

the session and congregation of St. Stephen; or should the Synod decide otherwise, that before any Ecclesiastical action is taken in the matter, the Synod may direct that a suitable commission may enquire into and report upon the circumstances of the congregation of St. Stephen.

The motion was seconded pro forma, when the hour of adjournment having arrived, the Synod was dismissed with the Benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

Woodstock, 20th June, 1862, }
10 o'clock, A. M. }

1st amendment
on Instrumental
Music.

Synod met according to adjournment, and being opened with prayer, Minutes were read and sustained; when Mr. Elder having claimed to make some additional remarks in support of his motion, it was moved and agreed that Mr. Elder be further heard ex gratia. Mr. Elder having concluded, and his motion having been put to the house, it was moved as an amendment by the Rev. Mr. Stirling and seconded by Mr. Turnbull, That the prayer of the petition of St. Stephen congregation be rejected. Discussion upon the subject was proceeded with till the hour of adjournment, when the Moderator dismissed the court with the Benediction.

SIXTH SESSION.

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

2d amendment
on Instrumental
Music.

Synod met, and being opened with prayer, the Minutes were read and sustained, when discussion upon the motion and amendment relative to the use of Instrumental music in the congregation of St. Stephen was proceeded with. After much discussion, Mr. M'Master moved and Mr. Donald seconded, a second amendment, viz.:

That the first prayer of the petition be not complied with, inasmuch as the granting of it would unduly commit the Synod, and that a committee be appointed to advise with the congregation of St. Stephen as to the impropriety of using Instrumental Music, contrary to the general usage of the Parent Presbyterian Churches, and likewise of this Church.

Discussion was proceeded with up till the hour of adjournment, when the Moderator dismissed the court with the Benediction.

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