

such intention has been given at the time of the organization of such congregations.

3. That Kirk sessions of congregations already in this Church may introduce an instrument, where after due notice and opportunity to object having been afforded to members in full communion, the congregation is unanimous; the unanimity being manifest by the absence of formal protest taken when the resolution to introduce the instrument was adopted.

4. That in cases where there is not unanimity, but where a large majority of the members in full communion are in favour of introducing an instrument, this may be done, with the knowledge and consent of the Presbytery of the bounds; provided always, that violence is not thereby done to the conscience of such as cannot enjoy gospel ordinances without leaving the communion of this Church, nor the harmony of the congregation imperilled.

5. That as to regulate the service of praise belongs primarily to Kirk sessions, these courts be instructed to take order in accordance with the above regulations and particularly to see that the tunes and music used in public worship be such as will not interfere with general singing, or otherwise affect the becoming solemnity of spiritual worship.

6. That Presbyteries be instructed to take order that these regulations be observed.

4. Moved by Rev. Mr. Kemp, seconded by Rev. Mr. Cochran,  
That the whole question of the use of instrumental music as an aid in conducting the public worship, be left to the discretion of congregations, subject to the ordinary review of the Courts of the Church.

5. Moved by Rev. A. Wilson, seconded by Rev. Mr. Lowry,  
Whereas, a majority of Presbyteries disapprove of the overture anent the use of instrumental music in the worship of God, therefore :

Resolved—That the said overture be now rejected, adherence to the standards and uniform practice of this Church in the manner of praise affirmed; and that Kirk sessions and congregations be strongly recommended to use all proper means in their power to cultivate sacred music, that they may join still more harmoniously in this delightful part of God's worship.

6. Moved by Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Clinton, seconded by Rev. Mr. Scott, of London,

That the majority of Sessions and Presbyteries having declared against the permission to use musical instruments in the public worship of God, the Synod decide in accordance therewith, and declare it inexpedient to discuss the subject further.

7. Moved by the Rev. T. McPherson, seconded by Rev. D. Inglis,  
That the Synod having heard the Report of the Committee on returns from Presbyteries and Sessions to the remit of Synod, anent Instrumental Music, as brought before the Court last year, by, overture and memorial from Knox Church, Montreal, find that a majority of Presbyteries, for various reasons, are opposed to granting the prayer of the memorial, and that there are diversities of views on the subject in question among the members of this Church, that no amount of discussion in present circumstances would be likely to harmonize; therefore,

Resolved—That with all due regard to conscientious convictions, as well as to christian liberty and the right of private judgement, this Synod declines to sanction, by Synodical authority, the use of instrumental music in the Worship of God; and therefore refuses to grant the prayer of the memorial; at the same time recommending all parties to exercise christian forbearance towards the views and conscientious practices of those who think differently from the majority on this and all kindred subjects.

8. Moved by Rev. Mr. McLaren, seconded by Rev. Mr. Waters :