

the session, to ascertain to what extent those Members and Seat-holders who composed it might be willing to acquiesce in the finding of the majority. I accordingly waited on as many of those who had returned the answer "opposed" as the time at my disposal permitted, and, out of 72 I found

Willing to acquiesce,	- - -	60
Unwilling	" - - -	12
		—72
Leaving to be accounted for	- -	14

From this statement, it would appear that, even supposing the half of those 14 whom I have not been able to see as still of the same mind, only 19 out of 330 are really opposed to the changes in the mode of public worship.

It was then moved by Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Ewing, and unanimously resolved:—

"That inasmuch as the majority of the votes given in were "agreeable" to altering the mode of public worship from sitting to standing at singing, and from standing to kneeling at prayer, that the Session do consent to parties adopting the proposed alterations, or the position heretofore used and observed."

[This Report was copied in Mr. Johnston's circular, with the exception of the last two paragraphs.]

#### THEN FOLLOWS MR. JOHNSTON'S CIRCULAR COMPLAINED OF:

At a Meeting of Session held on Saturday, the 15th instant, at which the above circular was presented for approval; It was moved by Mr. John L. Morris, seconded by Mr. Joseph Hickson, that the Report be received and adopted,—that is the report given above.

At this stage, the further progress of the Report was opposed for the reason, among others, that the sealed boxes containing the voting cards were opened by the Moderator, before any Meeting of Session had been called; by this means the Moderator found out who had given in "opposed" cards, and then called upon those, to try and induce them to change their vote; also, the latter part of the report and the result as shewn by the placing of the figures being altogether too unfair to find any support (after asking the Congregation for their honest and independent opinion by "voting cards,") beyond the mover and seconder;—the report was withdrawn, without the motion for its reception or adoption being voted on.

The Report after being rejected by the Session should never again have appeared, but contrary to a Rule of Session made only on Saturday last, the Moderator, by Circular, publishes his rejected Report on Sabbath morning, and that unfair document is now before the public.

The voting cards next occupied the attention of the Session.

Voting cards issued in all about	- - -	480
Voting cards, returned opposed	- - -	86
" " indifferent	- - -	22
" " not returned	- - -	150
Considered as opposed	- - -	258
Agreeable	- - -	232

It will be observed that the following resolution is ingeniously worded, to convey the im-