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### Miscellaneous Articles.

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#### UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY.

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Besides the subjects we have already noticed as taken up at the first meeting of the United Presbyterian Synod, there were others of considerable importance introduced and left unfinished. There were the arrangement of Presbyteries, their names, the times and places of their first meetings, and the appointment of the senior ministers present at them to preside as Moderators; there were committees appointed on Sabbath Sanctification, on rules and regulations for Synod business, on Sabbath-school education, on Psalmody; and there were recommendations of various formulas for ministers, preachers, elders, subject to revision; and a resolution to issue a Pastoral Address for general circulation. The question of Common School Education was also brought forward; together with the subject of Scholarships, and others, which will fall under notice as we proceed with our narrative.

The meetings of the United Presbyterian Synod have been annual, but it was found necessary the first year, to meet again in October, for it could scarcely be expected that all the preliminary arrangements could be overtaken at the meeting in May. Besides the ordinary routine business and causes of minor importance, the Synod, at this its second meeting, considered the propriety of appointing a Delegated Assembly,—had before them an Overture for increasing the minimum stipend of Ministers, and introduced the subject of an enlarged Psalmody. Some of these subjects were discussed at successive sessions of Synod, and it will easily be seen that were we to follow the order of time, taking up the questions as partially discussed, year after year, it would render our narrative both too tedious and disjointed. We prefer considering the more prominent ques-