

interests and further the reputation of your body. It is quite obvious that Rev. A. Somerville's letter. this would not be the case, and that the important ends for which a Professor is asked from this country would not be gained, were he settled in a small country congregation, or in a distant and back-woods locality.—Did circumstances suit, it would be better were he located in Toronto, the capital city, that being the seat of the Hall. The Board scarcely hope to be able to prevail upon a suitable minister to accept the appointment, unless it be distinctly understood and fixed, that he is to have such a public and central charge, as Hamilton or Toronto offers; and so strongly do the Board feel on this point, as being necessary for the best interests of your Church, that they would be prepared for some time to give a larger sum to support a Professor in such a central locality—till a charge could be formed around him. The Board have instructed me to present these views respectfully for the consideration of your Synod, and to assure you that they have received your communication with the liveliest interest, that they look upon this appointment as a measure of very great importance, and that they will do every thing in their power to find a minister duly qualified by his scholarship, sound views, active habits, and high character, to promote the welfare of your Church, and to have young men to be faithful and successful preachers of the gospel. Inviting a reply from the Synod.

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed)

ANDREW SOMERVILLE.

Secretary.

The Clerk read also the letter of the Moderator enjoining him to summon this *pro re nata* meeting.

The conduct of Dr. Taylor, the Moderator, in calling this meeting, was sustained.

It was agreed to proceed with the business for which the meeting was called.

On motion of Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Thornton, it was resolved to take up three points specified in Mr. Somerville's letter, *seriatim*, and then in *cumulo*, and decide.

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

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Coutts, it was resolved, That the Synod are gratified to find that the sentiments of the Board regarding the Professor's salary, accord generally with those of this body, and while unwilling to pledge beyond what we considered our ability in present circumstances, as formerly expressed, we yet cordially approve of the proposition as now presented by the Board, and feel bound at the same time to thank them for their generous liberality in the offer made.

Entered on the consideration of the second proposition in the letter from the Board of Missions.

On motion of Mr. Aitken, seconded by Mr. Roy, it was resolved, That with reference to the 2nd article of the communication from the Board of Missions, the Synod declare their satisfaction with the views therein expressed, as agreeing with the deliverance of former special meeting.