

138 Minutes of the United Presby'tn Synod in Canada.

1. The Presbytery of Toronto, taking into consideration the severe loss which the Church has sustained by the death of the Rev. William Proudfoot, Professor of Theology, hereby record their high regard for his character and appreciation of his services.

2. In consequence of this bereavement an urgent necessity now exists that immediate steps be taken to procure the services of some one competent to discharge the duties of Professor of Theology.

3. That in order to this, the moderator of Synod be requested to call a *Pro re nata* meeting of Synod, to be held in Hamilton on the first Wednesday of April, 1851, at 12 o'clock noon, and with the following object in view, viz. :—

To memorialize the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, (through their Committee on Foreign Missions,) to procure, if possible, the services of one possessing such qualifications as are required for the discharge of the duties of a Professor of Theology.

(Signed) JAMES DICK,
Presbytery Clerk.

To the Rev. Mr. Ritchie, }
Moderator of Synod. }

Moderator's conduct
approved.

Synod having heard the above requisition read, unanimously approved of the conduct of the Moderator in calling this meeting.

Mr. Proudfoot moved
to postpone.

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Murray, that the consideration of the whole matter be postponed till the next regular meeting of Synod.

Mr. Jennings, to
proceed.

It was moved in amendment, by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Coutts, that the subject presented by the Toronto Presbytery, in requesting this *pro re nata* Meeting of Synod be entertained for discussion.

The question being put, the amendment was carried by a large majority.

Mr. Thornton's motion
to apply to Unit'd
Presbyterian Synod
of Scotland.

It was then moved by the Rev. Mr. Thornton, seconded by the Rev. Thomas Christie, that looking at all the aspects of the case, the Synod conceive that the great interests of the Church will be promoted most effectually by securing the labors, as Professor of Theology, of an influential person from the Mother