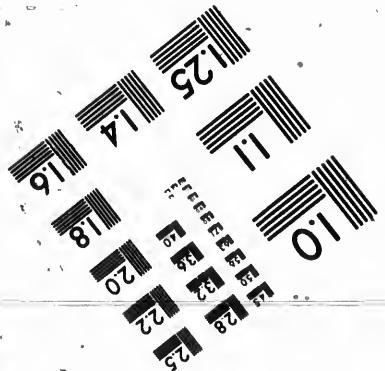
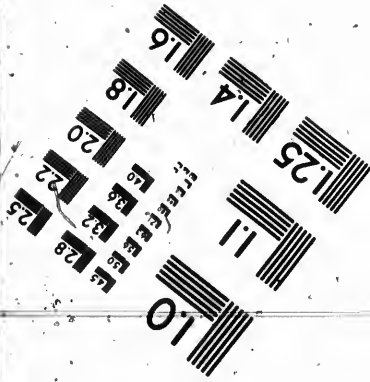
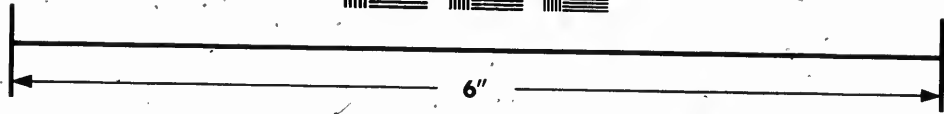
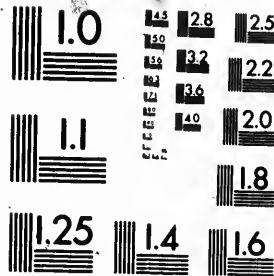


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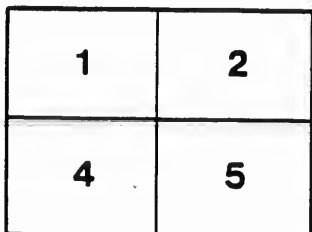
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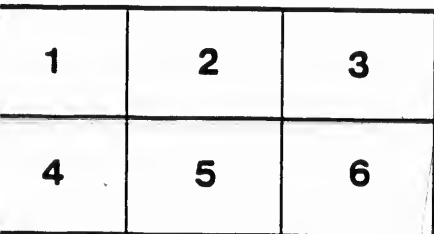
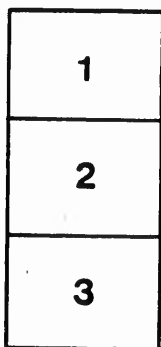
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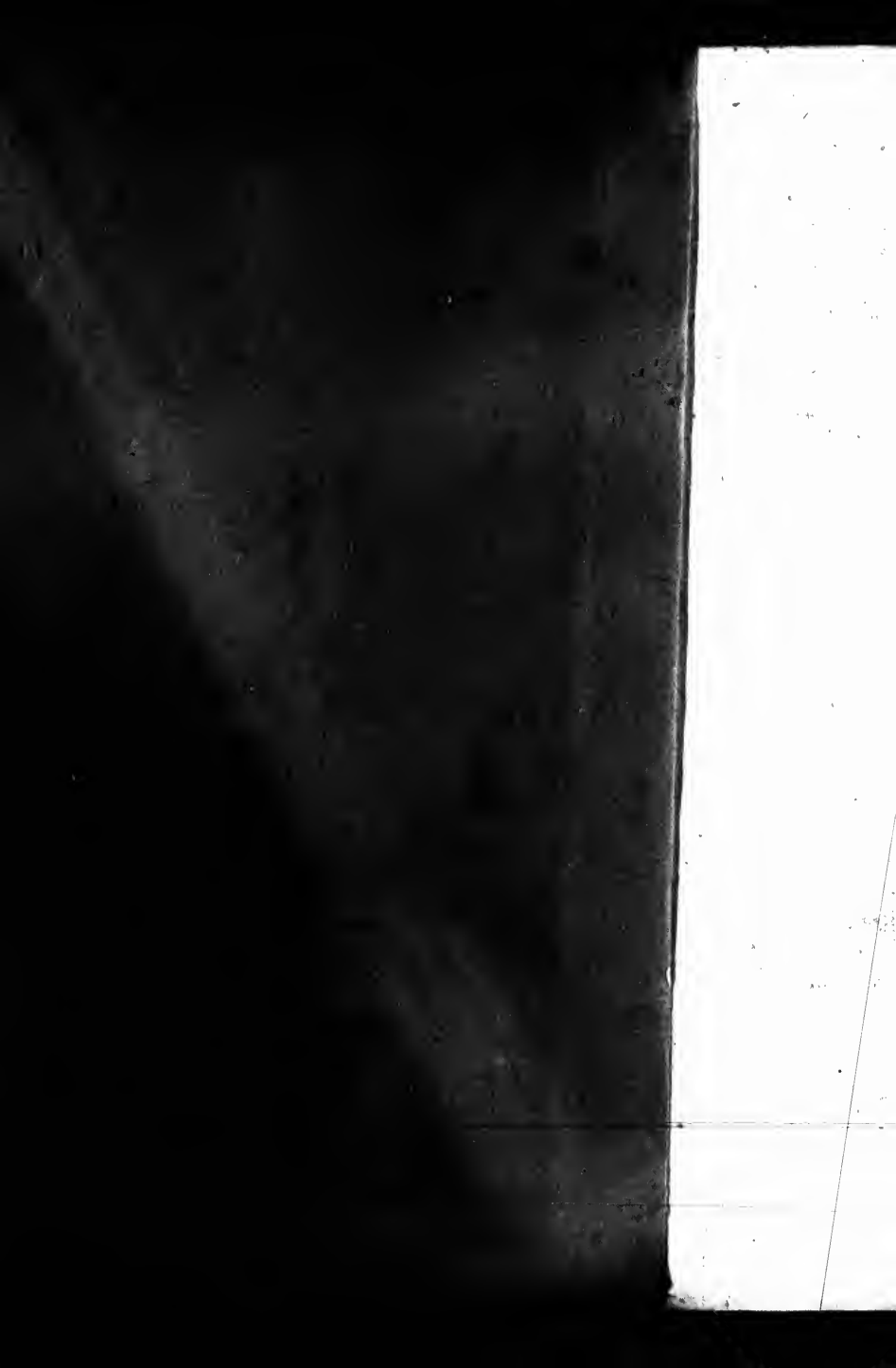
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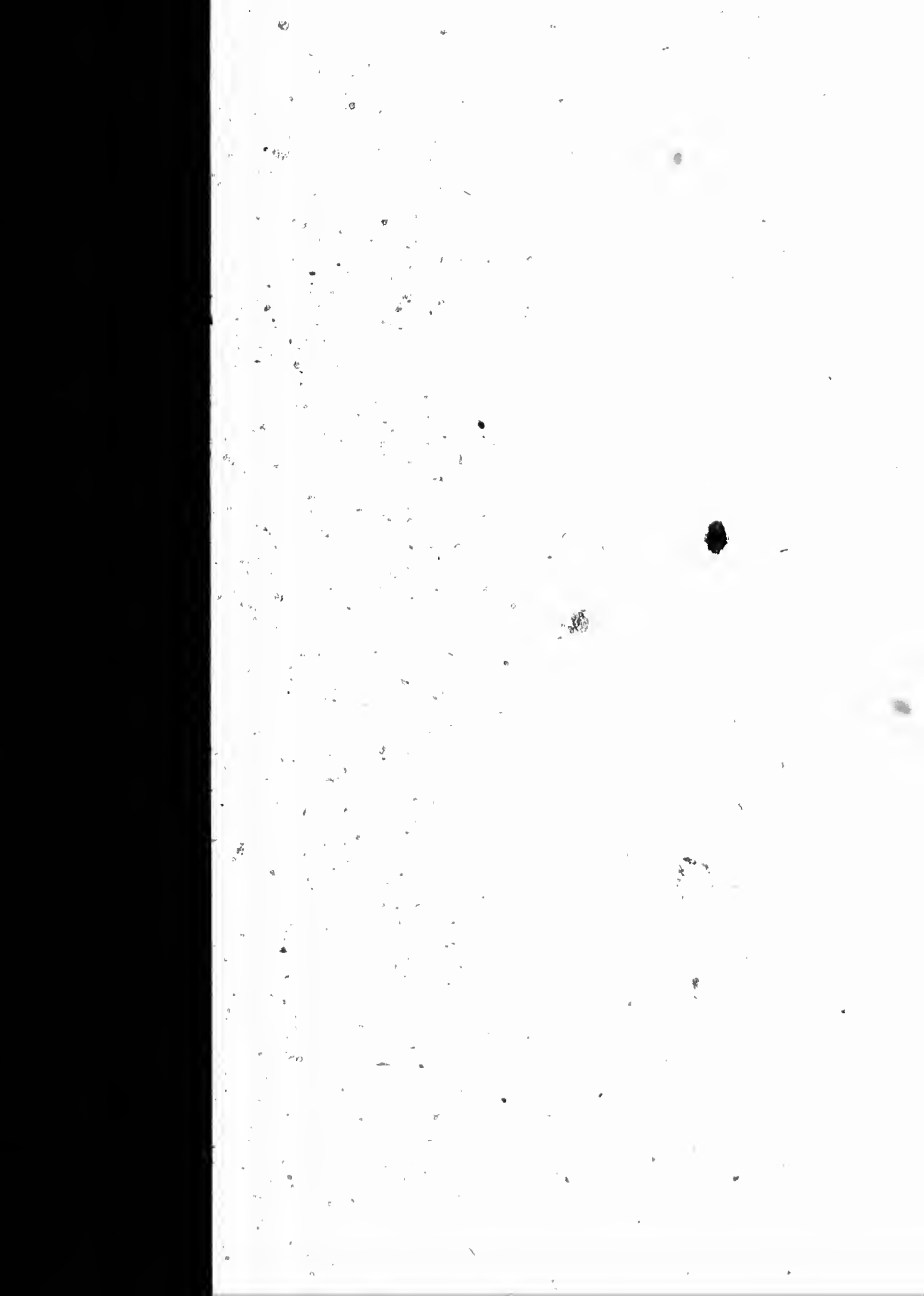
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THE Diocese of Montreal was established in the year 1850, by the division of the old Diocese of Quebec: and contains an extent of country just about the size of England and Wales. By far the greater portion of Canada East, or Lower Canada, was settled by French Roman Catholics, before the province was ceded to the crown of England, in 1763: and an immense majority of the present population are members of the Roman Catholic Church. According to the census of 1852, out of 890,261 there were 746,866 Roman Catholics, and 669,528 of French origin: and out of 57,715 in the city of Montreal, 41,414 were of that communion. In consequence of this, the progress of the Church of England has been comparatively much slower than in Upper Canada, and it continues to be attended with much greater difficulties; the Roman Catholics being very nearly in the proportion of 7 to 1 of the whole population. Nor has the Church in Lower



Canada, where the population in the rural districts is much less wealthy than in the West, received the same amount of assistance towards endowments, as in the upper province. So large a portion of the land having been already conceded, and forming the property of the French Seigneurs, the free territory out of which grants could be made was very limited, and the lots set apart under the name of Clergy Reserves but of little value. While, therefore, by the recent act for the Secularisation of these Clergy Reserve Lands, the Church in Upper Canada received for compensation a sum equal to about 1,700*l.* for each Clergyman, in the Diocese of Montreal it only amounted to 170*l.* And this with a few small glebes, most of which have been purchased within the last seven years, and are all under 50*l.* annual value, forms the whole amount of endowment now held for the maintenance of the Clergy. For what is further necessary, they depend upon the aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and the voluntary contributions of the people. About the period of the appointment of the first Bishop in 1850, notice was given by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, that they should be obliged in consequence of the great demands made upon their funds in other quarters to withdraw the assistance they had so long been giving to the Church in Canada: and from the Diocese of Toronto it will be withdrawn entirely next year. Every effort has been made in the Diocese of Montreal to prepare for a similar state, and as far as possible to render the Church inde-

pendent of external help. But without the aid of endowments, with a poorer class of settlers in the country districts, with the members often widely scattered amongst an overwhelming majority of other creeds, and with Montreal as the only town in the Diocese where any help can be obtained towards the more destitute districts, it must be ground for hope and encouragement if we can be satisfied, for the present, that some real advance is making, and a good spirit, according to their power, manifested by the different congregations.

In a Pastoral Letter, addressed by the Bishop to his Clergy, just before his leaving Montreal for the purpose of visiting England, dated 10th August, 1857, after alluding to his expected departure from his Diocese, his Lordship writes :—

“From all that I have been able to learn of the intentions of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, I certainly have reason to expect that a very considerable reduction will be made after the 1st July, 1858, in the amount which has been allowed us during the last five years. And I need scarcely state for your information, that there will be an absolute necessity for increased exertions being made by the members of the Church amongst us, if we are to maintain our present position, and still more so if we are to continue, as we ought to do, increasing our efficiency and extending our borders.

“I may remind you that it was just about the period of my appointment to this Bishopric, that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel refused to grant any additional aid, as they had heretofore done, on the appointment of Clergymen to any fresh Missions; so that whatever progress has been made since that time, has been, for the

most part, from the increased efforts of our own members, assisted, as vacancies occurred, by a different distribution of the annual grant placed at our disposal by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospcl. Such a course certainly necessitated a somewhat more cautious and slower movement, but it was on surer ground as far as it went, and gave proof of more inherent vitality in our body, and of better hope for the future. Without indulging then in any vain boastings or unfounded calculations, I cannot but feel confident that the Church in this Diocese has been doing a good work, and making considerable advances during the last seven years, and they have been seven years which have not been all 'years of plenty.' It will perhaps interest you to know a few particulars respecting what has been done, and it may afford us encouragement to hope that we may be able yet to accomplish still more.

When I arrived in Montreal in September, 1850, there were 48 Clergymen officiating in the Diocese, serving 43 separate cures; there are now 55 Clergy officiating in 51 separate cures, and there are three others vacant. Of these 55 Clergy, 21 have been appointed to their cures since my arrival; the other 34 were in the Diocese before: while of these 21, eleven have been licensed by me to newly formed missions or cures, the remainder to fill vacancies in old ones. Again, of these 21 new Clergy, fourteen have been ordained by me within the Diocese, 2 came out from England, 2 from the Diocese of Quebec, 1 from Toronto, 1 from Fredericton, and 1 from New Orleans. Of the 55 Clergy now officiating in the Diocese, 34 only have Parsonage Houses; of which 17, with more or less glebe attached to them, have been provided since September, 1850. There are 66 Churches now in use (besides School-houses and private rooms in which Divine Service is performed); of which number 51, have been consecrated, and the other 15 are used without being consecrated, either not being quite completed, or not out of debt, or being about to be rebuilt. Of these Churches 16 have been con-

secrated by me; and there are 9 in course of erection, including the Cathedral and 3 others which are being rebuilt to replace the original ones, now too small or dilapidated—besides two which have been much enlarged. There are also in the Diocese 33 consecrated Burial-grounds, of which number 14 have been consecrated by me.

“No doubt, when we look at the waste places yet unoccupied, and call to mind the very imperfect machinery we have yet been able to employ, and the weakness of our own best endeavours, we must feel an humbling consciousness of the unworthiness of all we have been striving to do; yet we may still see that this Diocese, which labours under many disadvantages, has during the last seven years been making great comparative progress, and with less external help than at any former period: and without adverting to other topics, I may notice the steady increase in the funds of the Church Society,—the great success which has attended the establishment of the Fund for Widows and Orphans of the Clergy; and also that very nearly 10,000*l.* was raised last year, within the Diocese, for Church purposes. We must, however, remember while enumerating these material signs of advance and increase, that they are some of the signs and evidences of that influence for good which the Church is daily gaining, more or less as the case may be, in different parts of the Diocese, and of the manner in which she is winning the affections and the confidence of the people. This is testified by the numbers who attend our services, and partake of the ordinances administered by us, and by the character of the people, wherever our Clergy are faithfully serving in the work of the ministry, and especially where in any district they are sufficiently numerous to be able to co-operate in their labour, and bring a united influence to bear upon the public mind. And while it is, no doubt, a fact that very great advantages have arisen from the subdivision of the old Diocese of Quebec, yet it is most certain that no influence of a Bishop resident amongst you, however dili-

gent he might be, or however able to give time and attention to the several parts of his charge, could have produced, during these seven years, such satisfactory results, unless he had had the willing and earnest co-operation of his Clergy in their several cures: to whom in so many instances belongs the credit, as they had also the chief anxiety and labour in carrying into successful operation the works enumerated above."

And it may be also mentioned, in order to show that there is a willing mind in those who can afford to give for the ordinary support of the Church and the poor, that the sum raised by the congregation of the late Cathedral during last year, from the pews, offertory, and collections for "The Diocesan Church Society," amounted to 2,651*l.*; from St. George's Church, 1,763*l.*; and others in the city were in proportion to their congregations—collections which will not often be surpassed by Churches in England, even where the members are far wealthier than those in Montreal.

The prosperity of the Church, however, has lately received a great temporary check in the City and Diocese of Montreal, by the loss of the Cathedral, which was totally destroyed by fire, on the 10th of last December. This building was the old Parish Church, constituted the Cathedral by the Royal Letters Patent in 1850; but it was neither well situated nor appropriately constructed for such a purpose. The occasion seemed to offer an opportunity for endeavouring to erect one in a better location, and in every way more suitable. The work has been commenced with considerable spirit. Plans

were obtained from Mr. Frank Wills, the architect employed by the Bishop of Fredericton in the erection of his Cathedral; and if they can be carried out and the whole completed according to the original design, it will not be surpassed for beauty or ecclesiastical propriety by any building in North America.

The Editor of the New York "Church Journal," who visited Montreal during the recent meeting of "The American Association for the Advancement of Science" in that city, having seen the plans and the commencement of the work, gave an interesting description of the new cathedral in his paper of August 26th, and concluded with the following remarks:—

"We have been thus minute in our description of this fine building, because it is of such marked interest both as a specimen of church architecture and as a step in cathedral growth on this side the water. It will be the finest cathedral building of our communion on the continent, the only one comparable to it being that at Fredericton, by the same architect. The cathedral at Toronto is larger than either, but it is yet incomplete, and is inferior to both in purity and power of design."

The whole cost of the work will not fall much short of 40,000*l.* : of this sum 16,000*l.* remains to be raised by private subscription. The rest has been obtained from the insurances on the old Cathedral and the sale of some land at the old site. Before he left Montreal, the Bishop obtained the following subscriptions from some of the members of the Church. The collection has been since continued, and it is expected that by this time it amounts to between 7,000*l.*

and 8,000*l.*, and may be increased eventually to 10,000*l.*; and the Bishop hopes that 5,000*l.* or 6,000*l.* may be given him by friends in England.

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When it is considered how small a body the members of the Church of England are in Montreal, how large are the annual demands upon them, for the support of the Church in the City and Diocese, and how much of its future prosperity depends upon the position it is enabled to occupy in the Cathedral City, it is not without some confidence that his appeal will be met with a liberal response, that the Bishop now asks of his brother Churchmen in England to help

him in this great work. The Roman Catholics, with many large churches in Montreal, one of which will hold 10,000 worshippers, have just commenced their new Cathedral, which is expected to cost 200,000*l.*; and though members of the Church of England ought to have better motives to induce them to make fitting provision for their Services than any mere rivalry with others, yet the willingness, with which others are ready to make sacrifices for the honour of God, may remind them of their duties and responsibilities. Before he left Montreal the Bishop received the following address from the members of the Finance and Building Committee, who are associated with him in the work of rebuilding the Cathedral:—

“MONTREAL, August 22, 1857.

“MY LORD,—We, the Members of the Finance and Building Committee, appointed by the Vestry for the purpose of superintending the rebuilding the Parish Church and Cathedral, beg respectfully to request your Lordship, that you will, during your contemplated visit to England, be pleased to endeavour to obtain some assistance from the members of the Church in that country, towards completing the erection of our new Cathedral. We can confidently leave it to your Lordship to explain in detail all the particulars of the case. You will be able to show the nature of the building we have commenced, as well as its cost, the funds already at our disposal, and the efforts we are making within the Diocese to raise subscriptions, in order that the original design may be fully carried out. When our late Cathedral was destroyed by fire, we felt that we should not have been justified, had we not taken advantage of the occasion thus afforded us for replacing it by a building of a more suitable character, and more worthy of the

name; and we confidently hope, if we can succeed in accomplishing the work we have undertaken, that it will, by God's blessing, materially aid in promoting the influence and efficiency of the Church in this City and Diocese. We congratulate your Lordship on the progress we have been able to make before your departure, and trust that on your return to us in the spring of next year, you will find that very considerable further advance has been effected. The success, too, which has so far attended the application for subscriptions amongst the members of our Church in Montreal is very encouraging.

"With our sincere and humble prayers for the health and safety of yourself and family, while absent from this Province, and with every feeling of unfeigned respect and attachment,

"We have the honour to remain,

"MY LORD,

"Your Lordship's most obedient Servants,

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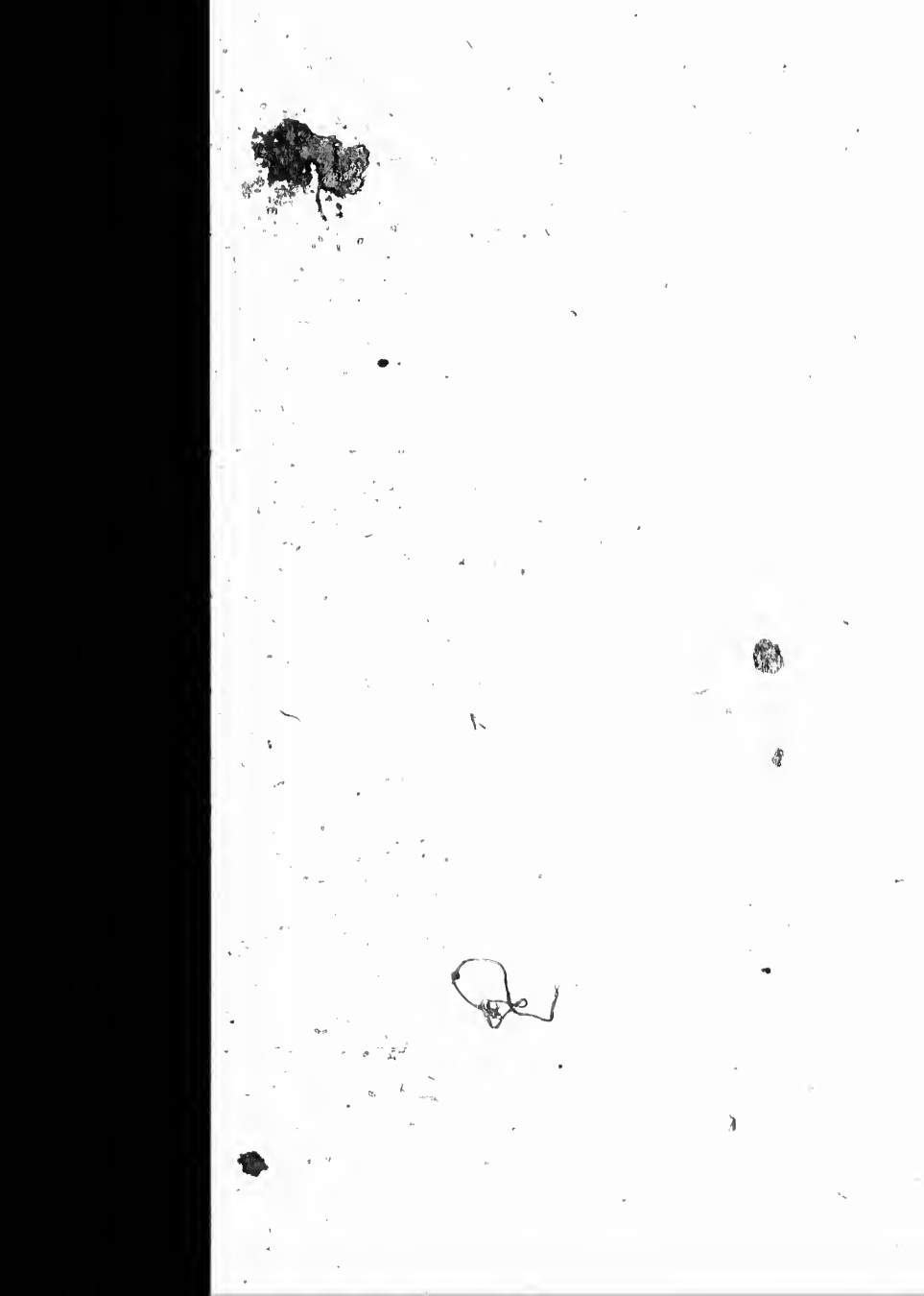
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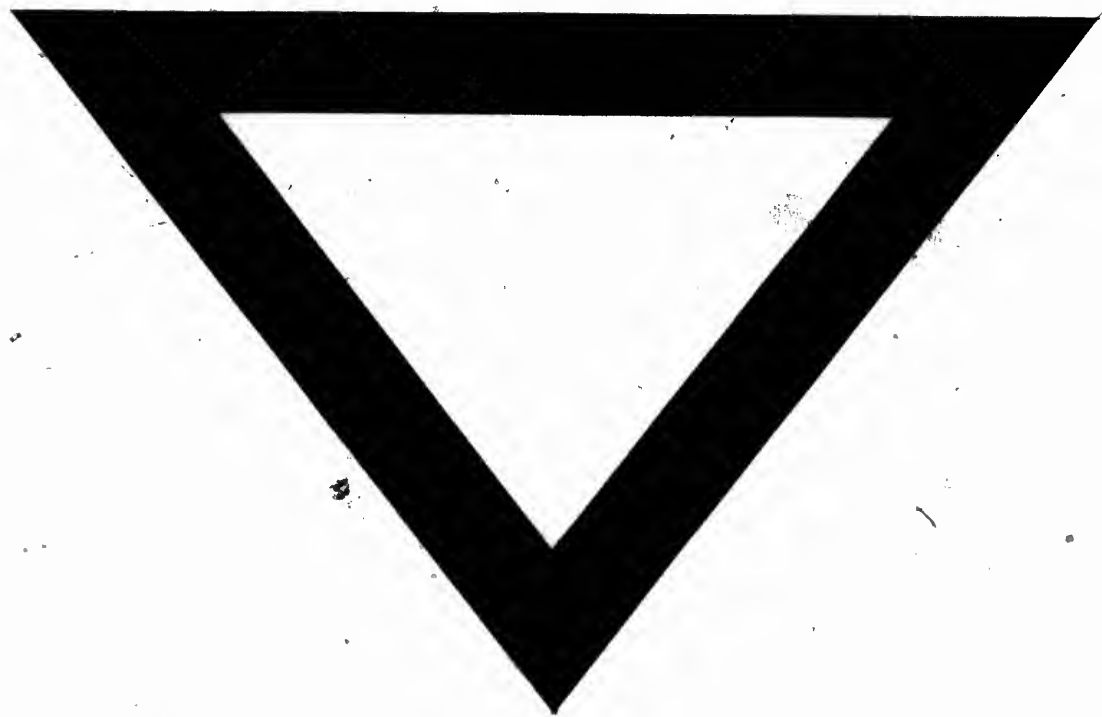
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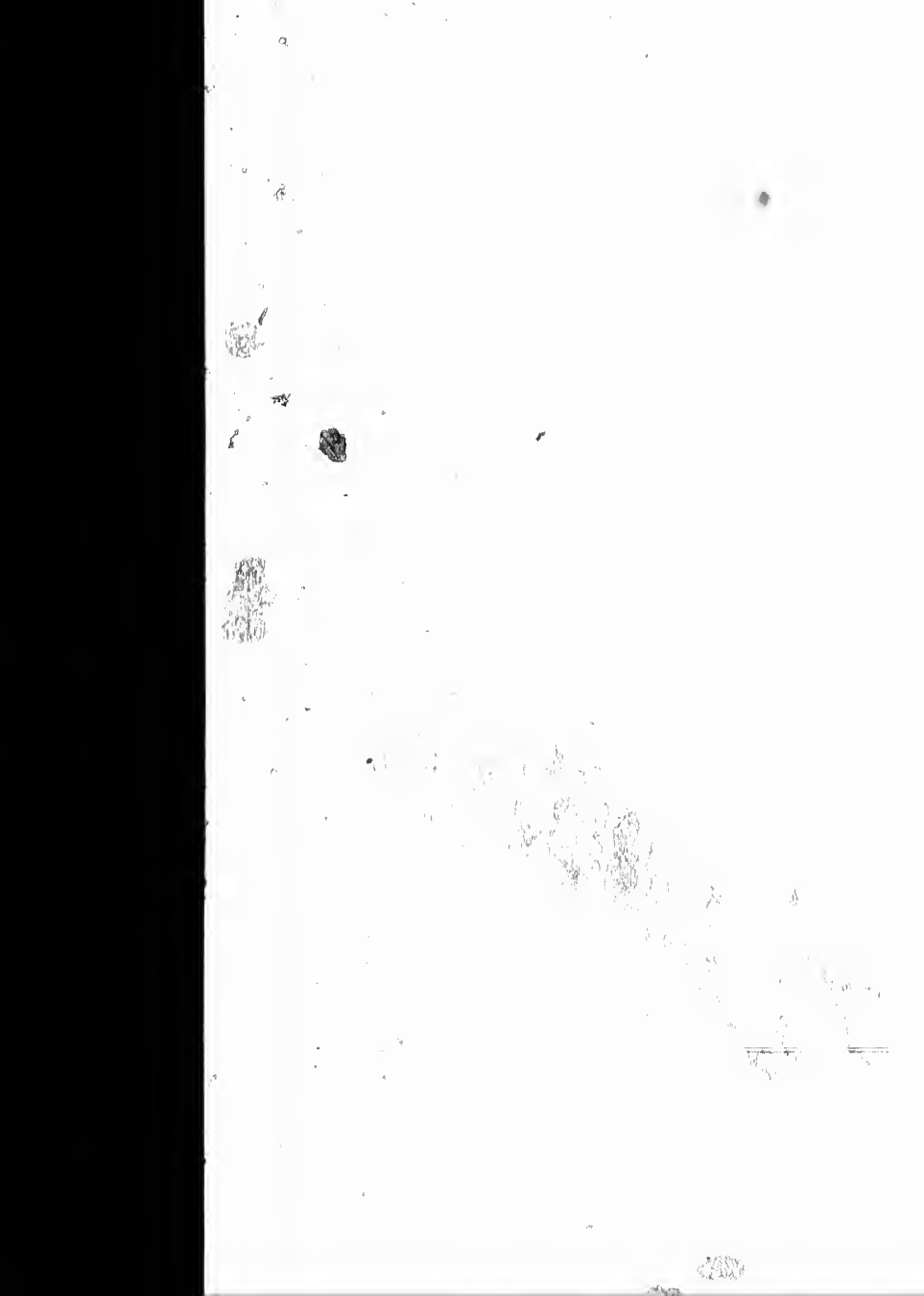
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