

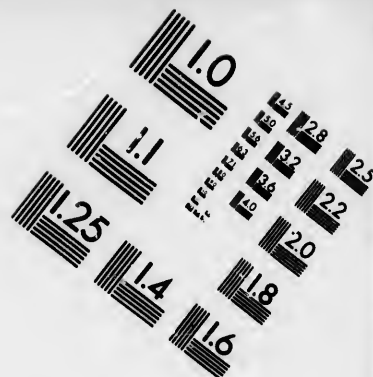
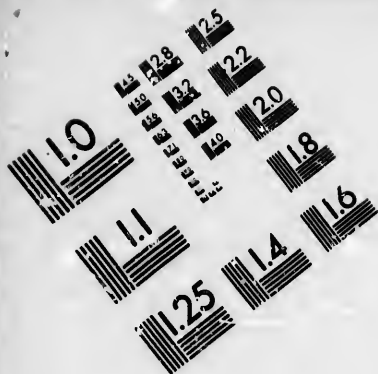
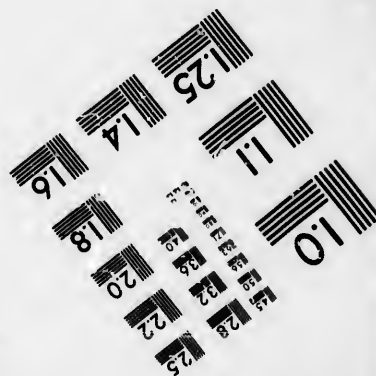
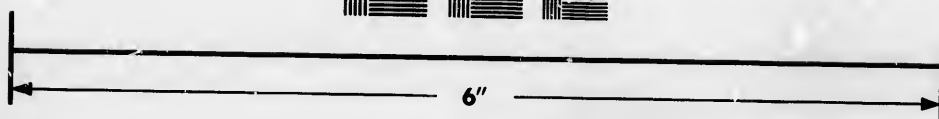
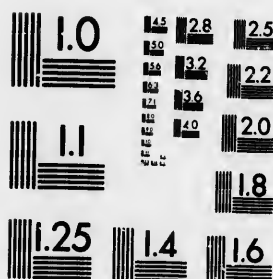


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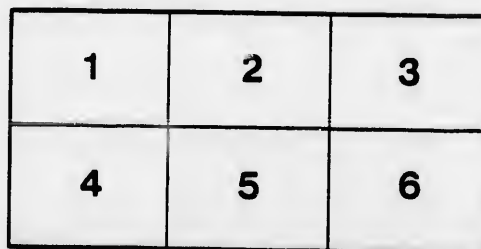
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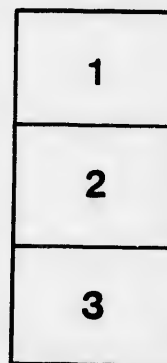
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COLLEGE FUND

Annual Collection—Sabbath 16th September, 1883.

260 ST. JAMES STREET.
MONTREAL, 29th August, 1883.

MY DEAR SIR,

By appointment of the General Assembly the Annual Collection for the College Fund takes place on Sabbath, 16th September.

As you are doubtless aware the General Assembly of 1881 instituted a common fund for the support of Knox, Queen's and Montreal Theological Colleges, the division of which is *pro rata* according to their requirements, such requirements being at present as follows, viz :—

Knox College.....	\$10,000
Queen's College, Theological Faculty.....	4,000
Presbyterian College, Montreal.....	5,000

\$19,000

Of the \$19,000 required, only \$16,111 were got in 1881-82, and \$15,260 in 1882-83. It is earnestly hoped that this year the full amount will be obtained, and thus prevent any of the Colleges being crippled or their present indebtedness increased.

I venture to urge the following points with a view to secure the full amount required :—

1. That EVERY Congregation (settled or vacant) and EVERY Mission Station contribute to the fund, as enjoined by the General Assembly. It is much to be regretted that last year 111 Congregations and Mission Stations—of which 69 were pastoral charges—failed to do so. It is hoped that no Session will this year neglect to give their people the opportunity to contribute.
2. That the amount contributed by each Congregation bear a fair proportion to the numbers and ability of the people and to the amount required.
The average contribution needed per communicant is 22 cents. It is hoped that even the weakest Congregations and Stations will aim at this.
3. That the collection be made, if at all practicable, on the Sabbath appointed by the Assembly, and that from the funds of Missionary Associations an appropriation be forwarded as early as possible.
4. That owing to the precariousness of a Sabbath collection, collectors be appointed in those congregations where there are no missionary associations, to solicit contributions towards the fund. Special attention is directed to this. A brief statement from the pulpit and a little trouble in securing suitable collectors will result in a very material increase in the contributions. The names of collectors and of all subscribers of \$1 and upwards will appear in the financial statement to be submitted to the next Assembly. Subscription sheets, as also copies of last year's report, may be obtained on application to the undersigned.
5. That the claims of the several Colleges be brought before the Bible Classes and Sabbath Schools of the Church, and an opportunity given them to contribute to the fund.

There is much to encourage in connection with our Theological Institutions. The service they have rendered in the past can scarcely be over estimated. Owing to the rapid expansion of the Church, chiefly in the North-West, the demand for Ministers and Missionaries has never been more clamant. It is encouraging to know that the number of Students is considerably on the increase, there being upwards of 200 studying in Toronto, Kingston, and Montreal, having the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in view. With so many young men consecrating themselves to the work, is it too much to expect the Church to provide the means for their efficient training in our Theological Halls.

Along with liberal contributions, let there be earnest prayer on behalf of Professors and Students that they may have a rich baptism of the Spirit, and may be all taught of God, and that the Students may be thoroughly equipped for their life work as preachers of the glorious Gospel of Christ. If such believing prayer abounded throughout the Church, might we not hope to see a rising ministry even more faithful and successful than in days that are past : then would the Church be revived and quickened, and the moral wastes around would rejoice and blossom as the rose.

Yours faithfully,

ROBT. H. WARDEN, .
Agent of College Fund.

