

John Lees, Robert Hume, M.A., Prof. Taylor, Alex. Kennedy, William Fraser, David Coutts, Dr. Jennings, Peter Glassford, James Dick, John Baird, M.A., James Pringle, Dr. Thornton, George Lawrence, John M. King, A.M., George Riddell, James R. Scott, John Duff, William Barrie, Robert Torrance, David Caw, John Dunbar, Alexander A. Drummond, Matthew Barr, Ministers; Alex. Smith, William Henderson, John Emslie, John Robertson, James Young, Robert Christie, John Parker, John Henry, James Allison, James Haggart, John Agnew, John Keith, John Lennie, James Dagleish, John Stewart, Elders.

Reasons for
calling
Meeting.

The Moderator read a letter addressed to him by Prof. Taylor, dated Toronto, 19th February, 1861, to the effect that he adhered to the resignation of the office of Professor of Divinity, which he had tendered to the Synod on the 4th October last, and that he bound himself to continue adhering to the same; and stated that in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Synod, in October, in reference to the Professor's resignation, he had called this meeting to consider the *emergency* which had thus arisen.

The Moderator also stated that the other matter mentioned in the notice of meeting, namely, communicating with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, in reference to our proposed union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada, appeared to him to be a dutiful and courteous proceeding on the part of this Synod, and therefore gave instructions to this effect in calling this special meeting.

The circular calling the meeting was also submitted, of the following purport:

Bond Head, March 11, 1861.

REV. SIR,—I am instructed to inform you that a *pro re nata* meeting of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, will be held in the Bay-street United Presbyterian church, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, next ensuing, for the purpose of considering the *emergency* occasioned by intimation having been given to the Moderator, by Professor Taylor, that he adheres to the resignation of the office of Professor of Divinity, which he tendered to