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**MEETING OF THE UNITED PRESBY-
 TERIAN SYNOD.**

Knowing the interest which our readers generally take in the proceedings of this church we proceed to lay before them as full an account as our space will permit of, the late meeting of Synod, more especially as many of our readers have no other source of intelligence accessible by which they could become acquainted with them. The report is given at length in the "Scottish Press" which we have been obliged largely to condense.)

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland commenced its annual sittings, Monday evening 7th May, in the Synod Hall, 5 Queen Street. The retiring Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Johnston of Limehills, delivered a lucid and affectionate discourse from the last clause of the 9th verse of the 122d Psalm—"I will seek thy good." Besides a good attendance of members, the galleries and under the galleries were respectably filled by portions of the public, including a considerable number of ladies.

At the conclusion of the devotional exer-

cises the Rev. D. N. McMichael was chosen Moderator and took the chair.

The Clerk reported that since last meeting of Synod, six ministers had been removed by death, twelve had demitted their charges, one had been deposed, one suspended, and that twenty-two probationers had been ordained.

The Clerk of the Committee of Bills and overtures reported the roll of cases, and suggested an order of business which was adopted. It was also agreed to hold a special service of devotion with reference to the present state of the country, the Rev Dr. Harper of Perth and Dr Robson of Glasgow, being appointed to lead. The Revs. J. Cooper of Fala and F. Muir of Leith were appointed to conduct the devotions of the morning sederunt on the following day.

TUESDAY, May 8.

The Synod met to-day at ten o'clock, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator; and thereafter engaged in devotional exercises, which were continued till eleven o'clock.

AID FROM THE FUNDS.

Several petitions for aid from the funds