

TELEGRAPHIC. DR. BRIGGS SPEAKS.

He Occupies Four Hours and a Half
Arguing Against the Appeal.

THE BIBLE THE WORK OF GOD

Colonel McCook Concludes His Argument for Entertaining the Case.
—His Reasons Stated.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Professor Briggs resuming his speech in defense of the action of the New York presbytery in his case and in opposition to entertaining the appeal thereto, said:

"The presbytery of New York, the largest in the Presbyterian Church, after a long and patient consideration of the merits of the case, gave a verdict of acquittal. Would the general assembly be willing to give the same amount of time and patience to the consideration of the merits of the case if the appeal were entertained? If you overrule the verdict of the presbytery, the usages of civil and ecclesiastical courts, in order to entertain the appeal, will run to a hasty decision.

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tonight from Washington, where he had a conference with Attorney General Olney regarding the Sunday opening of the World's Fair. Michie said he would confer with Mr. Walker, counsel for the exposition, before determining upon a course of action. Mr. Olney was concerned solely with the legal aspect of the case. Asked if he would enjoin the directory from Sunday opening, Michie replied that it might be done. He thought the best course was to submit the entire question to a court of the United States district judges and trust to them for a fair and legal decision in the case.

There was a lively debate over the Sunday opening of the exposition by the members of the national World's Fair commission today. Mr. Hinsley of Alabama insisted that the majority report of the judiciary, which was turned down today before the committee by the minority, was still before the commission for action. He held that the minority report, although substituted, was not adopted, and as a consequence the minority report should be acted upon. Then followed a discussion of the case. Dr. C. L. Smith, of California, asserted that when the commission failed to adopt the minority report which called for the modification of the directory resolution, it had done away with the question of the directory revoking the rule closing the gates Sunday must stand. Chairman De Young finally decided that Hinsley and his friends were wrong and that the directory resolution must stand.

Sunday Papers.

CHICAGO, May 25.—The question of reducing the size of Sunday papers or still further increasing them was the chief topic of discussion with the American Publishers Association at its annual meeting here to-day. No definite conclusion was reached. Tonight the publishers were given a reception at the Press Club. A number of Oriental and European features of Midway Place were well represented here for the benefit of the publishers.

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NICARAGUANS WANT PEACE

The Government Negotiating with the Revolutionists.

Another Battle Fought in Which the Rebels Gain a Decisive Victory.

BAN JUAN DEL SOL, May 25.—After the battle of Masaya a peace commission was suggested. American Minister Baker, the Australian and American consuls and Banker Miners agreed to serve. They met some members of the revolutionaries party and discussed terms of peaceful settlement. After consulting nearly all day the commissioners returned to Managua and announced that they had agreed on a plan to be submitted. The terms were kept secret, but the most important points were learned. President Santa will resign in favor of some one of the revolutionaries connected with the government. He is to be succeeded by a man who will immediately assume the office of president of the republic. Notwithstanding the agreement of the peace commission, there has not been a formal declaration of the new government. The following ministers are to be formed: W. F. Fletcher, Interior; Francisco Gómez, Finance; Miguel Ocarino, Calzada, Interior; Miguel Ocarino, state, Alfonso H. Flores.

There was another battle today. The insurgents, numbering 2000 men, under Generals Salazar and Monroy, took Jinotega by assault. The government forces advanced rapidly and put up vigorous resistance, but were forced to withdraw.

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