

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

HAMILTON, 7th April, 1852.
12 o'clock, noon.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, called specially, met this day, and in the absence of the Moderator—Dr. Taylor—the Rev. Mr. Thornton, the only former Moderator present, took the Chair, and constituted the Synod.

The Roll was called and names marked. Sederunt—Rev. Messrs. J. J. A. Proudfoot, Thos. Christie, Wm. Barrie, Robt. Torrance, John Porteous, Alex. Drummond, Wm. Christie, A. Ferrier, D. D., R. H. Thornton, Wm. Fraser, and Robert Christie, Esq., Elder.

Read the letter of Dr. Taylor, the Moderator, enjoining the calling of this meeting of Synod.

Read a communication from the Rev. Andrew Somerville, Secretary of the Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, of date 31st Oct., 1851; relating to the nomination of a Professor of Theology for the Church in this country, and also a further communication from the same, relating to the same matter, of date 11th Dec., 1851.

The following is the official part of the former of these communications, viz :

OFFICE OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5 Queen Street, Edinburgh, 21st Oct., 1851.

REV. WILLIAM FRASER :

MY DEAR SIR,—I duly received the resolutions of the *pro re nata* meeting of the Synod of Canada, held on the 31st July, with reference to the proposals respecting a Professor of Theology, submitted in the letter of the Mission Board, of the 23rd May last. These resolutions I laid before the Board. The Board "were gratified to find that the Synod substantially reciprocated their views on the points submitted, and considered that the way is now open for proceeding to look out for a suitable person to fill the important office of Professor of Theology. They instructed the Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of the resolutions of the

Rev. A. Somerville's letter.