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Synod and to the Presbytery of London, and lastly to the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada, and discharged all the duties of these offices with distinguished ability. As a member of the Synod and of Committees, his wisdom, counsels and knowledge of ecclesiastical business were of eminent service, especially in cases of difficulty. He was a Theologian of the first class, was distinguished for his varied acquirements in Theological literature, Logic and Ethics, and for clear, comprehensive, and profound views on all these subjects; and as a Teacher or Professor of Theology he was pre-eminent for his aptness to teach, and from the great clearness with which he expressed his views, he was very successful in communicating his well digested stores of knowledge to his hearers, and especially to the rising ministry committed to his care and training. The Synod desire to thank God for the pious zeal and varied talents for usefulness in the Church and in the world, with which the king and head of the Church endowed him, and that he was so long spared to them, and their prayer is, that the king and head of the Church may speedily in his good and all wise Providence fill up his place in the Theological hall by a pious, able, and zealous Professor and that he would endow all the ministers of Synod with a double portion of his spirit and enable them to be faithful in the service of their divine master.

The Synod agreed to receive the report and instruct their Clerk, to send a copy of said minute to the widow of our late professor, in the name of the Synod, as expressive of the deep sympathy of the Synod with her, and with the family in their affliction.

Copy to be sent to Mrs Proudfoot.

On motion of Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Thornton it was Resolved,

1. That all applicants for admission into the Church as Ministers and probationers shall present to the Presbytery to whom they apply for admission, written testimonials certifying that they have passed through a regular course of training for the ministry, that they have been regularly authorized to preach the Gospel, and that they are of good Christian character, and in proper standing as ministers or preachers of the Gospel.

Resolution as to receiving Ministers,