

its present form." It was moved in amendment "That this protest is incompetent from Dr. McCurdy as a party, and be not received," when the question being taken after discussion, the amendment passed, and the paper was returned to Dr. McCurdy.

**General Question of instrumental music.** Resumed the consideration of reference from Pictou Presbytery, more especially with reference to the instructions to be given for their future guidance in the matter. Various motions were moved and seconded, and the discussion on these continued up to the hour of adjournment. The sederunt closed with prayer.

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### SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

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

**Organ Case.** Resumed consideration of the subject under discussion in connection with the following motions. Moved by Rev. R. Sedgewick, seconded by Rev. R. S. Patterson:—

"The Synod having approved of the procedure of the Presbytery of Pictou anent the introduction of instrumental music in the public worship of God, in the congregation of Chatham, hereby still further declares that such an innovation is unwarranted by the supreme and subordinate standards, and contrary to the consuetudinary practice, of this church, and enjoins the session of Chatham congregation to return to the usual method of conducting the praise of God in public worship, and instructs the Presbytery to see that this injunction is carried out."

Moved by Rev. Thos. Sedgewick, seconded by Rev. C. B. Pitblado:—

"That as inasmuch as the use of instrumental music in public worship is contrary to the uniform practice of this church, and of the other Presbyterian churches with which we are more intimately connected, and would seriously disturb the peace of the congregations under the inspection of this Synod,—the Synod enjoin the removal of the organ from St. John's church, Chatham; and at the same time instruct the Presbytery of Pictou to see that this decision be carried into effect."

Before the question was taken the hour of adjournment arrived, when the sederunt was closed with prayer.

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### EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Day and Place, 7½ o'clock, P. M.*

**Devotional Exercise.** The Synod met and was constituted by the moderator, who was succeeded in prayer by Rev. Dr. McCurdy and Rev. J. Morton, with the singing of psalms and the reading of the Divine word.

Minutes were then read and approved.

**Organ Motion.** It was then moved by the Rev. G. Sutherland and seconded by Rev. Allan McLean, "That as instrumental music in the worship of God, is not required by the New Testament church, and is contrary to the usage of this church, in past generations, and is moreover inexpedient as tending to disturb the harmony and peace of this church,—therefore resolved