

the Synod on the 4th October last (see Minutes of Synod, Oct. 1860, pp. 423, 425, 426); and also, for the purpose of considering the propriety of corresponding with the Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, acquainting them with the contemplated union.

You will please to give timely notice of this meeting to the Elder representing, in Synod, the congregation under your charge.

I have the honor to be, Rev. Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM FRASER,

Synod Clerk.

By order of the Moderator.

The Rev. — —

On motion of Mr. Barrie, seconded by Dr. Thornton, the conduct of the Moderator in calling this meeting was unanimously sustained. ^{Moderator's conduct sustained.}

The Moderator then stated that the first question for the Synod to consider was, whether or not they accepted the resignation of Prof. Taylor. The resignation, as tendered at last meeting of Synod, was read. ^{First question for consideration.}

On motion of Mr. Torrance, seconded by Dr. Ormiston, it was unanimously resolved, That the resignation, by the Rev. John Taylor, D.D. M.D., of the Professorship of Theology, in this Church, be accepted; but that in accepting it the Synod would express their deep and sincere regret at being deprived of the services of one so well qualified, by his talents and attainments, for the office which he has held; the duties of which he has for nine years discharged with so much credit to himself, so much benefit to the students who have enjoyed the opportunity of pursuing their studies under his direction, and so much acceptability and advantage to the Church; and their hope that God in his wise providence will open to him another field suitable for his gifts and acquirements. ^{Prof. Taylor's resignation accepted.}

In accordance with this resolution, the Moderator, in warm terms, conveyed to Prof. Taylor the high sense which the Synod entertained of his past services, their regret at being now under ^{Moderator addressed the Professor}