

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

TORONTO, WEDNESDAY, 30th July, 1851.
Twelve o'clock, noon.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, called specially, met, and in the absence of Dr. Taylor, the moderator, the Rev. Alexander Ritchie, the former moderator, took the chair, and constituted the Synod.

SEDERUNT—The Rev. Messrs. Thos. Christie, James Roy, Alexander Ritchie, Alex. Drummond, Wm. Christie, Dr. Ferrier, Wm. Fraser, John Jennings, James Dick, David Coutts, Alexander Waddell, James Pringle, Wm. Aitken, R. H. Thornton, Wm. Ormiston, Wm. Barrie.

The clerk read a resolution passed at the last sederunt of the last ordinary meeting of Synod, at Hamilton, on the 10th of June, of the purport following, viz:—"That in case of a communication in reference to the appointment of a Professor of Theology, being received from the Board of Missions in Scotland, either nominating a person or persons, in their judgment, fit to fill that office, or stating difficulties, in their opinion, in the present state of the reference to them insurmountable, that the moderator be instructed to call a *pro rata* meeting as soon as possible, to take the whole case into consideration."

In connexion with this resolution, there was read a letter from the Rev. Andrew Somerville, Secretary of the Board of Missions in Scotland, dated 5 Queen Street, Edinburgh, 23rd May, 1851, in the following terms, viz:

OFFICE OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
5 Queen Street, Edinburgh, 23rd May, 1851.

REV. WILLIAM FRASER,—

My dear Sir,—I duly received your letter with extract minutes of a meeting of your Synod, held at Hamilton, on 2nd April, with a request that they be laid before the Home Synod, stating that having been deprived by death, of the services of the Rev. Wm. Proudfoot, the Synod had resolved to apply to "the Synod in Scotland, to look out and recom-

Rev. A. Somerville's letter.