

ton, Moderator.

The Roll was called, and the minutes of last Sederunt were read, and being amended were sustained.

Canada E. Presb.,
proceedings ratified.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Canada East reported that the stated meeting of said Presbytery, in January last, had failed for want of a quorum, and that the Presbytery had since held a *pro re nata* meeting at Lachute, and proceeded to business. The Synod agreed to ratify such proceedings, and authorised the Presbytery to hold their regular meetings as before.

Mr. Howie's application granted.

Resumed consideration of Mr. Howie's application to be received as a minister of this Church, interrupted by the adjournment in the morning.

On motion it was unanimously agreed to receive Mr. Howie as a minister of this Church.

Ministers reception of Overtures on.

Read and received an Overture from Professor Taylor and Rev. Alexander Kennedy, transmitted by the Presbytery of Toronto, bearing that the laws of Synod respecting the reception of ministers and preachers, and the admission of them to the privilege of Probationers, required amendment, and praying the Synod to take those laws into consideration, with a view to have such amendments made as may be necessary.

Overture, Committee on.

On motion of Professor Taylor, seconded by Mr. Cutts, it was agreed :—

That the Rev., the Moderator, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Dick, and the mover, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take into consideration the Law of Synod respecting the admission of ministers and preachers, and any amendments thereon that may be expedient, and to report at the first Sederunt on Thursday. Professor Taylor, Convener.

Formula, Overture withdrawn.

Took up an Overture from the Presbytery of Durham, on a change in the Formula, for the ordination of ministers, delayed from last meeting of Synod. The Clerk of the Presbytery of Durham, on behalf of that Presbytery, undertook the responsibility of withdrawing the overture; and by permission it was accordingly withdrawn.

Union Committee Report.

Called for the Report of the Committee on Union with the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The Report—embodying a Draft Basis of Union agreed upon by the Joint Committee of both

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