

TESTIMONY TO THE DECEASED:

BY THE REV. MEMBERS, ACHESON AND MUIR, OF GALT.

Having learned, with great pleasure, that the Session of Melville Church, Galt, were about to publish a number of the last Sabbath evening lectures, delivered by their late pastor, Rev. W. T. Murdoch, on the distinctive doctrines of the Westminster Confession of Faith,—technically called "The Five points of Calvinism," we readily embrace the opportunity of inserting therewith a short statement of our respect for the character and memory of our departed brother in the Gospel.

We confine our remarks specially to the last sixteen or eighteen months of Mr. Murdoch's life, during which time we were closely allied with him in united meetings for the proclamation and defence of the Doctrinal Standards of our common Presbyterianism.

The circumstances which brought us together for this object are well known, not only to the people of Galt and vicinity, but also to the Synod of the Canada Presbyterian Church. All we would here say is, that these doctrines had been rudely assailed in this locality, and views opposed to them earnestly propagated to the misleading of the less informed, and to the causing just offence to those long established in the faith. In these united efforts with our late respected brother, which we have every good reason to believe were largely blessed of God to many, we found Mr. Murdoch an able, faithful, and earnest advocate of the truth.

He brought to his work a clear head, a warm heart, and a tender conscience. When, after careful investigation, he had formed his convictions of truth and duty, he was steadfast—immoveable.

He had an utter abhorrence of anything like tampering with truth, for the sake of either popularizing himself or the church of his choice. Without fear or favour, he proclaimed the whole counsel of God. As a personal friend he was gentle, faithful, and true; and in all our correspondence