

Minutes of the Synod of the

Took up the third proposition in Mr. Somerville's letter.

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Coutts, it was unanimously resolved—That in regard to this proposition, the Synod readily admit the desirableness of a Professor occupying a "public and central position;" they nevertheless deeply regret that a stand should have been taken upon this point, in such a way as to seem to them incompatible with Constitutional and Presbyterian Law—that both places referred to as the seat of a pastoral charge being filled up, they have no ability or desire to move in regard to either, and that if either had been open, they have no right to dictate to the people in their choice of a minister—feeling bound, however, to regard it as a strong way of stating the desirableness of such a location, if the way were, in Providence, open, the Synod assure the Board that there is little probability that a Professor will require to go into the "back-woods" in quest of a charge,—that not a few localities highly favorably for the object in view will be open for any reasonable constitutional, and Christian-like efforts to occupy them.

On motion of Mr. Dick, seconded by Dr. Ferrier, it was resolved—That the Synod, in accordance with the preceding resolutions, respectfully request the Board of Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, as soon as possible, to recommend to our choice a person, in their view, qualified to fill the office of Professor.

The Clerk of Synod was instructed to communicate these resolutions to the Secretary of the Board of Missions in Scotland, without delay.

Ordered—That the sum of £2 10s. be paid to the Clerk, for additional expenses in attending special meetings of Synod.

Closed with the benediction.

ALEX. RITCHIE, MODERATOR, *pro tem.*

WM. FRASER, SYNOD CLERK.
