

and that, after finishing his curriculum, in the Hospital, where attending College, where he equally distinguished himself by obtaining some of the highest prizes, he taught my Classes for several weeks one year, in my absence to the country, with great fidelity and success ; that his conduct was at all times most correct and exemplary ; that, while he possesses excellent natural talents, well improved by persevering application he maintains firm authority over those he instructs, without any approach to severity ; that I therefore consider him well qualified for the arduous and highly responsible office of an instructor of youth.

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Late Classical Master, Heriot's Hospital.

IX. From WILLIAM MOFFAT, Esq.

HIGH SCHOOL, EDINBURGH.

13th May, 1839.

I hereby certify that I have known Mr. David Rodger intimately for many years ; he was a pupil of mine in Heriot's Hospital for Arithmetic, Geometry, and Algebra. He conducted himself uniformly with the strictest propriety ; applied his mind to his studies with much zeal and distinguished success. The result was, that he carried off many of the highest Prizes ; and the progress he made in his studies, especially in Geometry and Algebra, was such as to impress me with a high idea of his talents, and with the confident assurance of his success in after life.

Since that time he has gone through a liberal course of education at the University, and has distinguished himself in several of the classes, as will be seen on perusing the certificates he received from the Professors under whom he studied, and from the number of prizes he gained.

He assisted me in conducting the Arithmetical and Mathematical Classes in the High School for upwards of six months previous to August last, and I can confidently bear the strongest testimony to the