

MEETING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

of the Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

First Days' Proceedings.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Association, John Alexander, Esq., and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Stockton, of this city.

The object of the meeting, as stated in the call, was "to discuss and adopt measures for most effectually securing amendments to the Constitution of the United States as are contemplated by the Association, viz.:

1. Acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all authority and power in the Government, the Lord Jesus Christ as the Governor among the nations, and His revealed will as the supreme law of the land."

An address was delivered by the President, giving a history of the movement, and explaining the objects of the Association.

Rev. S. O. Wylie, Rev. David Steele and Samuel Ayres, Esq., were appointed a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. Dr. Musgrave inquired whether it was the intention of the Association to advocate any religious test in the oath prescribed to officers under the Federal Constitution.

Rev. Professor Wilson opened the proceedings with prayer.

The Business Committee reported the following resolutions: "Resolved, That we understand the voice of God, in His providence toward this nation, at the present, as calling upon all Christians, and all patriots, to prosecute the work in which this Association is engaged with increased diligence and zeal."

Resolved, "That in order to secure the objects of the Association, it is very desirable to enlist the co-operation of all Christian denominations in this work."

Resolved, "That in order to the attainment of the object of the Association, it is highly important to engage the religious and secular press in the dissemination of the proposed amendment of the national Constitution."

Resolved, "That it is the sense of the Convention at Allegheny that the oath of office be so modified as to recognize the existence of God as giving its sanction."

Resolved, "That such changes as may be necessary to give effect to these amendments of the preamble, may be introduced into the body of the Constitution, and we, your humble petitioners, will ever pray, &c."

The amendment was adopted. The meeting adjourned with prayer by Rev. Professor McMillan.

the amendment of the Constitution so as to forever prohibit slavery in the United States should be included in the objects of the Association.

Second Day's Proceedings.

The Association met at nine o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Douglass.

The committee on nominations presented their report of officers for the ensuing year. The report is as follows: For President, Rev. D. C. Eddy, D. D.; Vice President, Hon. James Pollock; Secretary, Rev. J. G. Butler; Corresponding Secretary, John Alexander; Treasurer, Samuel Agnew; Executive Committee, Rev. J. Edwards, D. D., Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger, D. D., Wm. Getty, Esq., Thos. Watson, Esq., C. Heiskell, Esq.

On motion of Rev. Professor McMillan, the following gentlemen were appointed as a Committee on Correspondence:—Rev. T. P. Stevenson, Rev. Daniel Steele, Rev. W. V. Spear, Saml. Agnew, Esq., and Wm. Getty.

Professor McMillan moved that the Committee on Correspondence be instructed to prepare a circular letter explaining the object of the Association, and circulate it extensively previous to the next meeting of the Association, and to take other measures to give publicity to the next meeting of the Association.

On motion of Professor McMillan, the next meeting of the Association was fixed for the last Tuesday in October, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., in this city.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the Association be instructed to secure a suitable place for the next meeting of the Association, and also to secure the services of suitable persons to address the meeting.

On motion of Professor McMillan, that part of the second clause in the Association's memorial to Congress, which reads, "and His revealed Will as the supreme law of the land," was amended so as to read, "and His revealed Will as of supreme authority."

Resolved, That the memorial to Congress as amended is as follows:— "To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:—We, citizens of the United States, respectfully petition your honorable bodies to adopt such measures as may be necessary for amending the National Constitution, so that it may read in substance as follows:—

We the people of the United States (humbly acknowledging Almighty God, as the source of all authority and power in civil Government, the Lord Jesus Christ as the Governor among the nations, and His revealed Will as of supreme authority, in order to constitute a Christian Government and form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the inalienable rights and blessings of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness) to ourselves, our posterity (and all the inhabitants of the land), do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

On motion of Samuel Agnew, Esq., the report of the Business Committee was taken up, and the first resolution read by the Secretary.

The Association met at three o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Graham, of Boston.

Resolved, That as the object at which we aim involves nothing of a sectarian character, but concerns every lover of his country, we invite the co-operation of all Christian denominations, and all persons friendly to the proposed amendments. The amendment was adopted.

Resolved, That the pamphlet entitled "The Book for the Nation and Times," recently published in this city, be, and the same is hereby recommended to our friends for general circulation, as being eminently adapted to promote the great object contemplated by this Association.

On motion of Mr. Agnew, the Association proceeded to nominate the committees contemplated in Dr. Musgrave's motion, in reference to securing the co-operation of the press of the country.

The following are the Committees for Philadelphia:—Rev. Dr. Edwards, Hon. J. Pollock, Rev. Mr. Price, Rev. Dr. Newton, Rev. Mr. Longacre, Rev. Drs. Eddy and Bomberger, Rev. M. Krotel, Rev. S. O. Wylie, Rev. J. H. Suydam, and Rev. J. G. Butler.

For New York—Rev. Dr. Vinton, Rev. J. R. W. Sloane, Prof. McMillan, Rev. Dr. John N. McLeod, Prof. Martin, Rev. Dr. Jas. Harper, and Rev. Dr. McLintock.

For Pittsburg—Rev. Drs. Jas. Pressley, T. Sprull, Douglass, Elliott, Rev. G. S. Chase, Rev. Dr. Page, and Rev. S. T. Stewart.

For Hartford, Connecticut—Rev. Dr. Bushnell.

For St. Louis—Hon. B. Gratz Brown. It was resolved that the Executive Committee have power to appoint committees in other places. It was moved and adopted that these committees have power to fill vacancies in their number, and appoint such other persons as shall suitably represent the various religious denominations.

The Secretary pro tem was directed to inform the chairman of these committees of their appointment, and furnish them a list of the members.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to secure the publication of the proceedings of the Association.

Rev. A. M. Milligan moved that the thanks of the Association be tendered the Reporter of The Philadelphia Inquirer, for the full report of the proceedings of the Association published in that paper. This was seconded by Rev. Dr. Cooper, and adopted unanimously.

The thanks of the Association were returned the officers of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, for the use of the building. The Committee appointed to visit Washington and wait upon the President presented their report, which was adopted.

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