

keep the seminary in the church is to relax the authority of the assembly rather than to draw the reins tighter.

Dr. Lampman, of New Jersey, created a stir by his speech in which he said: "What I object to is that you should come with a flag of truce in one hand and a club in the other to beat out the brains of this institution." These words he was called upon to retract, but the moderator interpreted, interpreting the words as a figurative expression of opinion. The morning hour having expired the discussion went over.

In the afternoon the report of the committee on Sabbath observance was considered, and for the second time the assembly entered a protest against opening the World's Fair on Sunday.

The committee on bills and overtures recommended a denial of the request of several presbyteries for a shorter catechism.

The report on temperance evoked considerable discussion. Prohibition was not mentioned by name, though practically the same thing was endorsed.

A lengthy report on the deaconess question closed with the proposal of three alternative overtures looking towards the establishment of this order was adopted.

The discussion on theological seminaries was resumed this evening. The moderator took the floor to advocate the substitute offered by Dr. Green, of New Jersey. Then a vote was taken on the first portion of the minority report allowing Union Seminary to withdraw, and it was lost with a roar, few voting in its favor. The remainder of the report was then voted down and Dr. Green's substitute adopted. It is substantially as follows: The Assembly endorsed the interpretation of the compact of 1870 as expressed by the action of 1870; declines to be a party to breaking the compact with Union Seminary. Is persuaded the church should have direction and control over its theological seminary; that a committee of fifteen be appointed to take into consideration the whole subject of the relations of the assembly to theological seminaries and report to general assembly such action as it thinks will result in closer relations. The committee of conference appointed last year to be dismissed. The only part of the majority report adopted was that which was characterized in the afternoon as proclaiming a boycott. A resolution toward arbitration was finally adopted in the form recommended in the majority report.

#### THE PROSECUTION JUBILANT.

PORTLAND, Or., May 30.—The prosecution in the Briggs case are jubilant because they got all they demanded; they are satisfied and will return to New York to renew the work. The position of conservative men is that of partial satisfaction, some being dissatisfied because the case is not brought to an absolute decision on the spot. In the vote yesterday Moderator Young had no voice, being debarred by the constitution, but he expressed himself today as satisfied with the action taken. Dr. Smith, chairman of the judicial committee declined to express an opinion. The vote to sustain the appeal was so large that the general sentiment is that of satisfaction; but those who, for constitutional reasons,

voted against the appeal in toto are preparing a formal protest, which will be largely signed, and will be entered upon the minutes.

Tomorrow a formal resolution disposing of the case will be offered, and it is not expected that there will be much discussion, but the wording of it is regarded as important, and the interests of all parties will be carefully guarded. The order for 10 o'clock is the supplementary report of the theological seminaries committee, and it will scarcely be conducive to the harmony which is desired. The rest of the business of the session will be hurried through because of a growing desire of the delegates to return to their homes.

#### THE WORK OF A TORNADO.

HARPER, Kan., May 29.—Reports from the country through which the tornado passed Friday demonstrates the loss to be greater than at first reported. The course of the storm represents a perfect letter "S," and swept in that form a distance of at least fifteen miles. Nothing escaped its fury, and great damage was not only done to houses, crops and trees, but thousands of dollars worth of stock was killed and injured. It is impossible at present to estimate the entire loss sustained by the surrounding country, but it will not fall short of half a million dollars. Not more than six out of eight or nine hundred residences in the city escaped damage, and nearly one hundred and fifty houses are total wrecks and as many more badly injured, while the remainder are slightly damaged. The amount of cyclone insurance in town was very slight, while in the country it is comparatively nothing. There is scarcely a residence recognizable as such on Central avenue from the Presbyterian church north and practically all the stores in the northern half of the city are in ruins and contents greatly damaged. Many people are not only destitute of shelter, but food and clothing as well. A relief committee has been organized and the chairman today issued a call for aid.

#### ANOTHER TORNADO.

WELLINGTON, Kansas, May 29.—When the Wichita excursion arrived this afternoon the members reported a bulletin posted by the *Eagle* stating that conditions were favorable for another tornado at 4 o'clock. The sky was a typical Italian one, and the report was treated as a jest. At 4 o'clock, however, a dense cloud appeared in the south, heavily charged with electricity, and great alarm spread among the people. The alarm spread to the wildest terror when four or five men came rushing into Main street shouting to the multitude that a cyclone was approaching and to flee for places of safety. A fearful rush was made for basements and stairways, and it is a great wonder that scores of people were not crushed to death in the mad stampede. The report was found to be correct, for a small but fully developed "twister" was seen traveling rapidly in a northwesterly direction. This increased excitement and terror. The alarm subsided somewhat in a few minutes when the "twister" disap-

peared entirely. A stairway between two buildings yielded beneath the weight of the people, but no one was hurt. A heavy rain followed and the alarm subsided entirely when the dense cloud passed and was followed by sunshine again. The cyclone passed to the northwest and about a mile west of Corbin, in Sumner county, but did no damage as far as heard from. Another cyclone, originating in the territory, was seen west of Caldwell, but very small, and did not touch the ground. The search of the Conrad House ruins, where it was reported the groans were heard, was completed today. No bodies were found. A farmer who has just arrived reports a cloudburst in South Haven, Sumner county. Rainfall is said to have been terrible, but no news of damage has been received.

#### VISITING THE RUINS.

KANSAS CITY, May 29.—The *Journal's* Wellington (Kan.) special says: Great crowds visited the stricken city today. All the railroads entering town ran excursions and the people in the neighborhood flocked in. It was a common remark of those who had witnessed similar scenes that in extent and completeness of destruction, it surpasses anything in their experience. The miracle is that the loss of life was not four fold greater. This is attributed to the fact that the churches, school-houses and business blocks in the tornado's track were partially deserted excepting two hotels where eight casualties were reported.

The death list remains at the figures given yesterday and all the injured are progressing towards recovery except Mrs. Murphy and Jesse Brown. The funeral of Mrs. Schacher, Kitty Strahn, Leonard Adamson, Ida Jones, Horton Upson and Professor James Mayer took place this afternoon from the Methodist church. James Hastie was buried by the Odd Fellows and Ed. Forsythe will be buried tomorrow. The bodies of Thomas Cornwall and Frank Campbell have been forwarded to their homes.

The ruins having been diligently searched, the work of clearing away the wreckage will begin tomorrow. Mechanics have been at work all day making the partially wrecked building habitable. Temporary shelter has been provided for the homeless, and the relief organization is raising the necessary funds to keep them from destitution. The Presbyterian and Lutheran churches were well protected by cyclone policies and will be restored as will be the schoolhouse, which was also protected. The insurance on residence and business property is hardly worth mentioning. The absolute loss is in the neighborhood of a quarter of a million dollars.

PINE BLUFFS, Ark., May 30.—After incessant rains for two days a terrific hailstorm swept over this section today, causing much destruction. The floods are beginning to subside somewhat.

#### RANCHES UNDER WATER.

SACRAMENTO, May 30.—The Sacramento river made an opening 300 feet wide in the levee ten miles from here, causing some alarm. At noon the river seemed to be slowly receding. The damage thus far is confined to the sweeping away of a house and barn and a small tract of cultivated land, and it is not expected to be serious.