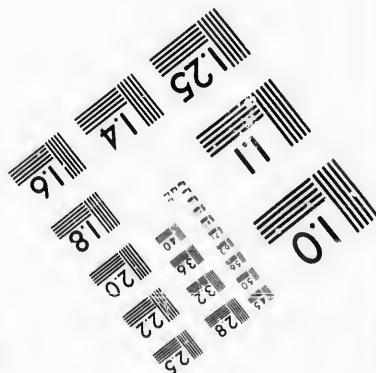
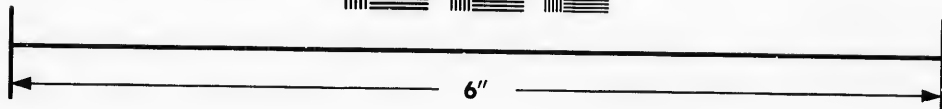
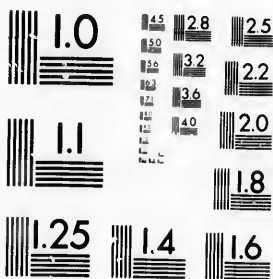


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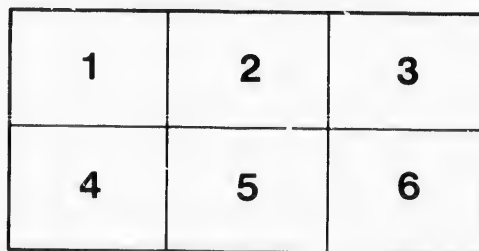
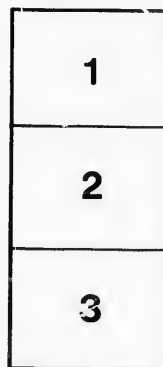
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TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

MR. DAVID RODGER,

SECOND ASSISTANT MASTER

OF THE

High School Department of McGill College, Montreal.

MONTREAL :
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HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, MCGILL COLLEGE, MONTREAL,
1st December, 1855.

To the Hon. G. E. CARTIER,
Provincial Secretary,
Toronto.

SIR,—The Office of Mathematical Master in Upper Canada College being vacant, I hereby offer myself a Candidate for the situation.

Since finishing my Literary Curriculum at the University of Edinburgh, I have been engaged in the business of Tuition, both in Scotland and in this country. During a great part of the time, my attention, though not exclusively, has been mainly directed to Mathematics and the collateral branches; and I submit, for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General, the following Testimonials as to the manner in which I have discharged the duties hitherto devolving upon me, and as to my qualifications for the situation to which I now aspire.

In conclusion, if I have the honour to be elected, I beg to assure His Excellency that every exertion shall be used on my part to justify his choice, and to promote the welfare of the Institution with which I seek to be connected.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

DAV. RODGER.

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TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

Mr. DAVID RODGER.

I. From PROFESSOR PILLANS.

COLLEGE OF EDINBURGH,
16th April, 1835.

I hereby certify that Mr. Rodger, during the course of this session attended the Junior Humanity Class, with one day's absence by permission; that his conduct was uniformly correct; that he acquitted himself well in the Public Examinations, and in the different Exercises, prescribed to be written, shewed great care and proficiency.

J. PILLANS.

II. From PROFESSOR DUNBAR.

COLLEGE OF EDINBURGH,
14th April, 1835.

I hereby certify that Mr. David Rodger attended regularly the Junior Greek Class during the present session; that his conduct and diligence were praiseworthy; that he performed the business of the Class with much ability, wrote well all the Exercises prescribed, and acquired a good knowledge of the principles of the Greek language.

GEORGE DUNBAR, Prof.

Mr. Rodger obtained a Prize for an English Essay.

G. D.

III. From PROFESSOR DUNBAR.

COLLEGE OF EDINBURGH,

7th April, 1837.

I certify that Mr. David Rodger attended the Third Greek Class during session 1836-37 with much regularity; that his conduct was correct; that, in his Examinations, he acquitted himself very much to my satisfaction; that he performed carefully all the Exercises prescribed, and that his proficiency was such as merited much praise.

GEORGE DUNBAR, Prof.

Mr. Rodger gave up one Essay to which a Prize was assigned, and prepared a considerable portion of private studies.

G. D.

IV. From Rev. Dr. RITCHIE.

COLLEGE OF EDINBURGH,

9th April, 1836.

I certify that Mr. David Rodger attended the Logic Class in this University during session 1835-36; that his attendance was regular, and that I had reason to be satisfied with his diligence and proficiency.

DAVID RITCHIE, Log. et Met. P.

V. From Professor WILSON.

EDINBURGH, *13th April, 1837.*

Mr. David Rodger was a regular, attentive and intelligent Student.

JOHN WILSON,
Professor of Moral Philosophy.

VI. From PROFESSOR WALLACE.

COLLEGE OF EDINBURGH,
13th April, 1837.

I hereby certify that Mr. David Rodger regularly attended the Second Mathematical Class in session 1836-37; that he performed most of the Exercises prescribed; and that I was in all respects satisfied with his conduct as a student.

I farther certify that he gained a Prize by competition.

JOHN WALLACE,
For PROFESSOR WALLACE.

VII. From PROFESSOR FORBES.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH,
16th April, 1838.

I certify that Mr. David Rodger attended the Natural Philosophy Class during the session 1837-8 with the most punctual regularity; that he submitted to the Examinations conducted both orally and by writing, in which he acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner; that he likewise performed with ability many of the Exercises prescribed during the session; and that his general conduct, so far as observed under my personal observation, was unexceptionable, and very satisfactory. Mr. Rodger obtained one of the smallest of Prizes decided by competition at the close of the session.

JAMES D. FORBES, Prof. Nat. Phil.

VIII. From Rev. ALEXANDER MACINTYRE, late Minister
of Rannoch.

EDINBURGH, May 2nd, 1839.

These are to certify that the bearer, Mr. David Rodger, was a distinguished pupil in the Latin and Greek Classes taught by me in George Heriot's Hospital, so much so that I not unfrequently employed him as Assistant in teaching the large and numerous classes in that Institution;

and that, after finishing his curriculum, in the Hospital, where attending College, where he equally distinguished himself by obtaining some of the highest prizes, he taught my Classes for several weeks one year, in my absence to the country, with great fidelity and success; that his conduct was at all times most correct and exemplary; that, while he possesses excellent natural talents, well improved by persevering application he maintains firm authority over those he instructs, without any approach to severity; that I therefore consider him well qualified for the arduous and highly responsible office of an instructor of youth.

ALEXANDER MACINTYRE, M. A.,
Late Classical Master, Heriot's Hospital.

IX. From WILLIAM MOFFAT, Esq.

HIGH SCHOOL, EDINBURGH.
13th May, 1839.

I hereby certify that I have known Mr. David Rodger intimately for many years; he was a pupil of mine in Heriot's Hospital for Arithmetic, Geometry, and Algebra. He conducted himself uniformly with the strictest propriety; applied his mind to his studies with much zeal and distinguished success. The result was, that he carried off many of the highest Prizes; and the progress he made in his studies, especially in Geometry and Algebra, was such as to impress me with a high idea of his talents, and with the confident assurance of his success in after life.

Since that time he has gone through a liberal course of education at the University, and has distinguished himself in several of the classes, as will be seen on perusing the certificates he received from the Professors under whom he studied, and from the number of prizes he gained.

He assisted me in conducting the Arithmetical and Mathematical Classes in the High School for upwards of six months previous to August last, and I can confidently bear the strongest testimony to the

zeal, fidelity, and success, with which he discharged his duties. He possesses in a very high degree the art of rendering his instructions interesting to his pupils; and, in short, I am not acquainted with any one of his years and standing whom I could more confidently recommend for the business either of public or private Tuition.

WILLIAM MOFFAT,
Teacher of Mathematics.

Though I have had little opportunity of seeing much of Mr. Rodger since the date of the above, all that I know and have heard of him since, tends to confirm the very favorable opinion I then expressed of him.

WILLIAM MOFFAT.

EDINBURGH, 28th April, 1847.

X. From JOHN DAVIDSON, Esq.

HIGH SCHOOL, LEITH,
30th April, 1847.

It affords me the sincerest pleasure to bear testimony to the eminent talents and excellent character of Mr. David Rodger. Possessed of a first-rate English and Classical education, it is no disparagement to say, that, both at School and at the University, he shewed peculiar aptitude for the studies of Mathematics and Arithmetic; and that his experience as Assistant Teacher of these branches in the High School of Edinburgh, and his experience elsewhere, peculiarly fit him for the discharge of the duties of Teacher of these branches in the High School of Montreal.

His manners are gentlemanly—his disposition cheerful—his ideas large—his method of discipline firm, but mild—his moral character beyond reproach.

JOHN DAVIDSON, M. A.
Commercial and Mathematical Department
L. H. S.

XI. From PATRICK WILSON, Esq.

LEITH HIGH SCHOOL,
30th April, 1847.

I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the qualifications and success of Mr. David Rodger as a Teacher. His opportunities of qualifying himself for his duties have been ample and successfully prosecuted. Brought up in an Institution which has long held a high place among the Schools of Scotland, he distinguished himself among his compeers by energy, zeal, and talent. He manifested the same qualifications throughout a complete course of Classical, Mathematical, and Mental study, at the Metropolitan University; shewing peculiar aptitude and distinguished success in the Mathematical sciences. He has since had extensive experience as a Teacher of Mathematics and the collateral branches. I can confidently recommend him as a thoroughly accomplished gentleman, possessed of those gifts of nature, acquirements of education, and mental and moral qualifications, which constitute a successful Teacher.

PATRICK WILSON, A. M.

English Master of Leith High School.

XII. From Revd. G. F. SIMPSON, M. A., Rector High School,
Montreal.

As I am retiring from the office of Rector of the High School of Montreal, to return to England, I beg to leave behind me my testimony in behalf of Mr. David Rodger. Mr. Rodger came out from Scotland about a year ago to take the office of Arithmetical and Commercial Master in the High School of this city, and I am happy to be enabled to say, that he has fulfilled all the duties of the situation in an able, intelligent, zealous and faithful manner.

The proper duties of the situation were to teach Arithmetic, English, Geography, and Mathematics, and to the higher classes, Writing and Book-keeping—but, owing to the dangerous illness of one

of the Masters, and the absence of another, various other duties have devolved upon him, and he has occasionally taught Latin and other subjects.

He has taught all these subjects in a satisfactory manner. He has maintained good discipline among all his classes—some of them containing forty or fifty boys—in a quiet and efficient manner, without harshness or severity.

He has always shewn himself willing to do everything in his power to promote the welfare of the school—to work in harmony and unison with the other Masters, and I beg leave to say that I cannot express in language my grateful appreciation of the cheerful and willing manner in which he undertook the additional duties, which necessity compelled me to impose upon him. He is a man of perfect integrity and of much respectability of character, and will—I beg to express my conviction—faithfully discharge the duties of any situation in which he may be placed.

G. SIMPSON, M. A.,

Of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, (formerly Principal of Hull College, England,) Rector of the High School of Montreal.

MONTREAL, *July 10th*, 1848.

XIII. From LIEUT.-COL. MITCHELL, R. A.

MONTREAL, *25th March*, 1854.

DEAR SIR,—I am about leaving this country for England, on promotion, and before doing so, it may perhaps gratify you, by expressing my thanks for your exertions and kind attention to my son, at a period when I found it necessary, in order to insure his entrance to the Military Academy, Woolwich, to send him to you for private instruction. I consulted Mr. Howe on the subject, and he strongly recommended you as a gentleman well qualified to impart instruction, and, I

assure you, I did not fail to observe, when I attended at an examination of the High School, your aptitude and pleasing manner in imparting instruction to your pupils generally.

Believe me very sincerely.

THOS. W. MITCHELL,

Lieut.-Colonel, Royal Artillery.

Mr. D. RODGER, High School.

XIV. From Revd. DR. LEACH, Vice-Principal McGill College.

MCGILL COLLEGE, 20th November, 1855.

DEAR SIR,—I write these to represent to any one interested in the cause of education, into whose hands they may come, that your qualifications as a teacher have always in the High School of the College been reckoned of a very high order, and that during the experience of at least a dozen of years, I am not aware that you have had your superior, perhaps I should say your equal, in the department and classes committed to your charge. I assert that this is here the general opinion.

I have often been present to witness the examination of your classes in Arithmetic, Geometry and Latin, and on every occasion have been impressed with the conviction that you possess, in a rare degree, the qualifications I should most desire to see in a successful teacher. I shall only add that while you command the respect of your pupils, no one seems to have greater power in conciliating their affections.

WILLIAM T. LEACH, D. C. L.,

Vice-Principal and Professor McGill College.

Mr. D. RODGER, High School.

XV. From WM. ANDREW, Esq., M. A.

I hereby certify, that I have several times attended the public examinations of the Mathematical and Arithmetical classes taught by Mr. D. Rodger in the High School of Montreal, and have had many other opportunities of judging of his efficiency as a teacher, and of the

proficiency of his pupils ; that I was forcibly struck with the earnestness and zeal, the carefulness and perseverance, the accuracy and unwearied patience with which he inculcated his instructions ; that I have never in my experience witnessed classes so numerous grounded so thoroughly, and so accurately trained, in the first six books of Euclid's Geometry, and the elementary practice of Arithmetic ; that not merely four or five in a class, as is too frequently the case, were duly trained and conspicuously exhibited, but every member in the class had evidently been carefully attended to and pushed forward, as much as his abilities and other circumstances permitted. I further certify, that not solely from my own observation, but from the testimony of others well able to judge, and from the opinions expressed to me by the parents and friends of the pupils, I consider Mr. Rodger one of the most energetic, persevering and successful teachers, who ever came within the sphere of my acquaintance, combining (to use a common but expressive phrase) the "suaviter in modo, ac fortiter in re," in a remarkable manner and with eminent results, securing the esteem and affection of his pupils while he strictly urged their progress and attention.

WILLIAM ANDREW, M. A.

Professor of Math. and Nat. Phy. in the University of McGill College.
1st Sept. 1855.

XVI. From Rev. Dr. DAVIES, Professor of Classical Literature
McGill College.

MONTREAL, Nov. 20th, 1855.

DEAR SIR,—Understanding that you offer yourself as a Teacher of Mathematics in U. C. College, and having had good opportunities to judge of your fitness in that capacity, I do most cordially testify my very high opinion of your attainments and especially of your admirable talent for teaching. Should you succeed, as I hope you will, in securing the appointment, I cannot help considering your removal as a serious loss to the High School Department of our College.

With best wishes, I remain, yours most sincerely,

BENJ. DAVIES, Ph. D.,

Professor McGill College.

To D. RODGER, Esq.

XVII. From H. A. HOWE, Esq., M. A., Rector of the High School
McGill College, and Professor of Mathematics.

McGILL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.
November 22nd, 1855.

Mr. David Rodger has been a Master in the High School Department of McGill College for now more than eight years. During the last seven years I have been Rector of the School, and have in that long experience found Mr. Rodger at all times an able, energetic, faithful, and consequently a successful teacher—eminently so in Mathematics and Arithmetic, to which his taste leads him. He has, however, other acquirements, and possesses the rare faculty of maintaining order and discipline in large classes, whilst he, at the same time, secures the respect and affection of his pupils. These qualifications, joined to his high moral character, have made him of no ordinary value to the Institution in which he has been so long a teacher.

I give this testimonial in support of his application for the vacant office of Mathematical Master in Upper Canada College. If he should be successful, his appointment in that Institution will, I am sure, be greatly to its advantage, as it will be greatly to our loss.

HENRY ASPINWALL HOWE, M. A.

Rector of the High School of McGill College, and Professor of
Mathematics and Nat. Philosophy in the University.

XVIII. From T. A. GIBSON, Esq.

HIGH SCHOOL OF MCGILL COLLEGE,
Nov. 23rd, 1855.

Having, as First Assistant Master in this Institution, been a colleague of Mr. Rodger during the entire period of his incumbency, I beg to express my cordial concurrence in all which Professor Howe has attested in the foregoing testimonial.

T. A. GIBSON,
First Assistant Master, &c.

XIX. From Rev. R. MCGILL, D. D.

MONTREAL, Nov. 19, 1855.

I have great pleasure in certifying the satisfaction I felt at the late public examination of your Mathematical Class in the High School of McGill College in this city. That your pupils were thoroughly trained in the demonstrations of Geometry, was very evident from the prompt and accurate replies given to questions proposed in every variety of form, and from the corollaries which they readily deduced from the propositions before them. What struck me forcibly was that nearly every pupil in a numerous class, had by the clearness and force of your teachings been brought fully to comprehend the reasonings by which each particular proposition was established. In view of the entire results of the lengthened examination referred to, I can honestly declare my conviction, a conviction fully shared in by all the examiners present, that a more zealous, efficient, and successful teacher in the particular department confided to you, is rarely to be met with.

ROBERT MCGILL,

Minister of St. Paul's Church, Montreal.

To. Mr. DAVID RODGER, &c. &c.

XX. From Rev. H. WILKES, D. D.

MONTREAL, 21st November, 1855.

It is the intention of David Rodger, Esq., Second Master in the High School Department of McGill College to apply for the situation of Mathematical Master in Upper Canada College, and he asks a testimonial from those who have had opportunity of forming a judgment regarding his qualifications for that post.—It is not often that such a document can be written with confidence so unhesitating. Having attended annually the examination of his Mathematical Classes, and, having a son in them, I am convinced that Mr. Rodger possesses unusual qualifications as a teacher of youth. He not only "brings

on" the boys and maintains thorough discipline, but he also gains their affection and confidence. He is an universal favourite. As success in his present application would involve promotion in his profession, to which Mr. Rodger is well entitled, I hope he will be successful; at the same time we cannot close our eyes to the fact, that our own Institution will be a sufferer by the change. So far as my recommendation is of any value, he has it most cordially.

HENRY WILKES, D. D.

XXI. From Rev. W. TAYLOR, D. D.

MONTREAL, *Nov. 23, 1855.*

I cheerfully unite with others in bearing testimony in favour of Mr. David Rodger, and recommending him as a Mathematical Scholar, and a successful Teacher of youth. I can do so on good grounds, for I have been long acquainted with him—I have been present at many of his examinations, and have had children under his care, and from all these sources, I can testify, that he is not only a competent Teacher, in respect of scholarship, or literary acquirements, but has also the faculty of securing the respect and affection of his pupils. His moral character is unexceptionable. During the many years he has held the office of Mathematical Teacher in the High School of Montreal, he has given the highest satisfaction both to the Directors of that Institution and to the public at large; and I have no doubt, will give the same satisfaction in any other situation to which he may be appointed.

W. TAYLOR, D. D.,
United Presbyterian Church.

XXII. From Rev. ALEX. MATHIESON, D. D.

MONTREAL, *24th Nov., 1855.*

Understanding that Mr. David Rodger, Mathematical Master in the High School, Montreal, is a candidate for the vacant office of Mathematical Master in Upper Canada College and Royal Grammar

School, Toronto, I have much pleasure in bearing my testimony to his diligence and efficiency as a Teacher of Elementary Mathematics, and my thorough conviction that he is well qualified to conduct the higher Departments of Mathematical instruction. His energy, his professional enthusiasm, and kind, conciliatory disposition, secures the affections of his pupils and admirably qualifies him for communicating instruction, a gift possessed by few, so highly qualified as I believe Mr. Rodger to be in the abstract branches of Mathematical Science. My son has been under his instructions for some years, and I have every reason to be satisfied with his progress, which I ascribe chiefly to Mr. Rodger's kind management of his pupils, and happy art of teaching. I am persuaded, universal testimony will be borne to Mr. Rodger's efficiency ; —and I cordially commend him as a candidate for the vacant office of Mathematical Teacher to the Patrons of Upper Canada College.

ALEX. MATHIESON, D.D.,

Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal.

XXIII. From the Hon. JAMES FERRIER, one of the Governors of McGill College.

MONTREAL, 21st Nov., 1855.

DEAR SIR,—Being informed of your intention to apply for the appointment of Mathematical Master in the Royal Grammar School, Upper Canada College, Toronto, it affords me great pleasure to express my high opinion of your qualifications for filling that office.

My son being under your tuition for four years, I have had good opportunity to judge of the thorough character of your teaching, and I, as one of the Governors of McGill College, can bear testimony to the entire satisfaction you have given the Board, during the years in which you have taught the Mathematical, Writing, and Arithmetic Classes of our High School Department.

Should you leave your present charge, we will much regret the loss of your valuable services.

I remain, dear Sir, yours truly,

J. FERRIER.

DAVID RODGER, Esq.

XXIV. FROM G. H. RYLAND, Esq.

OUTREMONT, MONTREAL, 20th Nov. 1855.

DEAR SIR,—I know not whether any testimonial or recommendation of mine will avail you in your intended application for the Mathematical Mastership in the Royal Grammar School at Toronto. And yet having had three sons under your charge, two of whom were brought up as Civil Engineers, and having moreover been present at the annual examination of the different classes in the High School at Montreal, no man should be better qualified than I am to express an opinion in regard to your rare acquirements and ability as a teacher.

And yet had I not myself been brought up at one of the first public Schools in England, under Masters who were pre-eminently conspicuous for their mathematical and classical acquirements, I might possibly have felt diffident in expressing an opinion on your merits. But as it is I have no hesitation in saying, that one better qualified than yourself to fill the situation you aspire to cannot be found in Canada (if elsewhere,) and if the new and truly sensible doctrine be, in the present instance, followed out, of putting the right man in the right place, those with whom the appointment rests will have every reason to rejoice that they have found in you a gentleman combining all the essential qualifications which a father would desire in the man to whom he was about to entrust the education and mental development of his child.

Wishing you success, believe me ever truly yours.

G. H. RYLAND.

XXV. FROM HEW RAMSAY, Esq., one of the Governors of McGill College.

MONTREAL, 23rd Nov., 1855.

This is to Certify, that Mr. David Rodger has been employed for many years past as a Teacher in the High School of Montreal, and subsequently in the High School Department of McGill College. From the offices I have held in both Institutions, I

have been enabled to form an opinion of his abilities as an Educator, and of the success which has attended his labours. I can with the greatest confidence, recommend him, not only as a thoroughly efficient and conscientious instructor in the department (the Mathematics) which has for the most part claimed his services; but in others, in which occasionally he has been called upon to take a part. Mr. Rodger has the happy faculty of imbuing the minds of his pupils with the same ardent love for science which he himself possesses, and it consists with my knowledge that he has uniformly enjoyed the highest consideration of the Rector and the Governors of the College, as well as that of the parents and guardians of the pupils entrusted to his charge.

Mr. Rodger is, I understand, a candidate for the office of Mathematical Teacher in the Upper Canada College. He is every way qualified to discharge its duties in a satisfactory manner, though I must candidly own, so greatly do I esteem him as a teacher, that I should be sorry to see his connection with the High School Department of McGill College terminated.

HEW RAMSAY,

XXVI. From JOHN DOUGALL, Esq.

MONTREAL, 23rd November, 1855.

Mr. DAVID RODGER,

Montreal.

DEAR SIR,—Having been acquainted with you for years, in your capacity as Teacher at the High School of this city where I have frequently witnessed your proficiency and zeal as an Instructor of the young, and having uniformly heard the most favorable reports of your methods of teaching, and your excellent manner of interesting and leading on your pupils from my boys who have attended you; I deem it my duty at your request, to state that I think you have very superior qualifications natural and acquired, as a Teacher of Mathematics, Arithmetic, or in fact any of the branches you have undertaken. At the same time, I would be very sorry on my boys' account, and on account of the High School, were you to leave us.

I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

JOHN DOUGALL.

XXVII. From JAMES MOIR FERRES, Esq., M.P.P.

MONTREAL, 23rd Nov., 1855.

DEAR SIR,—Having on several occasions been present at the examination of your Mathematical and Arithmetical Classes in the High School of this city, I have the greatest pleasure in testifying to the success which your system of teaching meets with among your pupils. While some, of course, manifested more talent than others, I was struck with the apparent generality and equality in knowledge shewn by them—all seeming to comprehend clearly the propositions given out by visitors at random—and every one on whom the task of demonstration happened to fall being ready at it. I could not but admire the industry and the happy mode of training you must have practised to bring so many in so large classes to a high point of excellence, and to leave none without a full understanding of the principles brought out in the examination.

Allow me to add that personally I feel grateful to you for the extraordinary progress my son has made in the different branches of mathematical science under your care.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedt. servt.

JAS. MOIR FERRES.

Mr. DAVID RODGER, Mathematical Teacher, High School, Montreal.

XXVIII. From the Rev. JOHN JENKINS, Minister of the Calvary Church, Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, 26th Nov., 1855.

Mr. Rodger has been well known to me for several years, during which I have often visited his Mathematical Classes at the High School of Montreal. My own son, indeed, both in that institution and privately, enjoyed the great privilege of his instructions for nearly four

of these years ; and I have great pleasure in testifying to the eminent ability which he ever displayed in imparting instruction to his pupils, for whose progress he manifested a zeal which I have seldom known equalled and never surpassed. I consider him to be thoroughly qualified for the post in the U. C. College which he is desirous of filling, and, should he be successful, would consider his appointment as a boon to the pupils, and scarcely less to the directors of that establishment.

JOHN JENKINS,
Minister of the Calvary Church.

XXIX. From D. DAVIDSON, Esq., one of the Governors of McGill College.

MONTREAL, 29th November, 1855.

DEAR SIR,—You have informed me that it is your intention to become a Candidate for the situation of Mathematical Master in Upper Canada College.

Having been in some degree instrumental in your removal to this country, and appreciating highly your merits, I cannot but regard with interest your advancement in the profession you have chosen ; at the same time should you obtain the appointment for which you purpose becoming an Applicant, I shall personally, and as a Governor of McGill College, greatly regret the loss of your services, which have been of much value in the High School Department.

You brought with you to Montreal excellent testimonials, and during the eight years of your employment in the High School, every one connected with that Institution, has formed a high estimate of your qualifications as an Instructor of youth, more especially in the branches of Arithmetic and Mathematics, which you have taught with remarkable success.

I am, dear Sir,
Yours faithfully.

D. DAVIDSON.

DAVID RODGER, Esq.

XXX. From the Hon. Mr. Justice DAY, President of McGill College.

MONTREAL, 30th Nov., 1855.

SIR,—I have been requested by the Governors of McGill College, in a resolution adopted this day, to convey to you a declaration of their satisfaction with the manner in which you have discharged your duties as a Teacher in the High School of the College. The Governors, after examination of your certificates, concur in the high opinion of your qualifications and character expressed by the officers of the Institution, and while they feel that you are entitled to their sincere wishes for success in your application for a place in U. C. College, they regret that it is not in their power so to improve your present situation as to induce you to remain in it.

I am, Sir, with much respect,
Your obedient servant.

CHS. D. DAY.

President.

DAVID RODGER, Esq.

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