

I have frequently visited Montgreenan Establishment in which Mr Cockburn taught, with great success, for some time, and I always came away impressed with his high qualifications.

I feel assured that Mr Cockburn will signalize himself as a teacher, in the very highest walks of Classical and English literature.

WILLIAM PINKERTON,
Minister of the Gospel.

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From ROBERT THOMSON, Esq., M.A.,
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MR GEORGE R. R. COCKBURN has been intimately known to me during the last seven years. We studied together at the High School and University of Edinburgh, and were afterwards colleagues for nine months in Montgreenan School. During the period of our friendship, Mr Cockburn has been a most assiduous student of classics, English history and literature, and modern languages. In Dr Schmitz's class he distinguished himself highly, and at the University established for himself a classical reputation by gaining, against many competitors, the Straton prize in the highest Greek class.

At Montgreenan he devoted his attention to English as zealously as he had previously at the University studied classics. But with an insatiable thirst after knowledge, he wished to become thoroughly acquainted with the modern languages. He accordingly left Montgreenan, and has since travelled over almost all Europe, mastered French and German, and acquired a fair knowledge of Italian. Even, however, before his travels, he was in the habit of showing to his pupils at Montgreenan, in a most clear and satisfactory manner, the connection in which English stands to Latin, Greek, French,