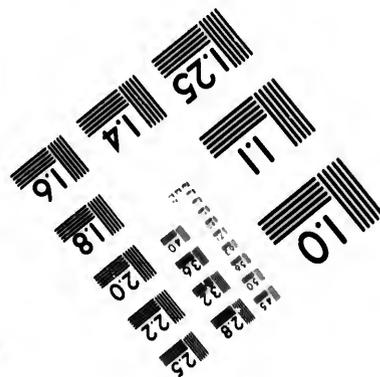
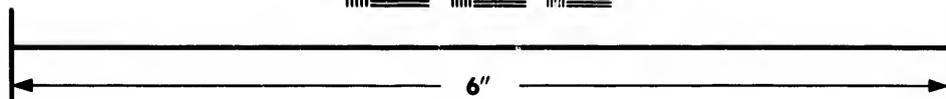
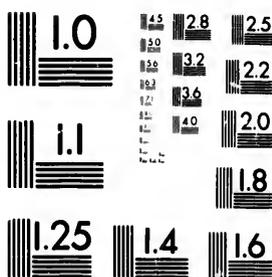


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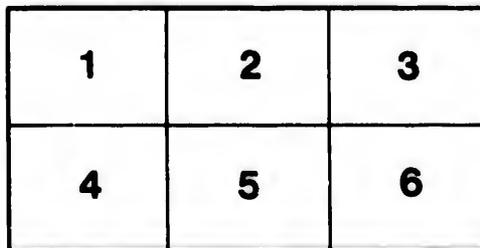
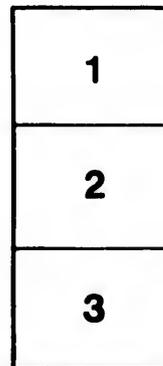
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IN FAVOR OF

The Rev. John Milne, A. M.,

CANDIDATE FOR THE

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**From the Rev. Alexander F. Mitchell, Professor of Hebrew,
St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.**

ST. ANDREWS, 27th FEBY., 1857.

Mr. John Milne, Preacher of the Gospel, has been well known to me for a number of years, and has always been regarded by me as a young man of superior talents, extensive acquirements, amiable manners and exemplary conduct. He passed his Theological Curriculum in St. Mary's College, and in all his classes received the highest commendations for his unremitting application and distinguished success in the prosecution of his studies. In my own department he always held one of the highest places among those of his standing, and delighted me not less by his ardour and perseverance, than by his great and rapid progress. He gained several high prizes, and during the last year of his course when I had also charge of the Class of Systematic Theology he carried off the highest honors in it. By the attainments he then made in the study of Hebrew, Chaldee and Syriac, he laid a good foundation for more extensive acquirements, and from personal intercourse with him, I have reason to know that he has continued to prosecute with ardour the studies to which he was then addicted and I cannot doubt that he is well qualified to instruct others in them. His minute and accurate acquaintance with Systematic Theology, has supplied him with the best material for useful and instructive discourses, and so far as the matter is concerned I have heard few young men indeed whose discourses were so characterized by sound Theology, accurate thought, elegant composition and strong masculine sense. I have heard him expound one of the most difficult texts in the New Testament, and unravel its difficulties with great felicity.

When I consider the attainments he has already made in the study of the Original Scriptures and of Systematic Theology—the habits of research and application he has formed, and the superior talents he possesses, I cannot doubt that he is well qualified to fill with credit to himself and with benefit to others, the high office for which he is now a candidate, nor can I hesitate cordially to recommend him to the patrons as worthy of all confidence and encouragement.

(Signed,)

ALEX. F. MITCHELL,
Prof. of Hebrew, St. Mary's College, St. Andrews.

From the Rev. Robert Haldane.

ST. ANDREWS, 11th FEBY., 1854.

I hereby certify that Mr. John Milne was an occasional Student of Divinity in St. Mary's College during Session 1850-'51 and a regular Student during Sessions 1851-'52, 1852-'53, and is giving regular attendance during the current Session; that he has delivered in the Divinity Hall with much approbation all the exercises prescribed by Acts of Assembly, viz: an Exegesis, a Homily, an Exercise and Addition, a Hebrew Critical Discourse, a Lecture and a Popular Sermon—that throughout his whole course he has been most punctual in his attendance, most correct and exemplary in his whole deportment; and has exhibited most satisfactory proofs of excellent talent and distinguished proficiency as a Theological Student.

(Signed)

ROBT. HALDANE,
S. T. P. M. C. P.

From the Rev. Dr. Brown, Professor of Divinity.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, ST. ANDREWS, 11th APRIL, 1857.

Mr. John Milne, Preacher of the Gospel, during the several Sessions he attended my Class was in all respects a most exemplary Student. He possesses superior abilities which he has carefully cultivated, and his attainments in professional literature and scholarship, correspond to his excellent talents and untiring diligence. Faithful, upright, sincere in character and mild and unobtrusive in manners, he is worthy of all esteem. From what I know of his principles and character, his abilities and acquirements, I have every confidence in recommending him as well qualified for the professional appointment to which he now aspires.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM BROWN, D. D.,
Professor of Divinity.

From the Rev. George Buist, Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Theology.

ST. ANDREWS, 6th APRIL, 1857.

Mr. John Milne, Preacher of the Gospel, attended the Lectures and Examinations in Ecclesiastical History during the three Sessions of St. Mary's College. His behaviour while here corresponded in every respect with his views, and I had every reason to be satisfied with his diligence in the prosecution of his studies.

(Signed,)

GEO. BUIST,
Prof. of Ecclesiastical History and Theology.

From the Rev. Dr. Adie, Minister of Dundee.

MANSE OF DUNDEE, 10th APRIL, 1857.

Mr. John Milne, Preacher of the Gospel, has been intimately known to me for nearly three years, having officiated in the Parish in the capacity of Missionary both in the Town and Country districts during that period. He came to me highly recommended, and he has conducted himself in a prudent and becoming manner, maintaining an irreproachable moral character in all respects suitable to his profession. He has had much experience in visiting both among the poor and the labouring classes, who have expressed themselves highly pleased with his kind manner and his religious services. He preaches in a station in the country parish, to whose ministrations the people bear testimony, by their regularity in attending worship, and the manner in which they have spoken to me of his pulpit duties. He is regularly employed in superintending and teaching Sabbath Schools, in which part of his duty he takes much pleasure, and for which he seems to be well fitted. He has officiated occasionally in the Parish Church, and his discourses indicate sound sense, an acquaintance with human nature, a clear knowledge of the doctrines of the Gospel, which are carried out to their practical purposes, and applied to the business of life, and these are delivered with that earnestness which is necessary to ensure the attention of the hearers. He is well informed, well attached to the Church of Scotland and to the cause of religion; and from the opportunities I have had of knowing him intimately, I have reason to believe that it will be his study to prove a faithful and useful servant of Christ wherever Providence may cast his lot.

(Signed,)

CHARLES ADIE, D. D.,
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From the Rev. J. Robertson, Minister of Mains and Strathmartin.

I have been acquainted with the Revd. Mr. Milne for a considerable time, during which he has been acting in the capacity of Missionary under the Revd. Dr. Adie, in the East Church Parish, Dundee. In that capacity I have reason to know that he has displayed most commendable diligence and zeal. He has enjoyed and improved an excellent opportunity of gaining experience in the duties of the Pastoral Office. I have never heard him preach, so that I am unable to bear personal testimony to his qualifications in that particular. But he has been in the practice of conducting divine service at a station on the border of this parish, and I know that his ministrations there have been highly valued. In other respects I consider him to be a gentleman of good and well cultivated talent, of sound views and of excellent principle.

(Signed,)

J. ROBERTSON.

Mains of Mains and Strathmartin, 9th April, 1857.

From the Rev. Dr. Ritchie, Minister of Longforgan.

LONGFORGAN MANSE, 23rd MAY, 1856.

I have known the Reverend John Milne for some time. He came within the bounds of our Presbytery recommended by Prof. Mitchell of St. Andrews, and I have had frequent opportunities of marking his conduct, and of hearing of his diligence and success in his present field of labor. I consider him animated by high principle, and have reason to know that his conduct is marked by the strictest propriety. He possesses a vigorous and active mind and his discourses I believe, are both able and instructive, whilst he has been most faithful in his ministrations from house to house—Mr. Milne has officiated several times for me, though I have not had the satisfaction of hearing him. But from all that I know or have heard concerning him, I have no hesitation in expressing my firm persuasion that he will ever prove himself to be an able and useful servant of Christ.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM RITCHIE, D. D.,
Minister of Longforgan.

From the Rev. Robert Stevenson, A. M., Minister of Forfar.

MANSE OF FORFAR, APRIL 8th, 1857.

The Revd. John Milne at present Assistant to the Revd. Dr. Adie of Dundee, has been well known to me for the last thirteen years. He is a native of Forfar, and has uniformly conducted himself so as to secure respect and esteem. He is possessed of undoubted natural talent, his general scholarship is of a high order, and he has devoted particular attention to the study of Hebrew, so much so that his friends best qualified to form an opinion as to this matter, have brought him forward as a candidate for the vacant office of Professor of Hebrew in Queen's College, Canada.

I cannot doubt that Mr. Milne, if appointed to this honorable and respectable charge, will continue to evince in the wider sphere of duty and influence opened up to him, the same estimable qualities by which hitherto he has been characterized; and will uphold and raise the standard of Biblical learning among the aspirants to the office of the ministry in Canada. Without any reservation or qualification then, I have the pleasure of concurring in the recommendation of Mr. Milne as every way suitable, so far as I can judge, for filling the vacant Professorship.

(Signed,)

ROBERT STEVENSON, A. M.,
Minister of Forfar.

From the Rev. William Allan, M. A., Minister of Tannadice.

MANSE OF TANNADICE, 9th APRIL, 1857.

Understanding that the Revd. John Milne, M. A., has it in view to offer himself as a candidate of Hebrew and Biblical Criticism, I have much pleasure in bearing my testimony in his favor. Mr. Milne has been known to me from youth upward. I consider him eminently qualified for such an appointment as that to which he now aspires.

Mr. Milne possesses superior natural endowments which have been most assiduously cultivated. I know that he is most conscientious and faithful in the discharge of every duty which he undertakes. He is a person of irreproachable moral character and obliging disposition. Seeing that his heart is in his work, and that he has bestowed special attention on studies connected with the subject of Scripture interpretation, I cannot doubt that success would, under the blessing of God, attend his exertions.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM ALLAN, M. A.,
Minister of Tannadice.

From Mr. William Skelton.

This is to certify that Mr Milne has held the situation of Assistant Classical and Mathematical Teacher in my School for the last twelve months, during which time his uniform good conduct merited my highest commendation. His experience and qualifications render him a very efficient instructor, and I have no hesitation in saying that he would be an acquisition to any establishment in which his services may be required.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM SKELTON.

Bruch Hall School, July 10th, 1850.

From College of Preceptors.

COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS, 28 BLOOMSBURY SQUARE, }
London, June 27th, 1850.

This is to certify that Mr. John Milne has been carefully examined in the Latin and Greek Classics, and we, the undersigned, hereby award him a Certificate of the second grade, attesting an extensive knowledge of those subjects.

(Signed,)

JAMES WHARTON, M. A.

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JOHN PARKER, Secretary.

From Magistrates of Forfar.

We the undersigned Magistrates of Forfar, do hereby certify that Mr. John Milne, son of Mr. James Milne, manufacturer in Forfar, taught in the Public Schools here for about six months in the year 1846—that his teaching has given universal satisfaction to the Parents of the Scholars, and that from the aptness for teaching which he then displayed, connected with his subsequent experience, we have no doubt of his being an efficient teacher. We further certify that Mr. Milne is a native of Forfar—that we have known him from his infancy—that his conduct has on all occasions, up to this time, been highly praiseworthy. We also certify that he is the child of religious parents, and that his father has been for more than thirty years a respected Elder of the Church of Scotland. Witness our hands at Forfar, this fourth day of November one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight years.

(Signed,)

WILLIAM POTTER, Provost,
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From Rev. James Gerard Young, Minister of Monifieth.

The Revd. John Milne, who is a candidate for the Chair of Hebrew, Church History and Biblical Criticism in the University of Queen's College, Canada, has asked me for a Certificate, and though I feel that my recommendation can be of little use to him, I cannot forbear from giving my testimony in his favor. He has been for some time engaged in the duties of the ministry in the Parish of Dundee, which borders with my own, so that I have had many opportunities of becoming acquainted with his character and qualifications. I have reason to know that his scholarship, especially in those branches he is desirous of teaching in Queen's College, is of no common order. He has obtained the highest testimony in his favor from those best qualified to judge; he is still a persevering and industrious Student, while his character is such that he will devote himself with the greatest earnestness and singleness of purpose to any office to which he may be appointed.

I should rejoice to hear, not merely for his own sake, but for the sake of Queen's College, that he has been successful in his present application.

(Signed,)

JAMES GERARD YOUNG.

Manse of Monifieth, 10th April, 1857.

MANSE OF DUNDEE, 13th APRIL, 1857.

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CHARLES ADIE,
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