

## FOURTH SESSION.

WOODSTOCK, 19th June, 1862, }  
 7½ o'clock, P. M. }

Synod was opened with prayer. Minutes were read and sustained; when reference relative to distribution of tokens was again taken up. It was moved that the Synod do not find it expedient to take any action upon the reference.

It was also moved as an amendment, That the Synod recommend to all the congregations within its bounds, to use tokens at the communion according to the usual practice of the Presbyterian Churches.

The motion and amendment having been put to the Court, the amendment was carried by a majority of seven to six.

Objections having been taken to concluding paragraphs of St. Stephen Presbytery report, it was moved and carried that they be omitted; whereupon it was moved and agreed that the report be approved.

Overture from St. John Presbytery, calling for enquiry relative to the allegation that the use of Instrumental Music was still persisted in by the congregation of St. Stephen, notwithstanding the disapproval of such form of public worship, expressed by last Synod; also petition from the congregation of St. Stephen, setting forth that Instrumental Music has been in use among them for some time past, that from it they have received much aid in the service of praise; that there is not in the congregation a dissentient from the practice; that their practice they feel convinced is scriptural and right, though not in accordance with the practice of several Presbyterian Churches; that the manner of praise does not require strict uniformity; and praying that the manner of conducting praise may be left to the sessions and congregations of the body, or at least to appoint a commission to enquire into the circumstances; also Mr. Turnbull's reasons of dissent from the decision of the Presbytery of St. Stephen, viz., that permission should have been asked by the congregation of St. Stephen for the use of Instrumental Music; that it was a novelty and that no new law should be enacted, &c., were read.

When Mr. Elder proceeded to move that the prayer of the congregation of St. Stephen be granted, viz., That the manner of conducting the Psalmody may be left to

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Motion on In-  
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