

of, at the same time recommend the Presbytery to use all means in their power to obtain for Mr. Melville, payment of the arrears of stipend due to him."

Mr. Clark's motion was carried by a large majority.

The Rev. G. J. C. Duncan, of Greenwich, a minister of the Presbyterian Church in England, and Clerk of the Synod, having come into the house, the Synod unanimously agreed to welcome him amongst them, and to request him to take a seat with them. The Moderator conveyed to Mr. Duncan the request of the Synod, and Mr. Duncan took his seat accordingly.

Rev. G. J. C.
Duncan of Green-
wich.

The Synod then proceeded to take up a reference from the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa. The reference was occasioned by the continued use of instrumental music by the congregation of Brockville. The papers in the case were read, and Dr. Boyd and other members of the Presbytery were heard in explanation of the reference. Mr. Smith and Mr. Sherwood were heard in behalf of the Session of Brockville.

Reference from
Presbytery of
Brockville and
Ottawa.

The hour of adjournment having come, the Diet was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 11th June, 7 o'clock, P.M.

The Synod again met, and was constituted with prayer and praise.

The minutes of last Diet were read and sustained.

The Synod resumed consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa. Dr. Edmondson and Mr. Wylie were heard in behalf of the Congregation of Brockville.

Brockville case
resumed.

The Synod then proceeded to discuss the reference.

1st. It was moved by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Gillespie,—

Mr. Kemp's mo-
tion.

"That the Synod sustain the reference; approve of the conduct of the Presbytery; again declare that the use of instrumental music in public worship is not in accordance with the usages of this Church: nevertheless considering that the organ was introduced into the Church at Brockville, under the impression that such a course was not contrary to the laws or principles of this Church;—considering further, that the congregation is unanimous in their desire to retain the organ as an aid in leading the praises of the Sanctuary, and that the peace of the congregation has not been interfered with, the Synod instruct the Presbytery of Brockville and Ottawa to take no further action in this matter, but enjoin upon Presbyteries to take heed that no similar case be permitted in the Church, without the express sanction of the Synod."