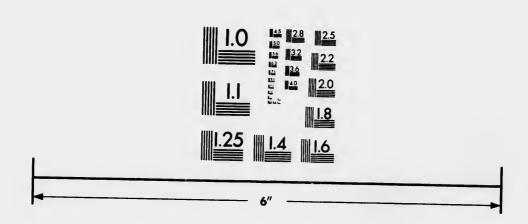


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#### TESTIMONIALS.

#### PERCY MATHEWS, LL.D., M.R. C. S., M.R.C. P.

Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of England,
Coroner for the N. W. Territories of Canada, and late
Medical Officer of the Hon'ble Hudson Bay Company,
Member of the Medical and Chirurgical Society of
Montreal.

Author of Notes on "Diseases among Indians frequenting Hudson's Bay," "Aboriginal Woman," etc., etc.

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HORDEN, D. D. :

"I have known Dr. Mathews for upwards of twelve months, and he has on several occasions attended me professionally, to my entire satisfaction. I have been much brought into contact with him as the Medical Officer of the Hon'ble Hudson's Bay Company, in which capacity he has attended to the needs of a large Indian population; this duty he performs with diligence as well as with much sympathy. No matter at what time of day or night he was called, he was always ready, the needy Indian with his squalid surroundings receiving from him the same care and attention as if he had been an English nobleman. In an experience of thirty years in this country he is, without exception, the most attentive and painstaking medical officer I have seen in it. He is an high-principled, moral, Christian gentleman, and I consider him extremely well qualified for any position where sympathy, gentleness and firmness are required, combined with more than ordinary skill." JOHN MOOSONEE.

Bishop Court, Moose, Canada. Feb. 16, 1886.

JOSEPH FORTESCUE, Esq., J. P., Chief Factor of the Hon'ble Hudson's Bay Company's Service:
"Dr. Mathews has filled the position of Medical Officer of the Hudson's Bay Company at

this Fort for a period extending over more than six years of my charge, during which time he has been in constant communication with myself; and in his medical capacity in connection with the Hudson's Bay Company's employees and the natives of the country. Having been almost daily associated with him from our mutual positions, I have had every opportunity of witnessing his energy and zeal, and I have much pleasure in testifying not only to his care and assiduity, but to the uniform kindness and consideration which he has combined, with the attention and skill he has ever displayed in the discharge of the duties of his profession."

### J. FORTESCUE,

Chief Factor in Charge,

5th Sept. 1884. Hudson's Bay Company.

Copy of canvassing paper sent Fellows of Royal Society of Canada, by Professor Bell. F. R. S., LL. D., M. D., F. G. S., etc., etc., Assistant Director of the Royal Geological Survey of Canada.

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THE VACANCY IN SECTION IV. OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY.

Sir:—The deaths of Mr. George Barnston and Mr. Alexander Murray have left a vacancy for at least one new Fellow in Section IV. of the Royal Society. I would respectfully beg to propose Doctor Percy Mathews, Medical Officer to the Hon'ble Hudson's Bay Company, and now a resident at Fort York, as a fit and proper person for election to the vacant

Fellowship. I have known Dr. Mathews personally for seven years. He is a gentleman of high scientific capabilities, an ardent, practical student of Nature, more especially of Zoology, and is a great collector of specimens, of which he has already sent a large number to the Museum of the Geological and Natural History Survey. Professionally he has proved himself to be a skillful and competent physician and surgeon. He is an Englishman, about thirty years of age, and is connected with well - known scientific men. Having come directly from England to York, he has heretofore had opportunities of becoming personally acquainted with only a few of the people of this country; but among this number reference might be made to His Lordship the Bishop of Moosonee, the Ven'ble Archdeacon Kirkby, D. D., Christ's Church, Brooklyn, New York; Chief Factor Joseph Fortescue of the Hon'ble Hudson's Bay Co's Service, Hamilton Jukes, Esq., C. E., Otto J. Klotz, D.T.S., C.E., President of the Dominion Land Surveyor's Association, and Lieut. Gordon, R. N., Commander of the Hudson's Bay Expeditions of 1884, 1885 and 1886.

The officers of the Hon'ble Hudson's Bay Company have, as a class, always taken a deep interest in Natural History and the Natural Sciences generally, and they have cordially assisted all scientific men in their researches in the northern regions. The writings of Sir

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Alexander Mackenzie, Samuel Hearne, Sir John Richardson, Sir John Franklin, Sir George Back, Gen'l Sir Henry Lefroy, Dr. Hector, etc., and the reports of various officers of the Smithsonian Institution and the Geological Survey, as well as of other investigators, bear witness to these facts. They have also done much independently to advance science by furnishing for many years valuable information and large quantities of fine specimens to the United States National Museum, and to various institutions in Great Britain. It was considered proper to have in our ranks, in the person of the late lamented Mr. Barnston, a connecting link between the Royal Society and this important body of intelligent men, who are scattered so widely over the great northern wilds of Canada; and now that he has gone, his place might be very appropriately filled by Dr. Mathews, who would be of much service to the Society, and who is personally so well deserving of the honor. His election would no doubt be regarded as a continuation of the compliment to the Service generally, and it would be a graceful recognition by the Society of the desire which the Company's officers have always manifested to aid in the advancement of science. For the above, among other reasons, I would beg to solicit your support for Doctor Mathews. Yours respectfully, ROBT. BELL, FR. S.

Herewith I beg to send you a copy of a paper by Dr. Mathews, on "Diseases among the Indians," which was read before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, of which he is an Honorary Member.

**OTTAWA**, May, 1885.

The VENERABLE DR. KIRKBY, Archdeacon of York:

"It gives me very great pleasure to bear testimony to the zeal and kindness of Dr. Mathews, in his professional duties here, as well as to the general success that has attended his treatment of the diseases brought under his care."

W. W. KIRKBY, D. D.,

Archdeacon of York, now of Brooklyn,

August, 1879.

New York.

MURDOCK MATHESON, Chief Trader of the Hon'ble Hudson's Bay Company's Service:

"This is to certify that Dr. Percy Mathews has served the Hudson's Bay Company for eight years, in the capacity of Medical Officer, two of which he has been with me, and, as far as I am able to judge, I consider him a very efficient member of his profession."

M. MATHESON,

For Hudson's Bay Company.

YORK FACTORY, 14th September, 1886.

THE REV. JOSEPH LOFTHOUSE, C. M. S. :

"Having been personally acquainted with Dr. Mathews during the past three years, and in frequent contact with him in his professional duties amongst the residents of York Factory, both European and Indian, I have great pleasure in testifying to the universal kindness, generosity, and ability displayed by him in cases brought under my immediate notice.

To myself and in my work among the Indians, he has ever been a most ready and willing helper." J. LOFTHOUSE, YORK FACTORY,

C. M. S. Missionary.

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CAPTAIN HAWES, Hudson's Bay Company's ship "Cam Owen."

"I have known Dr. Mathews for more than eight years. He has once made a voyage with me, in 1878, as Medical Officer of the Hudson's Bay Company's ship Ocean Nymph; and I have known him in the interval as Medical Officer at the Port of York, where he year by year attended the ship's crews. In 1883, being frozen into the north of Hudson's Bay, Dr. Mathews walked upwards of 400 miles in snow-shoes, in the depth of the Arctic winter, to the relief of my crew, who were suffering from scurvy. In 1886, being shipwrecked in Hudson's Bay, Dr. Mathews accompanied me r and my crew in a long and arduous journey from Hudson's Bay to Winnipeg.

From an eight years' varied experience of Dr. Mathews, I have fromed a very high opinion of him; he is patient under difficulty, kind, gentle and attentive to his sick—a good doctor and a gentleman."

JOHN HAWES,

Master of the ship Cam Owen, Hudson's Bay Company's Service, Winnipeg, Canada, October 25th, 1886.

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From the Indians of the York District of the Hon'ble Hudson's Bay Company's Service.

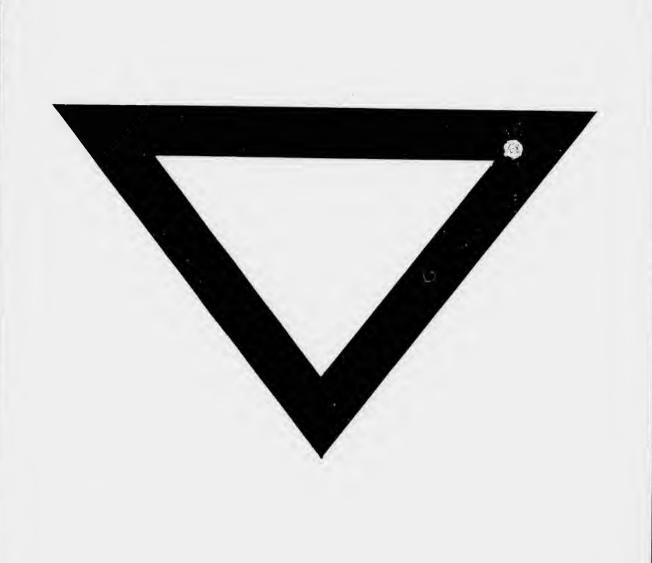
Dear Doctor:

This is to let you know that we will all be very sorry when you leave us. For all the years you have been here, you have helped us in sickness. We are all very thankful to you for all your kindness to us in helping us all, and also for all you have done for our sick, hungry, or our starving. We are sure no other Doctor ever will do so much for us as you have done. We hope that those who are over you will say or even think the same. And, again, that our Lord Jesus Christ will reward you for all your kindness and charity to us. And now hoping that all this will make you think of us, as we will always remember you, dear Doctor.

JOHN, Chief.

JOSEPH KICHEKESICK,
YORK, HUDSON'S BAY.

Counselor.



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