

were appointed to support the overture as a whole, before the General Assembly.

THE HAMILTON PRESBYTERY REFERENCE.

Dr. Proudfoot presented the report of the committee on the reference from the Presbytery of Hamilton, which was in the following terms :

"The Synod regrets that the Presbytery should have difficulty in interpreting the decision of last year. The court now give the following interpretation of the decision in question, viz., that the cancelling of the certificate would have been fulfilled by declaring it cancelled, and making intimation thereof to the parties concerned ; and referring the memorialists to the session of St. Paul with a certified extract to that effect, and a copy of the Synod's decision was all that the Presbytery was required to do in order to fulfil the duty laid upon it by the Synod in that particular. The Synod regrets that this course was not taken by the Presbytery. In view, however, of all the circumstances the Synod is of opinion that no good would result from further prosecution of the matter, and, therefore, enjoins all parties "to follows after the things that make for peace," it being understood that Mr. Henderson be regarded as under the care of the session of the church in which he now worships, the session of St. Paul's Church having cordially consented to this in terms of section I4. of the book of forms."

Dr. Proudfoot intimated to the Synod that all parties had acquiesced in this judgment, and moved, seconded by Mr. Musgrave, that this be accepted as the finding of the Synod.

The Synod unanimously adopted the finding, and Dr. Proudfoot, at the request of the Moderator, engaged in prayer.

THE CHICAGO EXPOSITION.

Mr. McKibbin brought under the notice of the Synod, the proposal of the American authorities, to open the Chicago Exposition of 1893, on Sabbath, and proposed the following resolution :

"That this Synod, recognizing its duty and privilege to maintain and defend to the uttermost of its powers the sacredness of the Sabbath, and noting the attitude with respect to the holy days, of parties in power, connected with the preparations for the World's Fair in Chicago, resolves to petition and hereby does petition the Government of our Dominion to firmly oppose and, as far as possible, repress any action done in the name of our country, or any exhibitor therefrom, that would look towards a participation in the threatened desecration of the Lord's Day. This resolution was adopted.

Dr. Cochrane moved that the Moderator and Clerk be instructed to prepare and transmit a petition praying that the Dominion authorities should not permit the opening on Sunday of the Canadian portion of the Chicago Exposition in 1893. This resolution was also adopted."