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**THOUGHTS,**

SUGGESTED BY THE TICKING OF THE CLOCK, DURING  
 THE STILL HOURS OF THE NIGHT.

Tick! tick! the moments fly;  
 How eternity draws nigh!—  
 Onward borne on wings of time,  
 Fast we near the awful shore,  
 Whence we can return no more—  
 You eternal dreadful clime.

Tick! tick! how plain we hear—  
 Yet it wakens not a fear;  
 Though it speaks in solemn tones—  
 Though it tells us life's a vapour—  
 Fleeting fast—a dying taper—  
 Bids us not be careless ones.

Tick! tick! the little sound  
 Doth with warnings full abound:  
 While it bids us pause and think,  
 How we hasten down life's stream—  
 How we spend its passing dream—  
 How we near dread Jordan's brink.

Tick! tick! tis Mercy speaking  
 To the vain and pleasure-seeking,  
 "As she bends from heaven on high;  
 Mark! your day of grace is passing;  
 Swiftly as the light'ning flashing,  
 Fly to Christ, for refuge fly!"

Tick! tick! it solemn saith—  
 'Tis the very tread of Death,  
 As he wily steals along.  
 Slumberer! thou canst not hear,  
 Yet to thee he may be near—  
 And for thee may prove too strong.

Tick! tick! O welcome tones,  
 Unto you, ye blood-bought ones!  
 For each tick but bears you on  
 To a fairer land than this—  
 To the shores of endless bliss:  
 For you, by Immanuel won.

Tick! tick! ye moments fly,  
 Bring me to ye haven nigh,  
 O'er life's dark and troubled sea:  
 Hasten swifter, that I may,  
 Sooner reach the realms of day,  
 And my Saviour dwell with thee!

Tick! tick! how slow ye move—  
 How I long to be above!  
 With the ransom'd white-robed throng,  
 O for seraph's wings, that I  
 Swifter e'en than time might fly,  
 And the sooner join their song!

J. A.

Knox's College,  
 Toronto, January 18th, 1848.

The spirit that we fetch down from the Mount  
 of Fellowship with God, adds a momentum to the  
 wheels of ordinary business, and not only stimu-  
 lates, but methodises all its managements.

No sound and scriptural christian ever thinks of  
 virtue as the price of heaven.

**Home Missions.**

**KNOX'S COLLEGE.**

The Circular on the subject of Collections for  
 Knox's College, will, we doubt not, come into the  
 hands of all the Ministers of our Church, and of  
 most of her Elders and the Deacons, Trustees, or  
 Managers of vacant congregations and mission  
 stations; and we trust that the call which it makes  
 on these office-bearers will meet with a ready re-  
 sponse. About six weeks ago the Convener of the  
 College Committee was requested to write private  
 letters to the Moderators of the Presbyteries of  
 Kingston, Perth, Brockville, and Montreal, request-  
 ing them to bring the subject of the collections be-  
 fore their several Presbyteries, and move them to  
 take action in the matter, and to write also to the  
 same tenour to various Ministers in different places.  
 With this request he has been prevented, by his  
 duties in the College and other engagements, from  
 fully complying. He trusts that the present Cir-  
 cular will be taken up by Presbyteries as well as  
 by Sessions and Deacons' Courts, or Managing  
 Committees, and that the consideration of its ap-  
 peal will lead to general activity throughout the  
 Church to meet the requirements of the College.—

Since the Circular was written, an account of  
 the proceedings of the Presbyteries of Hamilton  
 and Toronto, regarding collections within their  
 bounds, has come to hand, and will be found in  
 another page. The Convener contemplates the  
 employment of a portion of the time of the Col-  
 lege vacation in visiting different parts of the Church  
 in behalf of the College; but he trusts that Pres-  
 byteries will not relax their efforts in raising funds  
 in expectation of a visit from himself, or any other  
 delegate, from the College Committee.

Knox's College, 28th Jan., 1848.

**CIRCULAR**

TO THE MINISTERS AND ELDERS, TOGETHER WITH  
 THE DEACONS, TRUSTEES, OR MANAGERS OF THE  
 CONGREGATIONS AND MISSION STATIONS OF THE  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA.

DEAR BRETHREN,—We now address you, at the  
 request of the Acting Committee of Knox's Col-  
 lege, and in their name. We presume that you  
 are acquainted with the resolutions respecting the  
 College adopted by the Synod at its last meeting,  
 and that you are aware of the extent to which  
 these have been carried out in increasing the staff  
 of Professors. The Rev. Dr. Willis, from the  
 Free Church, you may know, is now, through the  
 good hand of God upon him, amongst us, and hav-  
 ing been formally installed as Professor of Divi-  
 nity, is labouring in his important department in  
 the College. He who for two past sessions had  
 been conducting the departments of Hebrew and  
 Biblical Criticism, has been appointed to a perma-  
 nent place in the College, so far as the act of the  
 Committee goes; and the College is now in vigo-  
 rous operation. The Academy, itself numerously  
 attended, and flourishing, is lending its aid to the  
 College, as many of the students are attending  
 classes in it. The entire number of students for  
 the current session is 43, being an increase of 6

over last session. Of this number, 23 are at-  
 tending the Literary and Philosophical classes, and  
 20 the Divinity class.

We have on various occasions recognized the  
 special obligations for gratitude to the Great Head  
 of the Church for what he has done for us in our  
 Seminary. And oh! that all of us, who profess to  
 be his servants and people, may shew that we ap-  
 preciate these obligations, and that we are duly in-  
 fluenced by them! Surely we may well praise  
 the Lord for his goodness, and look to him for a  
 blessing on the instrumentality which he is himself  
 preparing for the advancement of his kingdom, and  
 stir ourselves up to be, in our several stations, fel-  
 low-workers with him in this great work.

We now address you, dear brethren, to remind  
 you of your duty to the College in one important  
 matter, we mean the raising of funds.

You will remember, that the Synod deliberately  
 estimated that for the expenditure of the current  
 year, embracing the expenses of the deputy to  
 Scotland, the salaries of Professors, payment to  
 the Academy as a compensation for the instruc-  
 tion of many of our students; payments for the li-  
 brary and contingencies, the sum of £1,300  
 would be required.

Now, the Committee, as is noted in the Circular  
 dated 22nd September, printed in a separate sheet,  
 and afterwards published in the first number of the  
 new series of the Record, made arrangements for  
 having collections made through a large portion of  
 the bounds by various ministers, while Presbyteries  
 were left to do the work in the remaining portion.  
 We have as yet received few reports respecting the  
 progress of the work; but, from our thorough con-  
 viction that in all cases its success must, in a great  
 measure, depend on the zeal and activity with  
 which the office-bearers of the Church in each lo-  
 cality superintend and direct and encourage sub-  
 scriptions and contributions, we now address you,  
 calling on you to do your part to provoke the li-  
 berality of the people over whom you are severally  
 placed as stewards, whether you be visited by de-  
 putations from Presbyteries or not.

We feel persuaded that more need not be said  
 respecting your obligations to Knox's College. The  
 Great Head of the Church, after causing the Pres-  
 byterian Church of Canada to pass through a sift-  
 ing process, has confessedly placed her in a promi-  
 nent place amongst the evangelical churches which  
 are aiming at the subjugation of this land to Him.  
 Now, need we say, dear brethren, that her present  
 complement of labourers, even though they had  
 all been most highly accomplished, are altogether in-  
 sufficient for the great work that is before them.  
 Large accessions must be made to their numbers,  
 —yea, and their places must in a little while be  
 filled by others. And when are the labourers to  
 be supplied but from such a school as Knox's Col-