

166 Minutes of the United Presbyt'n Synod in Canada.

Motion respecting
Prof. Gour.

On motion of Mr. Proudfoot, seconded by Mr. Ray, it was resolved 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 re nata* meeting as soon as possible, to take the whole case into consideration.

Draft of Memorial on
Sabbath Observance.

Mr. Jennings reported from the Committee appointed at the 4th Sederunt to draft Synodical Memorials to be presented to the Government and Legislature.

The Rev. Mr. Clarke, of London, and Rev. Mr. Clarke, of Simcoe, of the Congregational Church, being introduced by Mr. Skinner, were invited to correspond.

Motion.

It was moved by Mr. Barrie, seconded by Mr. Proudfoot, that the memorial reported by Mr. Jennings be not received, but laid on the table.

Amendment.

It was moved by Dr. Ferrier, seconded by Mr. Dick, that the report be received and considered.

Amendment carried.

The vote being taken, the Amendment was carried by a majority of 11 to 5.

The Memorial was then considered by paragraphs, and with certain alterations was adopted, as follows:—

TO THE HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
OF THE PROVINCE OF CANADA.

Memorial.

The memorial of the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, sheweth,

That this Synod regard the Sabbath as a Divine Institution, given to man while in a state of primeval perfection; that its sanctions are permanent; and the full observance of it is an express command of the Almighty, for in the Decalogue containing the grand epitome of all moral duty, it is authoritatively declared, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy;" and though it has been considered by some to be only a Jewish Institution, yet, being given substantially to Adam, the head and representative of the race, and incorporated by our Lord Jesus