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THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

This large and venerable body, whose last annual meeting was held in Cincinnati, Ohio, adjourned on Thursday night, December 6th, after eight days' laborious sessions.

The action of this Synod has been awaited with unusual interest. It is well known to the church generally that the denominations represented by this Synod are divided theologically by opposite tendencies.

One of these is in the direction of ritualism or churchliness—the other is a tendency away from both towards a closer adherence to the doctrines, customs and spirit of the ancient Reformed Church.

As the General Synod is the final court of appeal many matters are usually brought before it for adjudication involving the questions growing out of their differences of opinion.

The action of this Synod in these and other matters was so distasteful to those who have for several years used it to sanction innovations, that an effort was planned to divest the Synod of its judicial character, allowing no appeals to be made from lower courts to it, and retaining for it only an advisory character after the platform of the Congregational Association.

On a motion to refer such such amendment of the Constitution, it was promptly voted down. This was followed by an effort to send down to the classis a proposition for the creation of "a court of appeal," which should be a final resort in all appeals and complaints—this court was to consist of two members from each District Synod, and was to relieve the General Synod from all the irritation growing out of appeal cases.

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