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It is best for me to leave the record of this work to my colleague Professor Chien, under whose auspices it was conducted. Dr EDINGTON has thus for many years been engaged in practical work in Bacteriology in relation to disease, and has published numerous important papers on the subject. He is, therefore, not only thoroughly conversant with all branches of Pathological Bacteriology and Bacteriological research, but has had a training and experience possessed by few.

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W. S. GREENFIELD.

October 23, 1890.

W. WATSON CHEYNE, M.B., F.R.C.S., late Surgeon,
London, Assistant Surgeon, in King's College Hospital,
London. (Chair Physician, etc.)

White & Street,
Cannon Street, London, W.
August 25/1890.

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WATER STREET,
 CANTON SQUARE, LONDON, W.
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From GERMAN SIMS WOODHEAD, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.,
Secy., Director of Research Laboratories of the Royal Colleges of
Physicians and Surgeons of London.

RESEARCH LABORATORY,
CONJOINT EXAMINATION HALL,
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT,
LONDON, 22nd October 1899.

My friend Mr EDINGTON informs me that he intends to become
a candidate for the post of Bacteriologist to the Cape of Good
Hope Government.

I say at once that there are few men better qualified to hold
such a post. Mr EDINGTON'S University career only foreshadowed
the work that he was to do in the future, and there are few men
of his age who can show a series of results as the record of such
brilliant and arduous research.

In his position as Assistant to the Professor of Surgery in the
University of Edinburgh, Mr EDINGTON has had ample oppor-
tunity of carrying on original investigation; an opportunity of
which he has availed himself to the full. Under Professor Chiene
also he has been engaged teaching the groundwork of Bacterio-
logical Research, and the applications of Bacteriology to Disease.

Two years ago Mr EDINGTON and I fitted up a class room and
laboratory, in which we held a course of Practical Bacteriology,
and during this period nearly 80 men, mostly graduates, have
engaged in work in the course. It is impossible to teach without
keeping abreast of the literature of modern work, and I know that
Mr EDINGTON has not only a thorough practical knowledge of his
subject, but he is well acquainted with the researches of others.

On these grounds, and because of his energy, perseverance, and
ability, I should say that, were Mr EDINGTON appointed as
Bacteriologist to the Cape Government, he would do the work
thoroughly and well, and would I have no doubt, contribute to
the knowledge of specific infective diseases amongst cattle and in
the human subject.

G. SIMS WOODHEAD.

VII

From CHARLES ROY, M.D., F.R.C.P., M.A., D. In Physic,
of Pathology in the University of Cambridge.

RESEARCH LABORATORY,
CONJOINT EXAMINATION HALL,
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT,
LONDON, 22nd October 1899.

I have much pleasure in stating that Mr EDINGTON is extremely well qualified
for the post of Bacteriologist to the Government of the Cape of Good Hope.
He is a candidate for the post.

Dr EDINGTON has done excellent work in the
investigation of Scarlet Fever and various other diseases, and he has
all the technical skill required for the investigation of such
diseases, and more as well as a thorough knowledge of the
organisms which have to do with them, and the duties of the
post for which he is a candidate.

From ISAAC HAYLEY BALFOUR, M.A., M.D., F.R.S.,
F.L.S., F.G.S., Professor of Botany in the University of Edinburgh;
Herbarius Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden, Queen's
Botanist for Scotland, Late Sherardian Professor of Botany in
the University of Oxford.

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN,
EDINBURGH, October 25, 1890

I have great pleasure in expressing my opinion, based upon personal knowledge, that Dr ALEXANDER EDINGTON is eminently qualified for the office of Bacteriologist to the Government of the Cape of Good Hope.

I take it that the holder of such office, if he is to discharge adequately the duties that may devolve upon him, must be possessed of two distinct qualifications. He must first of all be an expert scientific man, with special training in and knowledge of Bacteriology; and secondly, he must possess an aptitude for the administrative work and business which attach to an office involving so many responsibilities. Now in respect of both of these Dr EDINGTON is, I think, able to bring evidence of his fitness. In his scientific attainments, and to his devotion to and successful prosecution of research in Bacteriology, no further testimony is required than what is contained in his account of his career and in the list of valuable contributions he has made to our knowledge of the subject, whilst to his capacity of organisation, the Laboratory and class work he has arranged and conducted in the Medical School here, and the share he has taken in founding a Society for Microscopical work, bear witness.

I am confident that the Government of the Cape of Good Hope would be fortunate were it to secure the services of so able a Bacteriologist as Dr EDINGTON, and I can only regret the prospect of his removal from Edinburgh as being a loss to the School.

ISAAC HAYLEY BALFOUR

From JOHN M'FADYEN, M.B., C.M., B.Sc., F.R.S.E.,
Lecturer on Anatomy and Demonstrator of Pathology in the
Royal Veterinary College, Edinburgh

EDINBURGH, 26th Oct., 1890

I have had the pleasure of Dr EDINGTON's acquaintance for the last four years, and during that period I have had frequent intercourse with him on matters relating to Bacteriology and Comparative Pathology.

Dr EDINGTON is well known in Edinburgh as a laborious investigator and successful teacher in the field of Bacteriology, and his published researches have made his name familiar in medical circles throughout the civilised world.

Like by his natural aptitude, his special training, and his thorough devotion to the science of Bacteriology, he is marked out as one qualified to pursue investigations regarding infectious maladies, and I consider that the Cape Government will be fortunate should it secure his services for the investigation of obscure diseases of domesticated animals.

JOHN M'FADYEN.

From ROBERT WAELACE, F.R.S., F.R.S.E.,
Professor of Agriculture and Rural Economy at the Uni-
versity of Edinburgh.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
24 November 1890.

It is my privilege to be able to bear testimony to the special qualifications of Dr ALEXANDER EDINGTON for the office of Bacteriologist of the Cape of Good Hope.

I have known Dr EDINGTON intimately for some years, and am able to speak from personal experience of his methods of work, and the results of his researches.

Dr EDINGTON has not only done valuable service to the University as a teacher, but has carried to a successful issue a vast amount of original work of a highly scientific and at the same time useful kind. He is now at my request engaged in a most interesting and important investigation in connection with the determination of the cause of death in dogs and horses, brought about by the bite of the scrub tick in Australia, the results of which will be published when completed.

I have every confidence, that if appointed to the office for which he seeks, he will give more than satisfaction. My only regret in this matter is, that the Treasury grant to the Scottish Universities is so small and so inadequate, that there is no hope of a Bacteriological department being sufficiently endowed to remunerate the services of one so proficient as Dr EDINGTON in Bacteriological work. Had the means been at the disposal of the University authorities the consideration of money would not have been permitted to stand in the way of his becoming a permanent member of the University staff.

With such a vast and unexplored field for Bacteriological research as the Cape of Good Hope, I look forward to a brilliant and profitable career for Dr EDINGTON, in the event of his being the successful candidate.

ROBERT WAELACE.

XII.

From D. J. HAMILTON, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Professor of
Pathology in the University of Aberdeen.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN,
24 November 1890.

It is with much pleasure that I accede to Dr EDINGTON'S request for a testimonial, in support of his candidature for the post of Bacteriologist to the Cape of Good Hope Government.

Looking around, it seems to me that Dr EDINGTON'S claims are much beyond those of men of his time. He has made a special study of the subject of Bacteriology for many years back, and has spent much time in patient investigation. I have often been struck with the zeal with which he entered upon any work of this kind. The enthusiastic manner in which his research on the organism of Scarlet fever was pursued, showed of what he is capable.

He has also shown himself full of energy in other directions, and a successful organiser. The Scottish Microscopical Society was the result of his unceasing efforts.

His published works are numerous and of a high class, and he has in the press a practical work on Bacteriology, which from the large experience he has had in Professor CHENEY'S Laboratory, ought to be a publication of great utility.

For these and other reasons, I think the Cape of Good Hope Government should be exceedingly fortunate in securing his services, and feel assured that if appointed, no one could be more implicitly trusted to discharge the duties of the office conscientiously and to the best of his ability.

D. J. HAMILTON.

XIII.

From JOSEPH COATS, M.D., Lecturer on Pathology in the
University of Glasgow.

31 LYNEDOCB STREET,
GLASGOW, 3rd November 1890.

I know Dr ALEXANDER EDINGTON to be a highly accomplished Bacteriologist. He is one of the very few in this country who have so devoted themselves to the subject as to constitute themselves authorities.

Dr EDINGTON has, in his Bacteriological work, not lost sight of the great problems of Pathology, which connect themselves so directly with Practical Sanitation. I believe that, in this aspect of it, Dr EDINGTON'S claims for the appointment by the Government of the Cape of Good Hope are considerably enhanced.

There can be no question of Dr EDINGTON'S energy, ability, and fitness for such an office.

JOSEPH COATS

XIV

From W. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.V.S., F.R.S.E., &c. Principal
of the New Veterinary College, Edinburgh; Foreign Correspondent of the Société Centrale Vétérinaire de France.

EDINBURGH, 25th October 1890.

Dr EDINGTON is, I understand, applying for the post of Bacteriologist to the Government of the Cape Colony, with a view to the Bacteriological investigation of the Cattle Diseases of the Colony.

I am of opinion, from the high character of the thorough-going work done by him in the Bacteriological field, and from his aptitude for special investigation, that he is eminently qualified for the post in question.

W. WILLIAMS.

From SIR DOUGLAS MACLAGAN, M.D., F.R.C.S.E.,
F.R.S.E., formerly President of the Royal College of Physicians,
Distinguished Professor of Medical Jurisprudence and Public Health,
and Emeritus Professor of Clinical Medicine in the University of Edinburgh.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
24th October 1899.

Dr ALEXANDER EDINGTON's name is well known beyond the limits of the large School of Medicine, in which more particularly it is a household word.

Dr EDINGTON, after a full and successful curriculum, took the degrees of M.B. and C.M., and thereafter set himself to the cultivation of the scientific branches of his profession. Devoting himself specially to the study of Bacteriology, which may be said to be a comparatively new branch of science, Dr EDINGTON has worked most with an earnestness and success deserving of all praise. His contributions to the literature of the subject, his devotion to Bacteriological work, and his labour in conveying the knowledge thereof to others, show him to be not only an expert, but an enthusiast in regard to it.

I am enabled from my knowledge of him as a former pupil, and as a co-operator in this branch of knowledge, to express my confident opinion, that Dr EDINGTON would most efficiently perform the duties of the appointment of Bacteriologist to the Government of the Cape of Good Hope.

DOUGLAS MACLAGAN.

XVI

From SIR WILLIAM TURNER, M.A., LL.D., D.C.L.,
F.R.S., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Edinburgh,
and Member of the General Medical Council.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
October 25, 1899.

I have known for many years Dr ALEXANDER EDINGTON, and can speak of his powers of application, and of his enthusiasm in prosecuting the special branch of study to which he has devoted himself during the last years.

As a former President of the Scottish Microscopical Society, I should wish also to refer to the interest which Dr EDINGTON takes in the applications of the Microscope to Science generally, and the labour which he bestowed on the organisation of that Society, of which he is one of the Secretaries.

If Dr EDINGTON be appointed to the office of Bacteriologist for which he is now a candidate, I feel confident that the Cape Government will secure the services of a thoroughly competent officer.

WM. TURNER.

XXVI

From WILLIAM RUTHERFORD, M.D., F.R.S., Pro-
fessor of the Institute of Medicine in the University of Edin-
burgh, President of the Scottish Microscopical Society.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
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I have much pleasure in complying with Dr ALEXANDER EDINGTON's request to give him a testimonial to support his candidature for the office of Bacteriologist to the Government of the Cape of Good Hope.

I have known Dr EDINGTON for a number of years, and I have been much impressed with his eager desire to pursue scientific studies. During the four years he has been an assistant in the University, he has made as many as fourteen scientific communications, notwithstanding many demands on his time in other directions.

Some of his researches have been elaborate, especially those on the "Contagium of Scarlet Fever," the "Sapraemia of Salmon Disease," and those contained in his "Contributions to Surgical Pathology and Physiology," and that on "The Morphology and Development of the Yeast."

In these researches Dr EDINGTON has displayed much ingenuity and an eager desire to advance knowledge, and I anticipate that if he were appointed to a position in which he could devote his whole time to scientific work, he would do much to advance science.

His powers of organisation have been proved by the manner in which he has carried on the Bacteriological Laboratory instituted by Professor Cheyne in connection with the Chair of Surgery, and he has also shown energy of purpose in the part he took in organising the Scottish Microscopical Society.

From my acquaintance with Dr EDINGTON, I feel sure that he would discharge the duties of the important office for which he is now an applicant, with a scrupulous desire to render his services to the Government of the Cape to the best advantage, and I also feel sure that he would be found not only an efficient but also an agreeable officer.

I beg to commend him to the favourable consideration of the Government, as worthy of their confidence.

WM RUTHERFORD.

XXVII.

From A. R. SIMPSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., Professor
of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children in the
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From T. GRAINGER STEWART, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.,
F.R.S.E., President of the Royal College of Physicians; Pro-
fessor of the Practice of Physic and Clinical Medicine in the
University of Edinburgh; Physician in Ordinary to Her
Majesty the Queen in Scotland.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
October 24, 1890.

Dr ALEXANDER EDINGTON has been well known to me since his student days, as a man of great ability and distinct originality of mind, as possessing also that faculty of organising and of forming novel and well chosen plans for carrying out his original researches. During his student days, he earned the warm esteem of my colleague Professor Chiene, and has during the four years which have elapsed since his graduation, been constantly at work in the Laboratory of the Surgical Department of the University. He has there carried out investigations, which have made his name known wherever medicine is scientifically studied, and has brought credit to the institutions in which he has worked.

As a teacher, he has been thorough in the discharge of duty, and popular with the students.

I am satisfied that it would be extremely difficult to find any one with better claims in respect of character, ability, and work achieved, or in respect of promise of future eminence, to fill the important office of Bacteriologist to the Government of the Cape of Good Hope.

T. GRAINGER STEWART.

From T. R. FRASER, M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Materia
Medica and of Clinical Medicine, and Dean of the Faculty of
Medicine, in the University of Edinburgh.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
25th October 1890.

I know of few young men who have devoted themselves to Bacteriological work so thoroughly and successfully as Dr EDINGTON.

He has had a chief share in organising its study in this University; and here, as well as outside the University, he has done much to extend the knowledge of its acquired facts.

It is, however, even a greater merit to have contributed, as Dr EDINGTON has done, many new facts to this important subject; and I believe that the numerous researches, many of great elaboration, which he has published, have gained the approval of his fellow workers, and placed him in a high position as an investigator.

I feel sure that Dr EDINGTON would discharge with ability the duties of Bacteriologist to the Government of the Cape of Good Hope.

THOMAS R. FRASER.

XXV

From J. C. EWART, M.D., *Retiree Professor of Natural History,
University of Edinburgh and Member of the Fishery Board
for Scotland.*

FISHERY BOARD FOR SCOTLAND,
October 1890.

I have much pleasure in stating that Mr. Edington has, during the last three years, conducted various *biological investigations* for the Fishery Board for Scotland, and has presented by publication in the Annual Reports valuable papers dealing with the organisms associated with the peculiar condition of dried fish known as "Red Cod," and with the Salmon disease. In the manner Mr. Edington planned and carried out these difficult inquiries, and from what I know of his other work, I have formed a very high opinion of his abilities, and feel satisfied he would give entire satisfaction appointed Bacteriologist to the Government of the Cape of Good Hope.

J. C. EWART

XXVI

From ALEXANDER CRUM BROWN, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S.,
Professor of Chemistry in the University of Edinburgh.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
October 30, 1890.

DEAR DR. EDINGTON,

It would be presumptuous in me to attempt to criticise your Bacteriological work. You have devoted much time and labour to that very important branch of Natural science, and you are generally recognised as a master in it, while it is only incidentally that I am interested in its results.

I know, however, and can testify to your zeal and patient work, to your practical skill, and to the clearness with which you can explain and illustrate your views, and the experimental evidences on which they depend.

With best wishes for your success in your present application,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

ALEXANDER CRUM BROWN.

From J. D. AFFLECK, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Lecturer on Practice of Medicine, and on Clinical Medicine, Edinburgh Medical School; Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh; Examiner in Clinical Medicine in the University of Edinburgh.

38 HERIOT ROW,
EDINBURGH, 28th October 1899.

I have much pleasure in expressing my opinion of the eminent fitness of Mr. ALEXANDER EDINGTON, M.B., for the office of Bacteriologist to the Government of the Cape of Good Hope, for which he is at present a candidate.

Mr. EDINGTON has had the training most calculated to fit him for such an appointment. From his student days, he has devoted himself in a very special manner to Bacteriological work, and in his capacity as Superintendent of Professor Chiene's Laboratory, as well as in the numerous researches he has carried on, has given proof alike of his powers of organising and of prosecuting original investigations in an important and difficult department of scientific medicine.

Mr. EDINGTON is an indefatigable worker, full of energy and enthusiasm, and possessed in a singular manner with a truth-seeking spirit. While his training and pursuits have been mostly scientific, Mr. EDINGTON has had sufficient experience in practical medicine to enhance the value of his technical acquirements. I believe it would be difficult to find a more eligible candidate for the important appointment now vacant than Mr. EDINGTON, and I feel every confidence in bearing testimony to his high qualifications for the post.

J. O. AFFLECK.

From FRANCIS TROUP, L.R.C.S.E., M.R.C.P.E., M.D.,
Assistant Physician to the Lonsdale Hospital, Edinburgh; author of "Sputum, its Microscopy and Diagnostic and Prognostic Significations."

1 MEDIO STREET,
EDINBURGH, October 27, 1899.

I have intimately known Dr. ALEXANDER EDINGTON for seven years. I have formed the very highest opinion of his diligence and zeal in prosecuting, often enough under disadvantageous surroundings, his researches in Bacteriology.

As assistant to Professor Chiene, he has been engaged for a number of years in the Bacteriological Laboratory of the University here in special Bacteriological work, and during the course of that time very many of his professional brethren everywhere have had occasion to avail themselves of his knowledge of such matters, and have always found him, although immersed in his own work, ever ready to help them by word or deed or demonstration.

As an earnest, enthusiastic worker, as an organiser above all, as a man of resource in face of unexpected difficulties cropping up in the course of his numerous and well-known investigations, I think him unrivalled; he is, if any one, *the man for the post*.

Should he obtain the post of Bacteriologist to the Cape Government, I feel very certain that he would discharge its duties conscientiously, and to the advantage of Science in general.

FRAS. TROUP