

SEVENTH SESSION.

Woodstock, 20th June, 1862, }  
6 o'clock, P. M. }

Synod met and was opened with prayer. Minutes were read and sustained, when commission from session of Richmond in favor of Mr. Savage, as representative Elder, was read and sustained, and his name ordered to be placed on the Roll of Synod.

Mr. Savage on Roll.

Discussion on Instrumental Music was then proceeded with, when a third amendment was moved by Mr. Alves, viz.:

That considering the circumstances of the congregation of St. Stephen, and the alleged excessive difficulty of conducting the praise of God without the aid of an instrument of Music, the Synod, while reasserting its disapproval of Instrumental Music in the worship of God, agrees to permit in the meantime the use of said instrument in the St. Stephen congregation; at the same time exhorting the congregation and its office-bearers to use all endeavors to train the people in the practice of sacred music, so that they, as soon as possible, may dispense with such aid.

3d amendment on Instrumental Music.

Debate having been concluded—first amendment, viz.: That the prayer of the petition of the congregation of St. Stephen be rejected—was, by leave of Synod, withdrawn, when the vote was taken first between the remaining two amendments; a majority of votes appearing in favor of the former of the two, viz., that moved by Mr. M'Master, it was put in opposition to the original motion, when there again appeared a majority in its favor.

2d amendment on Instrumental Music, carried.

Motion by Mr. M'Master, to appoint a committee to advise with the congregation of St. Stephen, having been declared to be carried, it was also moved and carried to appoint the Revds. Messrs. Donald and Alves as a committee to advise with the congregation of St. Stephen as to the impropriety of using Instrumental Music, contrary to the general usage of the Presbyterian Church and of this Church.

Committee to advise St. Stephen congregation.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Woodstock, 21st June, 1862, }  
10 o'clock, A. M. }

Synod met according to adjournment and was opened