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Examinership in Zoology,

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

LETTERS OF APPLICATION

AND

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

JAMES YOUNG SIMPSON

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52 QUEEN STREET,
EDINBURGH, 28*th November* 1901.

To the

Glasgow University Court.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I desire to offer myself as Candidate for the post of Examiner in Zoology for the Degree in Medicine.

During my undergraduate course at Edinburgh University, I was awarded the Sibbald Bursary, was Prizeman in more than one class, gained several First-Class Certificates, and finally graduated Master of Arts in 1894.

When studying further for the degree of Bachelor of Science, I was Medallist in Zoology, Botany, and Geology, graduated in 1897, and was awarded a Gunning Victoria Jubilee Prize in 1899.

After working in the Zoological Laboratory at Edinburgh under Professor Cossar Ewart, I proceeded to Cambridge, where, during the summers of 1899 and 1900, I conducted further original researches under Mr Adam Sedgwick. These were incorporated in a Thesis entitled "Observations on some Outstanding Features of Protozoan Life," which obtained for me the Edinburgh Doctorate of Science in January 1901.

In the summer of 1900 I was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

In the previous year I was appointed to the Lectureship on Natural Science in the United Free Church College, Glasgow, and in 1901 was selected to conduct the newly-established courses of Lectures in Botany and Zoology in the Free Church Training College, Glasgow.

At the recent Glasgow Meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, I served as one of the Secretaries in the Zoological Section.

I append a list of Publications, and submit for your consideration four Testimonials from zoological authorities, together with a letter from a distinguished former member of the Glasgow professoriate.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. Y. SIMPSON.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS.

(*a*) TECHNICAL.

1. "Observations on Binary Fission in the Life History of the Ciliata."—*Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh*, vol. xxiii., No. 5.
2. "Studies in Protozoa."—*Proceedings of the Scottish Microscopical Society*, vol. iii., No. 2.
3. "The Relation of Binary Fission and Conjugation to Variation."—*Report of the British Association for the Advancement of Science*, 1901.

In Preparation.

4. "Binary Fission and Variation."—*Biometrika*, vol. i.

(*b*) GENERAL.

5. Various Passages in "Sidelights on Siberia."—*William Blackwood & Sons*, 1898.
6. Chapter on "Science" in "Henry Drummond."—*Famous Scots Series*, 1901.

I.

From J. COSSAR EWART, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., *Regius Professor of Natural History in the University of Edinburgh.*

THE UNIVERSITY,
EDINBURGH, *3rd June* 1899.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I consider Mr J. Y. SIMPSON well qualified to undertake the work recently carried on in the Free Church College, Glasgow, by Mr Arthur Thomson.

I am aware it is not an easy matter to follow in the footsteps of the late Professor Drummond, but of all the likely candidates, I think Mr Simpson is in many ways the most suitable, not only because of his knowledge of Natural Science in the widest sense, but also because of the excellent influence he would have on the students under his care.

J. C. EWART.

Professor Ewart, in granting permission to use this Testimonial, says:—"I have no doubt your experience in teaching and examining students in the Free Church College has placed you in a position to discharge with complete satisfaction the duties of Examiner in Zoology in the University of Glasgow."

II.

From W. C. M'INTOSH, Esq., M.D., LL.D., F.R.S., *Professor of Natural History in the University of St Andrews, etc.*

THE UNIVERSITY,
ST ANDREWS, N.B., 22*nd November* 1901.

IT gives me much pleasure to add my testimony to the eminent fitness of Dr JAMES YOUNG SIMPSON for the Examinership in Natural History in the University of Glasgow.

I have had many opportunities of knowing him during his undergraduate course, and of appreciating the earnestness of purpose, high moral tone, and exceptional talent he has displayed from early days. His taste for Natural History is innate, and has been assiduously cultivated by a prolonged course of training at the Universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge, by original researches, and by various experiences at home and abroad. I would also refer to the distinguished position he occupied as Medallist in each of the subjects—Zoology, Botany, and Geology—as proof of the energy and success of his labours.

His experience as Lecturer on Natural Science in the Free Church College, Glasgow, is a special point in his favour, and has given him that familiarity with students so necessary in an Examiner.

I know the excellent work he has done, and is doing, on the important group of the Protozoa, and look forward with interest to the results of his present labours. I know, further, that Dr Simpson, with his refined literary taste, and great fluency and clearness as a lecturer, would make a most capable Examiner.

I therefore beg to recommend him for the post, and am sure he would admirably perform the duties.

W. C. M'INTOSH.

III.

From A. E. SHIPLEY, Esq., M.A., F.Z.S., *Fellow, Tutor, and Lecturer at Christ's College, Cambridge; University Lecturer on Advanced Morphology of the Invertebrata.*

CHRIST'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE, 21*st November* 1901.

MR J. Y. SIMPSON was a pupil of mine whilst resident in Cambridge, and from what I saw of him and his work, I feel sure he would make a careful and competent Examiner, and that his knowledge of Zoology is amply sufficient for the purpose in question.

A. E. SHIPLEY.

IV.

From J. GRAHAM KERR, M.A., F.Z.S., *Fellow of Christ's College, Cambridge, etc.*

CHRIST'S COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE, 24*th November* 1901.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that I believe Dr J. Y. SIMPSON to be well qualified to fill the post of Examiner in Zoology in the University of Glasgow. Dr Simpson had a distinguished career in the University of Edinburgh; he has carried out interesting researches in the Morphological Laboratory of the University of Cambridge, and he has now for some time filled a teaching post in Zoology in Glasgow.

The experience gained under these various conditions, together with Dr Simpson's sound common-sense, would, I believe, enable him to discharge in the most satisfactory manner the duties which fall to a University Examiner in Zoology.

J. GRAHAM KERR.

V.

From ISAAC BAYLEY BALFOUR, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., *Regius Keeper of Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, and Professor of Botany in the University of Edinburgh.*

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN,
EDINBURGH, 26*th November* 1901.

MY DEAR SIMPSON,

You have my cordial sympathy in your application for the post of Examiner in Zoology in the University of Glasgow.

Your scientific record justifies you, and I fully endorse its merits.

To this I would only add that very important element—the personal—that you possess those qualities of mind and of manner that should make you an excellent Examiner and an agreeable colleague.

ISAAC BAYLEY BALFOUR.

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