

in which the Presbytery agree "To report to Synod their proceedings in the case of the introduction of an organ into public worship in St. John's church, Chatham, and ask for further instructions."

Rev. Dr. Bayne, the moderator, being one of the members of Presbytery who had acted in the business under consideration, retired from the chair, which was occupied by the late moderator.

Rev. Dr. Donald being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Rev. Mr. Alves being present was also invited to correspond.

Rev. George Patterson, clerk of Presbytery, read from the minutes of Presbytery and from other papers, an account of their procedure in the case up to the present time. It having appeared that the moderator and session withdrew, without permission from the Presbytery, before the case under their consideration was decided, explanation on that subject was required from Dr. McCurdy and his session elder. These explanations were followed by replies from different members of Presbytery, which continued up to the hour of adjournment. Closed with prayer.

## FIFTH SEDERUNT.

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

The Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. G. Christie, in the absence of the moderator, who was followed in prayer by Rev. Professor McKnight and Rev. Edward McCurdy, with the reading of the Divine Word and the singing of Psalms. Devotional Exercises.

Rev. Messrs. Fowler and Law being present were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resumed consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Pictou. Parties being removed, members of Synod expressed their views at some length, when on motion of Rev. Professor King, seconded by Rev. Isaac Murray, it was agreed, "That having heard the explanation of the Rev. Dr. McCurdy, and the Synod elder of Chatham congregation, and the replies of the Presbytery, find that there was no ground to warrant the disrespectful withdrawal of Dr. McCurdy and session from the Presbytery, while the business was *sub judice*." It was agreed that the sederunt be prolonged till 10 o'clock. On motion of Rev. G. Christie, seconded by Rev. S. Johnston, the following resolution was then agreed to,—"That this Synod having heard the report of the Presbytery of Pictou anent their dealings with the session of St. John's church, Chatham, considering that substantial justice has been done in the case, approve of the procedure." Reference Chatham case.

The moderator resumed the chair, and the Synod closed with prayer.

## SIXTH SEDERUNT.

*Same Place, June 29, 10 o'clock, A. M.*

The Synod met and was constituted by the moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved. Dr. McCurdy then laid on the table a protest against the decisions of Synod at the last sederunt. Chatham case.

It was moved and seconded "That this protest cannot be received in