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KNOX COLLEGE.—ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

This being the principal time when contributions are taken up in the various congregations for Knox College, we embrace the opportunity of directing attention to the subject, and urging prompt and liberal contributions from all the congregations that have not already remitted.

The contributions from the College in Montreal have been by the Synod, separated from those for Knox College, and we believe that means have been taken by the friends charged with this duty, in Montreal, to bring the claims of that institution before the congregations in the three Presbyteries—Montreal, Ottawa, and Brockville—now united together for the support of the Montreal College.

We now call upon the congregations in the other Presbyteries to take up contributions for the support of Knox College, and forward them as soon as possible. The work of the College is being prosecuted pleasantly and successfully. Several students have come in since the opening of the College. The Rev. R. Ure finished his course of lectures before the holidays; and Rev. J. J. A. Proudfoot is now, in connection with the ordinary professors, carrying on the work of instruction.

In accordance with the instructions of the Board of Management, a sub-committee was appointed to draw up a circular to Presbyteries, with reference to these contributions. The circular sent out was as follows:—

To the Moderator of the Presbytery of

REV. AND DEAR SIR:

The Synod having directed that contributions for Knox College be taken up not later than the 31st of January next, the Board of management desire again to lay before you a statement of facts respecting the present position of the College Fund, and the estimated expenses of the current year.

Going back to the year 1864-5, we find that there was then a total debt on the ordinary fund of the College of \$3,468 85. In the year 1865-6, this large debt was reduced to \$2,269 73; and in the year 1866-7 it was still further reduced to \$1,129 46—showing that during these years there has been a gratifying excess of income over the actual annual expenditure, the surplus having been from year to year applied to the reduction of the floating debt. The sum so applied last year, was \$1,140.

The Synod, at its meeting in June last, appointed two additional lecturers; the expense connected with these lectureships has increased the sum which we are now called upon to raise. The estimated expense for the