professor of Clinical Medicine, able to reflect honour upon the institution with which you are connected.

I shall be much gratified to hear of your being elected.
—Dear Doctor, faithfully yours,

N. SIEGMUND ROSENSTEIN.

* conscientiousness.

XII

From CHARLES LOCKHART ROBERTSON, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.
(Lond. and Edin.) ; Lord Chancellor's Visitor in Lunacy ; Member of
Various Learned Societies, &c.

LORD CHANCELLOR'S VISITORS' OFFICE,
45 LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, W.C.,
October 2, 1876.

I VENTURE most respectfully to express to the Curators of the University my opinion of Dr. GRAINGER STEWART'S fitness for the vacant Professorship of Medicine.

Intimately connected as I am with Edinburgh, I have watched Dr. Stewart's career year by year, and I have seen his reputation extend to London as one of the most successful writers and teachers of practical medicine in the great Edinburgh School. I have also from time to time heard of the esteem in which his researches in medicine are held in Berlin.

I doubt if the Curators will readily find another candidate combining such present fitness as a teacher of medicine with the promise of much future work and progress in the practical study of disease.

C. LOCKHART ROBERTSON.

XIII.

From J. HUGHLINGS JACKSON, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P. ; Physician to the London Hospital, and to the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis ; Author of numerous Papers on Clinical Medicine.

3 MANCHESTER SQUARE, W.,
October 6, 1876.

JUDGING by the high scientific quality of the medical work Dr. GRAINGER STEWART has done, I believe that

he is thoroughly worthy of the distinction of the Professorship of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh. He will bring with him to this position a great reputation, well earned by original research.

J. HUGHLINGS JACKSON.

XIV.

From W. H. BROADBENT, Esq., M.D., London; F.R.C.P.; Physician to St. Mary's Hospital, and to the London Fever Hospital; Lecturer on Medicine in St. Mary's Hospital Medical School; Author of numerous Clinical Lectures on Cardiac and Nervous Diseases, &c.

34 SEYMOUR STREET, PORTMAN SQUARE, W.,
October 4, 1876.

DEAR DR. STEWART,—Your name has long been identified in my mind with work of the highest character, and I have looked upon you as one of the most prominent representatives in the present of the long line of eminent Physicians for which Edinburgh has so long been celebrated.

You have made important additions to Medical Science in various directions; and in your lectures and writings have shown that you have a grasp of medicine as a whole which eminently fits you for the office of Professor of Medicine in the University. I feel confident that, if you are appointed to this Chair, you will turn to the greatest advantage the larger sphere of usefulness it affords, and that you will add to its lustre and reputation.—I remain, with sincere wishes for your success, yours faithfully,

W. H. BROADBENT, M.D.

XV.

From BALTHAZAR FOSTER, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., Lond., Professor of Principles and Practice of Medicine in Queen's College ; Physician to the General Hospital, Birmingham ; Consulting Physician to the West Bromwich District Hospital, and to the Ear and Throat Infirmary, Birmingham ; Author of "Clinical Medicine ; Lectures and Essays," &c.

BIRMINGHAM, 16 TEMPLE ROW,

October 6, 1876.

DEAR DR. GRAINGER STEWART,—I am very glad to hear that you are a candidate for the Chair of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh, as from my knowledge of you personally, and from my acquaintance with your many and able contributions to medical science, I am sure you will prove a successful and popular Professor.

Your book on "Diseases of the Kidney," and your published Clinical Lectures, show that you possess a profound knowledge of Pathology, a wide experience of Disease Clinically, and a comprehensive grasp of Therapeutics. It is the combination of these three great qualifications, with a power of ready expression and clear exposition, which has already won you a high position as a successful Teacher, and would enable you to fill with honour the Chair of Medicine in the great Medical University.—I am, dear Dr. Grainger Stewart, yours very truly,

BALTHAZAR FOSTER.

XVI.

From DAVID FERRIER, Esq., M.A., M.D. (Edin.), F.R.S.; Professor of Forensic Medicine, King's College, London; Formerly Clinical Assistant of the Professor of Practice of Physic, Edinburgh; Author of gold medal Thesis on the Comparative Anatomy of the Corpora Quadrigemina, &c.

16 UPPER BERKELEY STREET,

PORTMAN SQUARE, *September 30, 1876.*

I WILLINGLY accede to DR. GRAINGER STEWART's request that I should express my opinion of his fitness for the Chair of Practice of Physic in the University of Edinburgh. Of Dr. Stewart's professional reputation it is unnecessary for me to speak, as his Work on Bright's Disease and his numerous other Contributions to Medical Science have gained him an acknowledged place among the leaders of the profession. Having, as his pupil, and subsequently as his Clinical and Pathological Assistant, had ample opportunity of estimating Dr. Stewart's ability as a Clinical Teacher and Lecturer, I regard him as eminently successful in this capacity, and feel certain that, if elected, he will maintain the dignity and reputation of the Edinburgh Chair.

DAVID FERRIER.

XVII.

From M. NOËL GUENEAU DE MUSSY, M.D.; Physician to the Hotel Dieu, Paris; Member of the Academy of Medicine; Author of numerous works and papers in Clinical Medicine, &c.

PARIS, *4th October 1876.*

DEAR DR. GRAINGER STEWART,—I learn with much pleasure you are a Candidate for the Chair of Clinical Medicine in the University of Edinburgh. No one is better entitled to it than you. Your medical works are known in all the scientific world, and particularly prized in France, where you are considered as the worthy suc-

cessor of Bright in the study of the Diseases of the Kidneys.

You have, besides, greatly contributed to many other points of pathology, and I make the best vows for your success, which will be hailed with the applause of all the medical body. Believe me, yours very sincerely,

NOËL GUENEAU DE MUSSY.

XVIII.

From DAVID JAMES BRAKENRIDGE, Esq., M.D. (Edin.), F.R.C.P.E.,
Assistant Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh ; late Physician
to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children ; Author of various Contributions to Medical Journals, &c.

63 CASTLE STREET,

EDINBURGH, 4th Oct. 1876.

I HAVE pleasure in stating my opinion of the pre-eminent claims of DR. GRAINGER STEWART for the Chair of Practice of Physic, now vacant.

From personal observation, I can speak with confidence regarding Dr. Stewart's great power of imparting knowledge to others. As one of the Assistant Physicians to the Royal Infirmary, it has been my privilege frequently to attend his clinique. What has particularly struck me there, has been the earnest interest manifested by every student present in the work of the class. The secret of this success appears to me to be, that Dr. Stewart is not only a thoroughly-trained physician, possessing in a high degree the knowledge and love of his profession, but that he has also carefully analysed the students' needs, and has successfully studied the best methods of meeting and supplying these. The work is conducted in the most orderly, systematic and thorough way, and every student is induced to take his share in it.

By tact and encouragement, the awkward student is helped over his mistakes; and the earnest worker and thinker, however modest and retiring, is steadily brought to the front. Thus whilst the most perfect discipline is maintained, every student is made to feel at his ease, and a bond of confidence is rapidly established between the teacher and the taught; the enthusiasm of the former is caught by the latter, and the result is inevitable and marked success.

I know of no clinical teacher anywhere who possesses, in so eminent a degree, the power of teaching and interesting a large clinical class.

Such qualities could not fail to make themselves felt in the lecture-room as well as at the bedside; and the best evidence of Dr. Stewart's power as a lecturer on practice of physic, is to be found in the fact that, last winter, when he delivered his course of lectures for only the third time, he had much the largest class on that subject of any in or out of the University.

I consider it a fortunate thing that we have amongst the candidates for the Chair of Medicine one connected with the Edinburgh Medical School, who is not only a thoroughly-trained physician, an excellent and accurate observer, and a vigorous and original thinker and writer on medical subjects, but who has also given such ample proof, by remarkable success as a teacher both at the bedside and in the lecture-room, that he possesses in an eminent degree those qualities and attainments which are required in the occupant of such a chair.

By the appointment of Dr. Stewart, I believe the medical department of the University of Edinburgh would receive a great accession of strength.

DAVID J. BRAKENRIDGE.