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My dear Professor Goldziher,

Only a couple of weeks ago I wrote to thank you for the Abdruck which you sent and for your kind mention of me. Now I write on a very different matter. I am making application for the vacant chair of Hebrew in the University of St Andrews, Scotland, and should be very greatly obliged if you could give me a few lines of recommendation. You know as well as any one and better than most can what my work in Semitic has been, and, unfortunately, you are also excellently qualified to know how defective it has been and how far it has fallen short

of your ideas and of my  
ideals. But I am a beginner  
and I hope I have shown some  
feeling for scientific life and  
thought and for historical  
and theological investigation.

If you see your way to  
meet my request may I beg  
of you to make use of the enclosed  
envelope and to send your  
testimonial to my brother  
whose address stands on it.  
He has charge of the printing  
and forwarding of my application.

Trusting that you will  
be able to help me and with  
renewed thanks for the  
much help of other kinds  
which you have already given  
to me,  
Yours most sincerely,

Duncan B. Macdonald