

noon, was again taken up, and Mr. Tolmie, the appellant, resumed and concluded his statement of the case. The Presbytery was also heard through its representatives.

Parties having been removed from the bar, it was, after deliberation, agreed to sustain the appeal, and reverse the judgment of the Court below.

This decision having been intimated to the parties, they signified their acquiescence and craved extracts.

The Committee on the State of Religion gave in a verbal Report, in which they recommended that the first sederunt of the second day of next meeting of Synod be constituted a conference for the purpose of considering the state of religion within the bounds,—that a Committee be appointed to prepare questions and send them down to Presbyteries, and from the answers thereto, to compile a report to be submitted to next meeting of Synod when the conference is held. The Synod adopted these recommendations, appointed a Standing Committee on the State of Religion, partly with the view of carrying out the aforesaid recommendations, and nominated the Moderator, Messrs. Topp, Monteath, and Dr. Thornton as said Committee, Mr. Topp to be Convener.

Mr. Topp, the Convener of the former Committee, was requested to write out the verbal report given in, and to transmit it to the Clerk of Synod.

The Clerk was authorized to procure a suitable Blank Book for engrossing the proceedings of Synod.

The Clerks of the respective Presbyteries were enjoined to submit their Books of Minutes to the next meeting of Synod.

The meeting was closed with devotional exercises.

JOHN GRAY, *Clerk.*

**SYNOD OF HAMILTON.**—The Synod of Hamilton met in Knox Church, Hamilton, on the evening of Tuesday, 12th Oct. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. G. Cheyne, Moderator, from Acts xi.: 23. Towards the close of the sermon, the Moderator referred to the progress of the Presbyterian Church in this country during the last 38 years. At the close of the sermon, the Synod was constituted, the Rev. D. Inglis, on motion of Rev. Dr. Ormiston, acting as Clerk *pro tem*. The roll having been called, the Rev. George Cheyne was unanimously appointed Moderator of Synod, and the Rev. W. Cochrane, Clerk.

At the sederunt on Wednesday morning, religious exercises were conducted by the Moderator, Messrs. Lowry and Smellie. Mr. James Walker was appointed Treasurer of the Synod Fund, and it was agreed that each congregation within the bounds should contribute at least \$1.00 to the fund. The salary of the Clerk was fixed at \$40 per annum.

An Overture from the Presbytery of Paris, on the subject of Sabbath profanation, was brought before the Synod. The overture was supported by Rev. W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, Rev. J. Straith, of Ingersoll, and Rev. W. Cochrane.

It was agreed that Synod receive the overture, deprecate the evil complained of, urge upon the ministers and Kirk Sessions within the bounds to take such steps, in co-operation with Christians of other denominations, as may be deemed best fitted to bring the influence of public opinion to bear upon those who have the management of our railroads and other public works, and appoint a committee of Synod to secure simultaneous action. The committee was appointed as follows:—Rev. W. T. McMullen, of Woodstock, together with Messrs. John Straith, Thomas Lowry, and A. B. Simpson, ministers, with Messrs. McRae, Dickson, A. I. McKenzie, Thomas White, and James Henderson, elders.