

Introduction

Alexander Murray Drennan graduated MB ChB from Edinburgh University in 1906. During World War I he served with RAMC, and pioneered the use of a mixture of boric acid and bleaching powder (known as Eusol or Edinburgh University Solution) in the treatment of wounds incurred by British forces in Flanders. He successively held the chairs of pathology at Otago, New Zealand (1914–1928), Queen's University, Belfast (1928–1931), and Edinburgh University (1931–1954).

- 1 Personal correspondence between Dr A M Drennan and various medical colleagues in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Leeds, Belfast and New Zealand. 1929–1934.
- 2 Personal correspondence between Dr A M Drennan and various medical colleagues in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Leeds, Belfast and New Zealand. 1935–1937.
- 3 Personal correspondence between Dr A M Drennan and various medical colleagues in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Leeds, Belfast and New Zealand. 1937–1940.
- 4 Personal and professional correspondence to Lieutenant A Murray Drennan, RAMC, No 27 General Hospital Mediterranean Expeditionary Force, Alexandria, Egypt, 1915–1916. Including:

Letters from J Lorrain Smith, Edinburgh, with reference to treatment of infected cases with ‘Eusol’.
- 5 Printed booklets and invitation cards concerning Australasian Medical Congress, Dunedin, 1927.
- 6 Photographs of Egypt and Malta, 1916.
- 7 Letters on chiefly personal matters but containing minor items of military and medical news from Dr Drennan, No 21 General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt, to his wife, 1916.
- 8 Letters on chiefly personal matters but containing minor items of military and medical news from Dr Drennan, No 21 General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt, to his wife, 1916.
- 9 Miscellaneous personal correspondence and illustrated postcards relating to various members of the Drennan family, 1910–1923.
- 10 Letters (mainly personal but with fleeting references to military matters) to Dr A M Drennan from his brother on active service in Salonica, 1916.
- 11 Letters (mainly personal) to Mrs A M Drennan, Dunedin, New Zealand, from her mother in Scotland, 1917–1919. Including:

Letter referring to Dr Isabel Inglis, who ‘is on the staff in Glasgow who are trying to stamp out tuberculosis in the slums, an almost superhuman attempt – I should think but at least they may save the children but what would do more good than anything else would be more airy houses and less crowding and teaching the mothers the value of fresh air’. Tower House, Helensburgh, 19 Nov 1919.
- 12 Letters (mainly personal) to Mrs A M Drennan, Dunedin, from her mother, 1920.

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- 13 Letters (mainly personal) to Mrs A M Drennan, Dunedin, from her mother, 1926–1928.
- Printed and illustrated advertisement for English furniture retailed by Russells Ltd, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1926.
- 14 Letters (mainly personal) to Mrs A M Drennan, Dunedin, from her mother, 1919.
- 15 Letters (mainly personal) to Dr A M Drennan, No 27 General Hospital Aldershot, from his wife, 1915.
- 16 Letters from Dr A M Drennan, No 21 General Hospital, Alexandria, Egypt, to his wife with detailed descriptions of his social life with occasional references to medical work, 1916.
- 17 Letters to Mrs A M Drennan, Dunedin, New Zealand, from various Scottish relatives, 1917.
- 18 Photomicrographs of bacteria or tissue cultures, c1916.
- 19 Miscellaneous personal or financial correspondence and papers, c1919–1927. Including:
- Certificates of merit awarded to Miss Margery Drennan by Columba Girls' College, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1923.
- 20 Family photographs taken in Scotland and New Zealand, c1880–1928.
- 21 Membership cards and associated printed rule books for various societies and clubs of which Dr A M Drennan was a member, smoking concert programmes etc, 1919–1926. Including:
- Constitution and rules of the Loch Lomond Angling Improvement Association, 1925.
- 22 Miscellaneous financial and related papers, 1916–1926. Including:
- Passport, 1916, and motor car and running costs record book, 1926.
- 23 Postcards of Moffat, Tenerife, Rotterdam, Wiesbaden, Skye, Cambridge, New Zealand, c1920.
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- 24 Miscellaneous medical notes and correspondence, 1910–1926. Including:
Report by Sir R W Philip of his post mortem examination of a patient who had died from acute lymphatic leukaemia, 1914; printed booklet on birth control drug manufactured by the Temmler Chemical Works, Berlin, c1928.
- 25 Various advertising supplements from *The Autocar*, 1926–1927.
- 26 Printed and illustrated programme for capping carnival to be held at Otago University, New Zealand, 1925.
Printed catalogue of the International Exhibition of the Fine Arts, Dunedin, New Zealand, 1925.
Printed and illustrated catalogue of Exposition Francaise des Oeuvres de la Guerre, [1918].
Printed programme of Kreisler concerts to be held in Australia and New Zealand, 1925.
Leaflet (issued by H Q New Zealand Military Forces, Wellington) concerning conscription of boys and young men in New Zealand, 1927.
- 27 Printed and illustrated brochures, leaflets and advertisements for various domestic and other appliances including the Walker Electric Dishwasher and Dryer, USL Motor Car batteries, Robbialac paints, and Robin Hood boilers and radiators, 1919–1926.
- 28 Correspondence on personal and family matters addressed to Dr A M Drennan, 36 Woodburn Terrace, Edinburgh, 1908.
- 29 Letters (mainly personal and family matters) addressed to Mrs Drennan, 3 Midmar Avenue, Edinburgh, 1914.
- 30 Personal correspondence to A M Drennan, c1919–1926.
- 31 Letters on personal and family matters to Mrs A M Drennan from her mother, 1921.
- 32 Notes of motor car expenses incurred by Dr A M Drennan, 1913–1917, 1927–1928.
- 33 Miscellaneous family photographs and postcards, 1908–c1925. Including:
Postcard of the Court of Honour at night at the Franco-British Exhibition, London, 1908.
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- 34 Bye-laws (printed) of the Lodge of Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, No 1, 1931.
- 35 Printed and illustrated booklet concerning Villa Stefanie, an hotel in Strassbourg, [c1905].
- 36 Books (2) of pencil sketches and watercolours of mainly Scottish country scenes made by M Murray, 27 Victoria Place, Stirling, 1880–1881.
- 37 *The Otago Daily Times*, 4 Feb 1927, 29 Dec 1928.
- 38 Miscellaneous personal and medical papers of Dr A M Drennan, 1906–1958. Including:
- Manuscript presidential address on Hippocrates and his works given by Dr A M Drennan to Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh on 9 Nov 1906
- Address [by Drennan] to Otago Women's Club on the Gallipoli Campaign of 1915, 1918.
- Obituary of Professor James Coupar Brash from *The Scotsman*, 22 Jan 1958.
- 39 Letters from J Lorrain Smith, Dr G S Hicks and others to Dr A M Drennan on medical and professional matters, 1923–1928. Including:
- Letter from Hicks describing research work on goitre in Switzerland and referring to Dr Fleisch's work at Cambridge under Sir Gowland Hopkins Zurich, 24 Apr 1924.
- 40 Copy of Edinburgh University magazine *The Student*, 8 Jul 1915.
- 41 Letters from Dr A M Drennan to his wife concerning the furnishing of their house at 3 Midmar Avenue, Edinburgh and containing references to medical and other friends, 1908–1909.
- 42 Letters from Dr A M Drennan to his wife concerning the furnishing of their house at 3 Midmar Avenue, Edinburgh and containing references to medical and other friends, 1909.
- 43 Letters from Dr A M Drennan to his wife concerning the furnishing of their house at 3 Midmar Avenue, Edinburgh and containing references to medical and other friends, 1908–1909.
- 44 Letters (mainly social) from Dr A M Drennan to his future wife, containing references to his university life and medical studies, 1903.
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- 45 Letters (mainly social) from Dr A M Drennan to his future wife, containing references to his university life and medical studies, 1906-1907.
- 46 Letters (mainly social) from Dr A M Drennan to his future wife, containing references to his university life and medical studies, 1907.
- 47 Miscellaneous postcards and party invitation addressed to A M Drennan, 1902–1905.
- 48 Letters (mainly personal) from Marion Galbraith to A M Drennan, 1906–1907, including letter describing in detail a voyage to the Canary Islands, 1906.
- 49 Letters from Dr A M Drennan to his wife describing in detail a cruise on the yacht Marishka to Oban and Skye, 1912.
- 50 Letters to Dr A M Drennan from his brother James, 24th Brigade, R F A, Jubbulpore, India with brief descriptions of social and family life in India, 1923.
- 51 Miscellaneous and financial and medical correspondence of Dr A M Drennan, 1922–1925. Subjects include research on diabetes, research by Dr Hicks at Cambridge on goitre, and the Pitt Auto-Kettle, a tea making device heated by the exhaust of a motor car.
- 52 Miscellaneous personal and business correspondence of Dr A M Drennan, 1934. Subjects include requests for references from various candidates for medical posts. The file also includes a printed and illustrated brochure of medical instruments sold by the makers of Typhoo Tea who claim that this tea ‘will produce no ill effects either upon nerves or digestion’.
- 53 Letters (social and personal) addressed to Dr A M Drennan from various friends and relatives, 1941–1955.
- 54 Printed copy of the Hippocratic Oath.
- 55 Offprints from pathological and other medical journals, c1930–1967.
- 56 Private ledger of Dr A M Drennan, 1909–1918.
- 57 Reports and notes relating to various pathological examinations performed by Dr A M Drennan, 1915–1945.
- 58 Personal correspondence between Dr A M Drennan and his future wife, 1907–1908.
- 59 Personal correspondence between Dr A M Drennan and his future wife, 1907.
- 60 Miscellaneous family correspondence directed to Dr A M Drennan 1944–1954.
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- 61 Coat of arms of the Edinburgh Polish School of Medicine, 1941.
- 62 *Ye Foule Anchor*, the magazine of Edinburgh University Naval Division, March 1943–Apr 1945.
- The Student*, 20 Oct 1942.
- Miscellaneous photographs and papers relating to Lt Commander A M Drennan's work with Edinburgh University Naval Division, 1942–1943.
- 63 File of miscellaneous personal, financial and medical correspondence of Professor A M Drennan, 1951–1954.
- 64 File of miscellaneous correspondence mainly relating to examinations etc held for candidates aspiring to medical degrees, 1954–1955.
- 65 Family and other photographs c1870–1934, including two views of interior of wards, possibly Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, 1907.
- 66 Log book and accounts and correspondence relating to Dr A M Drennan's yachts 'Kestrel' and 'Marishka', 1904–1910.
- 67 File of miscellaneous business and medical correspondence addressed to Dr A M Drennan, 1931.
- 68 File of miscellaneous business and medical correspondence addressed to Dr A M Drennan, 1931-1933.
- 69 File of miscellaneous business and medical correspondence addressed to Dr A M Drennan, 1934-1937.
- 70 File of miscellaneous business and medical correspondence addressed to Dr A M Drennan, 1942–1943. Including:
- Letter from Dr Abdon Paszkiewicz commenting on his Polish medical education and disputing certain ballistic experiments and pathological tests performed by Professor Sidney Smith, 5 Jun 1942.
- 71 File of medical and financial correspondence, 1956–1962.
- 72 Photographs of Edinburgh University Naval Division, 1944–1945.
- 73 Cash book for personal and household expenditure incurred by A M Drennan, 1906–1912.
- 74 Personal cash book and ledger of Alexander Drennan, 1904–1906.
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- 75 Notes of visits and journeys made by A M Drennan to England, Scotland and USA, Canada and New Zealand, 1924–1969.
- 76 Wallet containing notebook, stamps and surgical needle, c1906.
- 77 Handbook of *The Lodge of Edinburgh (St Mary's Chapel No 1)* and booklets relating to masonic ceremonies, 1914.
- 78 Pocket cash book of A M Drennan, detailing expenses at school and university, 1899–1903.
- 79 Pocket diaries of A M Drennan, 1903–1906.
- 80 Pocket diaries of A M Drennan, 1908–1913.
- 81 Pocket diaries of A M Drennan, 1914–1918.
- 82 Pocket diaries of A M Drennan, 1919–1925.
- 83 Personal cash book of Alexander Drennan, 1882–1886.
- 84 Legal and other papers relating to various members of the Drennan family, c1870–1905. Including:
- Photographs, c1870.
 - An account of 'How I spent a week in London from 18th–27th September 1875'.
 - Sheet of patriotic Irish ballads, 1905.
 - Collection of the most recent popular music hall songs by M Lloyd, G Robey and others reproduced (minus music) in a quasi newspaper published by R March & Co, London. [c1900]
- 85 Personal ledger of Alexander Drennan with details of house furnishings etc, 1882–1884.
- 86 School reports relating to J S Drennan while at Larchfield School, Helensburgh, 1904.
- 87 School reports relating to A M Drennan while at Kelvinside Academy, 1898–1899.
- Letters from A M Drennan to his father while at Edinburgh University, 1901–1903.
- 88 Letters on personal and family matters to A M Drennan from his father, 1901–1902.
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- 89 Letters on personal and family matters to A M Drennan from his father, 1903.
- 90 Miscellaneous correspondence concerning the anatomical and physiological examination for the Diploma of Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of England, 1904.
- 91 Letters from A M Drennan to his father, 1904–1905. Including:
- Description of a visit to the House of Commons to hear the Irish Land Act Amendment Bill 1st May 1904.
- Description of Sir Henry Littlejohn who is ‘a wonderful old chap and has ever so many cases to illustrate points of the law etc as they effect medical men. His collection of ‘curios’ – daggers, pistols, skulls, bodies etc, etc, quite put Madame Tussauds chamber of horrors in the shade’, 15 May 1904.
- Brief description of lecture given by Professor Waldeyer of Berlin on the ‘neuron theory’ at the Royal Society of Edinburgh, 18 Jun 1905.
- 92 Letter on family matters to A M Drennan from his father, 1904.
- 93 Letter on family matters to A M Drennan from his father, 1905.
- 94 Letters from A M Drennan to his father containing brief references to medical lectures attended, 1905.
- 95 Family correspondence mainly concerning the last illness of Alexander Drennan, 1905.
- 96 Miscellaneous personal correspondence addressed to A M Drennan including several from Sir William Osler [1849–1919] apparently on the history of medicine and one from Sir Charles Scott Sherrington [1857–1952] referring to a lecture to be given to the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh, 1906.
- 97 Letters of sympathy to A M Drennan on the death of his father, 1906.
- 98 Miscellaneous personal and business correspondence addressed to Dr A M Drennan, 1914–1915. Including:
- Letter from William ___ describing the organisation and motives of the Ulster Volunteer Force, 9 Apr 1914.
- Letter from J Lorrain Smith concerning Drennan’s work on ‘Eusol’ (Edinburgh University Solution), 15 Feb 1915.
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- 99 Letters from Jock Galbraith to A M Drennan on mainly family matters, 1915.
- 100 Letters from Dr D M Lyon, John Fraser, and David Murray describing conditions in France and referring to treatment with 'Eusol' (devised by Drennan) and a preparation formulated by Dr Alexis Carrel and Henry Dakin, 1914–1915.
- 101 Miscellaneous family and personal correspondence of A M Drennan and postcards and photographs, c1916–1931.
- 102 Miscellaneous family and personal correspondence of A M Drennan and postcards and photographs, 1931.
- 103 Miscellaneous family and personal correspondence of A M Drennan and postcards and photographs, 1929.
- 104 Prospectuses of the Kelvinside Academy, Kirklee Road, Glasgow, 1899–1901.
- 105 File of business and miscellaneous correspondence and trade brochures, 1913–1914. Including:
- Illustrated brochures for lighting appliances for bicycles and motor cycles made by Ward & Goldstone, Manchester, Jan 1914.
 - Notes by J Russell on a case of plastic bronchitis, 1913.
 - Home Office memorandum concerning supply of drugs as affected by the War, 17 Aug 1914.
- 106 Printed letters of application and testimonials in favour of Alexander Murray Drennan, candidate for the chairs of pathology at the universities of Otago and Belfast, 1914, 1925.
- 107 Correspondence, photographs, accounting and other papers relating to A M Drennan's yacht 'Marishka', 1910.
- Rule book and yacht registers (printed) of the Clyde Cruising Club, 1912–1913.
- 108 Correspondence concerning arrangements for a social evening to be held by the Drennans at Dunalwyn, their residence in Helensburgh on 3 Jan 1905.
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- 109 Menu cards (printed) for annual dinners held by the Royal Medical Society, 1904–1913. Including:

Card decorated with mosquitos for dinner held in honour of Professor Ronald Ross on 14 Feb 1905.

Notes (by Drennan) concerning organisation of dinner in honour of Professor William Osler on 17 Feb 1907.

Notes for lecture delivered by [Drennan] on medical ethics [c1908].

- 110 Miscellaneous personal correspondence, printed graduation lists and other papers, 1899–1924. Including:

Photograph of luncheon held at the Bristol meeting of the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland on 9 Jul 1908.

School certificates awarded to A M Drennan by Kelvinside Academy, 1900.

Cartoon of Sir William Turner, Professor of anatomy at Edinburgh University, [c1902].

Letter from A M Drennan to his father describing Craig House mental disease hospital, Edinburgh, 16 Jul 1905.

- 111 Inventory and valuation of furniture and other articles in Dunalwyn, Abercromby Street, Helensburgh, 1906.

- 112 Hotel bills incurred by Dr A M Drennan during his honeymoon on the continent, 1909.

- 113 Correspondence on family matters addressed to A M Drennan from various relatives, 1892–1899.

- 114 Correspondence concerning appointment of Professor of Pathology at Fordham University School of Medicine, New York, 1911.

Testimonials supporting A M Drennan in his candidature for the post of pathologist to Chalmers Hospital, 1909.

- 115 Photographs of various members of the Drennan family, 1891–1912.

- 116 Album of photographs of scenery and members of the Drennan family in Ireland, c1890.

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- 117 Minute book of The Couthie Cronies, a dining club formed by Robert Harvey and Alexander Drennan in 1874.

[Note: This minute book was never used but contains a brief history of the club written by Alexander Drennan in 1882]

- 118 Constitution, list of members and miscellaneous papers relating to the Couthie Cronies, 1881–1882.
- 119 Programme for performance of *The Ring of the Nibelung* at King's Theatre, Edinburgh by the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company, 1910.

Printed bye-laws and regulations of the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow, 1880.

Scotland before and after the Reformation, Rev James Fraser, Edinburgh, 1861.

Ashore, a song by Clifton Bingham and H Trotter, published by Cramer & Co Ltd, London, [c1900].

The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, Edinburgh, 1904.

- 120 Photographs of Edinburgh University Naval Division, 1943–1944.

Pencil drawings (by A M Drennan) of animals and country scenes, 1895–1896.

Engraving (signed by Radcliffe-Taylor) of a Victorian gothic building, 1923.

- 121 Photographs (many in poor condition) taken by Dr A M Drennan of scenery, family and friends, 1913–1914.

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Photographs (glass plate negatives) taken by Dr A M Drennan of the following subjects:

- 1 Relatives and scenery in Ireland, 1906.
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- 3 Buildings and street scenes in Lisbon, 1906.
- 4 Buildings and individuals in the Canary Islands, 1906.
- 5 Various street scenes and individuals in Paris, 1907.
- 6 The yachts 'Kestrel' and 'Marishka', 1907, 1910.
- 7 The Rhine Valley, 1908.
- 8 Strasbourg, 1908.
- 9 The yacht 'Marishka', 1910.
- 10 Cruise of the yacht 'Marishka to Oban etc, 1911.
- 11 Cruise of the yacht 'Marishka to Oban etc, 1911.
- 12 Friends and relations, 1912.
- 13 Cruise of the 'Comet' to Skye, Easdale etc, 1912.
- 14 Cruise of the 'Marishka' to Oban, etc, 1912.
- 15 Cruise of the 'Marishka' to Oban, etc, 1912.
- 16 Cruise of the 'Marishka' to Mull, etc, 1913.
- 17 Friends and relations, 1913.
- 18 North Berwick and district, 1913.
- 19 North Berwick and district, 1914.
- 20 Melrose Abbey and other border scenes, 1914.
- 21 Friends and relations, Lochearnhead, Strathyre, 1915.
- 22 Highland scenery and friends and relations, 1905.
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- 23 Cruise of yacht 'Marishka to Tobermory, etc, 1912.
- 24-27 Friends and relations, and Irish, Scottish and Continental scenes, [c1906–1915]
- 28 Photographs (possibly made for lecture purposes) of glioma and cyst of human braid, 1913