

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

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OF ABERDEEN.



CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOTANICAL SCIENCE,

BY DR. DICKIE.

In Magazine of Zoology and Botany.

- On the Reproductive Organs of *Pilularia* and of *Chara*.
- On the Gemmæ of *Bryum Androgyuum*.
- On the Mosses found in the vicinity of Aberdeen.

In London Journal of Botany, conducted by Sir W. J. Hooker.

- On the Distribution of the Plants of Aberdeenshire.

In Annals and Magazine of Natural History.

- On the Reproductive Organs of Lichens.
- Remarks on the *Fumariaceæ*.
- On some Viviparous Plants.
- On the Gemmæ of *Polygonum viviparum*.
- On the Inflorescence of *Fedia*.
- On the Marine Algæ of the vicinity of Aberdeen.

In Reports and Transactions of the Edinburgh Botanical Society.

- Notes on the Vegetation of Davis' Straits.
- On the Structure and Morphology of *Marchantia*.
- On the occurrence of *Gelidium rostratum* (Griffiths) at Aberdeen.
- On the presence of Iodine in some Plants growing near the Sea.
- On the Development of Leaves.
- On a Monstrosity of *Gentiana Campestris*, with Remarks.

In Quarterly Journal of Agriculture.

- On the Relations between the Temperatures and the Productiveness of different Years.
- On the Forest Trees of Aberdeenshire.

A FLORA of ABERDEEN, with Remarks on the Climate, and Features of the Vegetation. 8vo. 1838.

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Plants added to the British Flora, by Dr. Dickie.

Carex rupestris.
 Carex leporina.
 Depazea Linnææ.
 Lasiobotrys Linnææ.

Plants new to Science.

Two new parasites on Trientalis.
 One on Goodyera repens.
 Pottia crinita, (Wilson.)
 Dickieia ulvoides, (Berkeley and Ralfs.)
 Oscillatoria Dickiei, (Hassall.)
 Several species of Schizonema.
 Microcoleus gracilis, (Hassall.)

Re-discovered.

Gelidium Rostratum, (Griffiths.)
 Callithamnion Pollexfenii, (Harvey.)

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I.

From ROBERT BROWN, Esq.,* *Author of "Prodromus
Floræ Novæ Hollandiæ," &c. &c.*

LONDON, BRITISH MUSEUM, *August 6, 1845.*

DEAR SIR,—It has not been in my power to reply sooner to your letter. I sincerely wish you success; and from my knowledge of your publications, and of your experience as a Lecturer, I believe you to be well qualified for the duties of such an office. I leave London for the Continent to-morrow. I may probably be absent about two months; meantime, with best wishes for your success,

I am,

DEAR SIR,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROBERT BROWN.

* This was received in reply to a communication having a Botanical appointment in view different from that which has occasioned the printing of these Testimonials.

II.

*From WILLIAM THOMPSON, Esq., of Belfast, Author of
Papers on Zoology and Botany of Ireland.*

BELFAST, August 19, 1845.

Dr. DICKIE having requested a Testimonial of his qualifications for filling the Chair of Botany in the University of Edinburgh, I have much pleasure in offering my humble testimony to the value of his numerous Botanical Memoirs, published in the "Transactions of the Botanical Society," "the Magazine of Zoology and Botany," "Annals of Natural History," &c. These writings evince an ardent love of Botany, and a successful investigation of the more abstruse and difficult portions of the subject. They show that their author is eminently qualified in knowledge for the Chair to which he aspires. Although I have long had the pleasure and advantage of correspondence with Dr. DICKIE, we have never met; so that to others it must be left to bear testimony to his qualifications as a Lecturer.

(Signed) W. M. THOMPSON,

President, Natural History and Philosophical
Society of Belfast.

III.

*From H. C. WATSON, Esq., Author of Works on the
Geographical Distribution of British Plants.*

THAMES DITTON, August 19, 1845.

DEAR SIR,—Though I have never had the good fortune of becoming personally acquainted with you, I can have no hesitation in expressing my conviction that your Botanical acquirements are such as must well qualify you to fill the Botanical Chair of any British University. I form this opinion in consequence of knowing the strong and successful interest which you take in promoting that branch of science, and of having myself repeatedly derived instruction and gratification from perusal of your writings on the same subject.

I am,

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed) HEWETT C. WATSON.

IV.

*From the Rev. M. J. BERKELEY, Author of a Work on
British Fungi, &c., &c.*

KING'S CLIFFE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE,

August 21, 1845.

HAVING for some time carried on a very frequent correspondence with Dr. GEORGE DICKIE on Botanical subjects, I am enabled to state that I consider

him a very acute observer, and that he has made many valuable observations on the Indigenous Plants of Scotland, more especially amongst the Algæ, and has greatly contributed, by his memoirs and numerous discoveries, to a more correct and complete knowledge of the British Flora.

(Signed) M. J. BERKELEY, M.A., F.L.S.,
Member of the Royal Society of Lille.

V.

*From the Very Rev. Dr. JACK, Principal of the
University and King's College of Aberdeen.*

I HAVE much satisfaction in testifying to the high qualifications and merits of Dr. DICKIE. His Lectures on Botany, during six years in King's College, have given perfect satisfaction, and I know that he is esteemed, by those more conversant with the subject than myself, a Botanist of deep scientific research. In respect of his character, disposition, talents, and acquirements, it gives me pleasure to testify in strong terms.

(Signed) WILLIAM JACK, D.D.

MANOR HOUSE, ESHER, SURREY,

August 22, 1845.

VI.

*From JOHN RALFS, Esq., Surgeon, Penzance, Author
of numerous Papers on British Algæ, &c.*

DURING several years, I have carried on a Botanical correspondence with Dr. DICKIE, with the greatest advantage to myself; and I feel convinced that, if chosen to succeed the late Dr. GRAHAM, his acknowledged abilities as a Botanist, and his experience as a skilful Lecturer, will render him truly an acquisition to the University.

(Signed) JOHN RALFS, M.R.C.S.

DOLGELLY, August 23, 1845.

VII.

*From Dr. FYFE, Professor of Medicine and Chemistry in
the University and King's College of Aberdeen.*

26th August, 1845.

MY DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in complying with your request that I would testify as to your fitness for discharging the duties of a Professor of Botany, and I do so the more willingly because I know that the opinion I have formed of you is confirmed by that of others, who, while they have had more ample opportunity, are more fully qualified than I am to judge of your attainments. Allow me

to state that, while I consider your knowledge of Botany to be profound, you have, at the same time, the faculty of communicating information in a pleasing and intelligible manner, exciting zeal and enthusiasm in your pupils, and, which I consider of paramount importance in a teacher, gaining their affections and carrying them along with you in your pursuits.

In addition to your knowledge of Botany, I know that you have studied with assiduity other branches of science intimately connected with it; indeed, I may say that your time and attention have been devoted not only to Botany, but to all the departments of Natural History. With these attainments, I can without hesitation assert that I consider you well qualified for discharging the important duties of Professor of Botany in any University.

(Signed) ANDREW FYFE, M.D.

VIII.

From Dr. CAMILLE MONTAGNE, of Paris, Author of numerous Works on Botanical subjects.

MONSIEUR ET SAVANT CONFRERE,—Si j'ai tant tardé à vous écrire, vous le devez au grand nombre de mes occupations dont quelques unes ne

pouvaient être ajournées. Vous m'apprenez que vous vous mettez sur les rangs pour une Chaire vacante de Botanique. Je ne saurais qu'approuver votre démarche. J'ai toujours fait, Monsieur, un grand cas du commerce scientifique qui s'est établi entre nous sous les auspices de Monsieur GREGORY.* J'ai regretté seulement que les branches un peu différentes de la même science, dont nous nous occupons l'un et l'autre, n'aient pu fournir d'occasions plus fréquentes à nos communications.

Neanmoins les belles observations que vous avez faites sur les Algues du littoral de l'Ecosse, m'ont eu particulier fort intéressé, tout en me prouvant que vous saviez bien voir. Aussi en ai-je tenu bon et fidèle compte dans ma *Cryptogamie du Voyage au Pole Sud* où vous les trouverez honorablement cités aux pages 57—59.

Veillez bien agréer, Monsieur et honoré confrère, l'expression nouvelle des sentimens distingués de haute considération avec lesquels je me dis

Votre tres humble Serviteur,

Et dévoué confrère,

C. MONTAGNE.

PARIS, le 28 Août, 1845.

* Dr. Gregory, Professor of Chemistry in the University, Edinburgh.

IX.

*From the Lecturers in the Medical School of the University
and King's College of Aberdeen.*

DEAR SIR,—We, your Colleagues in the King's College Medical School, being anxious to promote your views with reference to any Botanical appointment for which you may be a candidate, beg to submit the following statement, for the consideration of all whom it may concern:—

1st, That, for many years, you have devoted your attention to the study of Botany, in all its branches, and more especially to the department of Vegetable Physiology; and, as evidences of your successful application, we would refer to your “Flora of Aberdeen,” and to contributions from your pen which have appeared, from time to time, in different scientific periodicals.

2d, That, since 1840, you have held the situation of Lecturer on Botany in the King's College Medical School, where your success as a teacher has been shown by the attachment of your pupils, by their progress in Botanical science while under your tuition, and by the zeal which several of them have manifested for its advancement in after life. And,

3d, We willingly bear testimony to your unwearied exertions in the promotion of the science of Botany in this city and neighbourhood, and to the

general impression which obtains among the members of the medical profession, as well as many other cultivators of science, that your attainments are such as to render you well qualified for any situation connected with that department of knowledge.

With a united expression of the high estimation in which we hold you as a colleague, and with our best wishes for your success,

We are,

DEAR SIR,

Yours, very sincerely,

(Signed)

AL. KILGOUR, M.D.

Lecturer on Practice of Physic.

DAVID KERR, M.D.

Lecturer on Surgery.

E. B. SHIRREFFS, F.R.C.S.E.

Lecturer on Anatomy.

W. C. FOWLER, M.D.

Lecturer on Forensic Medicine.

ALEX. FRASER, M.D.

Lecturer on Midwifery.

W. TEMPLETON, M.D.

Lecturer on Materia Medica.

GEO. OGILVIE, M.D., F.B.S.E.

Lecturer on Institutes of Medicine.

From DR. MACGILLIVRAY, *Professor of Natural History,*
Marischal College, Aberdeen.

I HAVE had the pleasure of knowing Dr. DICKIE for several years, during which time he has performed the duties of Lecturer on Botany in King's College.

With reference to that science, I have not often had occasion to communicate with him; but the papers which he has published on various subjects relative to it evince great accuracy and minute research. Having a decided predilection for Natural History in general, and especially for Botany, and having distinguished himself in the cultivation of the latter, although local circumstances may have prevented the display of acquirements which, in a more favourable situation, would have ensured a celebrity equal to that of Botanists who have embraced the opportunities presented to them of rendering themselves popularly known, he would, I am assured, make as efficient a Professor of that science in any of our southern Universities as he has done in the most northern of them. As to general science, I have reason to believe that Dr. DICKIE's acquirements place him on a level with the most cultivated minds, and, from personal intercourse, I can speak favourably of his acquaintance with various branches of Zoology; while his obliging disposition, and his readiness to communicate knowledge, and facilitate

the acquisition of it, would tend to render him an efficient public teacher. With reference, therefore, to a Professorship of Botany, and without making comparisons as to other candidates, I believe that any commendation in his favour would be shown by the result to be well merited.

(Signed) W. MACGILLIVRAY.

MARISCHAL COLLEGE,
ABERDEEN, *August 29, 1845.*

XI.

*From FRANCIS ADAMS, Esq., Surgeon, Translator of
Paulus Ægineta, &c.*

HAVING had the pleasure of knowing Dr. DICKIE for ten or twelve years, I have much satisfaction in being enabled to bear my humble testimony as to the zeal and success with which he has cultivated those scientific subjects in which he and I take a common interest. I allude in particular to Botany and Natural History; in the former of which I believe him to be unsurpassed in this part of the country, more especially in regard to the Flora of the North of Scotland, to which, as is well known, he has contributed several interesting additions. I may take this opportunity of mentioning that I owe my acquaintance with Dr. DICKIE to the late Dr.

MURRAY of Aberdeen, author of the "Northern Flora," who I have reason to know, even at an early period of Dr. D.'s life, looked upon him as one of the best practical Botanists he had ever known. Since that time, he has taught Botanical Classes in Aberdeen, with much credit; and I cannot doubt that his theoretical knowledge of the subject is proportional to his practical. I beg to add, respecting Dr. DICKIE, that his modest deportment and amiable disposition have procured him much esteem from all who are acquainted with him.

(Signed) FR. ADAMS.

BANCHORY TERNAN, *Sept. 1, 1845.*

XII.

*From A. H. HASSALL, Esq., Surgeon, F.L.S., &c.,
Author of "A History of the British Fresh-water
Algæ."*

IT affords me much pleasure to bear my humble testimony to the zeal and ability displayed by Dr. GEORGE DICKIE in the pursuit of Botanical science. To the difficult study of our Cryptogamic Plants, Dr. DICKIE has paid much attention, and his labours have been rewarded with considerable success.

(Signed) A. H. HASSALL.

NORLAND VILLA,
ADDISON ROAD NORTH, NEAR LONDON,
September 10, 1845.