

From the Rev. Dr. John Paul, of St. Cuthbert's Parish.

EDINBURGH, 31st JULY, 1850.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Aitken, Preacher of the Gospel, has been long known to me, and I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his personal worth and professional attainments. He is possessed of good talents and is a person of varied acquirements, of amiable dispositions and sincere piety. His pulpit discourses are distinguished by correct views of divine truth, and are well fitted from the style in which they are written, to subserve the end of general edification, and I am persuaded that when called to the stated duties and labours of a Pastoral charge, he will prove a zealous and useful Minister of the Gospel.

(Signed,)

JOHN PAUL,
Minister of St. Cuthbert's.

From the Rev. Dr. Alexr. Brunton, Professor of Oriental Languages, Edinburgh University.

EDINBURGH COLLEGE, 17th DEC., 1824.

I hereby certify that Mr. Thomas Aitken regularly attended the Hebrew and Chaldee Class in this University, during the Sessions of College 1814-'15 and 1815-'16; and that he uniformly gave me the fullest reason to approve of his conduct and proficiency.

(Signed,)

ALEXANDER BRUNTON, Prof.

EDINBURGH COLLEGE, 18th DEC.

DEAR SIR:

I send you on the other side, a class certificate, in those terms in which I am accustomed to give it to my most attentive and successful Students.

In your present circumstances I have great pleasure in adding—if the expression of such an opinion can in any way be useful—that the impression left upon me by our Academical connections, is in every respect most favourable, and that I shall be much gratified to hear of your success.

I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed,)

ALEXANDER BRUNTON.

Mr. Thomas Aitken,
14 Great George Street, }
Liverpool.

From the Rev. Dr. James C. Fowler of Ratho.

It affords me sincere pleasure to bear my testimony in behalf of the Rev. Dr. Aitken, who, I think, is possessed of superior and well cultivated talents, extensive acquirements, obliging manners and sound religious principles. He has preached for me several times, and on every occasion his discourse was marked by a strict adherence to the subject of his text, clearness of thought and purity of diction. If appointed to the oversight of a congregation, I believe that he would discharge the duties of the office with fidelity, conscientiousness and zeal.

(Signed,)

JAS. C. FOWLER, of Ratho.

The Manse, Ratho, 12th July, 1850.