

that the session of St. John, Chatham, be enjoined to remove instrumental music from their church. at an early day, by the substitution of purely vocal music, and that the Presbytery be directed to see to the carrying out of this decision."

Moved by Rev. Wm. Murray, seconded by Rev. D. B. Blair:—"The Amendment. use of instrumental music in the public worship of God, not being in accordance with the simplicity and spirituality of the christian worship, as unfolded in the New Testament scriptures, exhibited in the practice of the apostolic church, the church of the first six centuries, and the purest churches of the Reformation, and especially of the Presbyterian churches of Great Britain and Ireland, and the British North American Provinces; it being also not in accordance with the subordinate standards of the Presbyterian church,—the Synod therefore enjoin the Kirk session of St. John's church to return to the use of vocal music only, in the public worship of God."

After further discussion the Synod proceeded to vote upon these several resolutions. A vote was first taken between Mr. Sutherland's and Mr. Murray's, when the latter was preferred by a vote of 30 to 18. A vote was then taken between Mr. Murray's and Mr. T. Sedgewick's, when the former was preferred by a vote of 43 to 12. A vote was then taken between Mr. Murray's and the original motion, when the latter was adopted 63 to 1. The Synod adjourned, closing with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

Same Place, 30th June, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

Read an overture from the session of Onslow for the appointment of a committee, authorized to adopt measures for the opening of a seminary for the promotion of female education, in the building in Truro owned by this Synod. It was agreed that the overture lie on the table, and that the following committee be appointed to consider the subject and to report to Synod next week: Rev. Messrs. Baxter, Wyllie, Byers, I. Murray and A. Cameron, and Mr. Robert Smith and Dr. Hattie.

In the absence of Rev. Mr. McCulloch, convener of committee in charge of Truro building, Robert Smith, Esq., reported verbally that the building was kept in good order, and that a sum of between £25 and £30 had been expended on it during the past year.

Rev. J. I. Baxter then read the report of the committee on Colportage, which detailed the operations of the colporteurs under charge of the committee, and showed that the work was prosecuted on a limited scale, on account of the want of pecuniary support from our congregations. The report was received.

The convener of the committee on Union asked and received instructions from Synod.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon, closing with prayer.