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 NOTE.

For "Officers and Committees" of the National Council, see page 184.

The reports of committees in this volume are printed precisely as made, and not as affected by any action of the Council.

The Statistics of the Ministers and Churches will be found in the *Year-Book* for 1884. Both these works are issued by direction of the National Council, and, by the same instructions, a copy of each is mailed to each church, and another to each minister.

Notice of any errors in the *Year-Book*, or any suggestions of improvement, will be gladly received by the secretary of the Council, in behalf of the publishing committee.



## MINUTES.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES OF THE UNITED STATES convened for its fifth session, in the South church, in Concord, N. H., at 11 a. m., Thursday, October 11, 1883, and was called to order by Amos C. Barstow, of Rhode Island, chairman of the provisional committee, acting as temporary moderator, who made an address.

### *Tellers.*

Rev. James W. Cooper, of Connecticut; Rev. Arthur F. Skeele, of New York; Rev. Thomas M. Boss, of Vermont; Rev. James R. Bourne, of Connecticut; Rev. Burke F. Leavitt, of Illinois, and Rev. George E. Hall, of Vermont, were requested to serve as tellers.

The roll in part was read, and the constitution, by-laws, and rules.

Fifteen minutes were spent in devotion.

At 12.15 a recess was taken till 2.30.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, October 11.

#### *Organization.*

At 2.30, after singing, and prayer by Rev. Egbert C. Smyth, D. D., of Massachusetts, and Rev. Joseph Ward, D. D., of Dakota territory, the roll in part was read, and from nominations without remark, Rev. Arthur Little, D. D., of Illinois, was chosen moderator, and was conducted to the chair by Rev. A. Hastings Ross, of Michigan.

The moderator made an address and offered prayer.

#### *Welcome.*

Addresses of welcome were made by Samuel W. Hale, governor of New Hampshire, Edgar H. Woodman, mayor of Concord, and Rev. Franklin D. Ayer, pastor of the First church in Concord, to which response was made by the moderator.

#### *Christian giving.*

After singing, by vote of the Council, J. M. W. Hall, of Massachusetts, read a paper<sup>1</sup> on Christian giving.

*Organization.*

Frederick Billings, of Vermont, and Rev. Cushing Eells, D. D., of Washington territory, were chosen assistant moderators; and Rev. James R. Danforth, of Pennsylvania, and Rev. Thomas G. Grassie, of Iowa, were chosen assistant registrars.

*Committees.*

Committees on credentials, business, and nominations, ordered to consist of seven each, named by the moderator, were chosen as follows:—

*On credentials.*—Rev. Henry A. Hazen, of Massachusetts; Rev. Elijah Harmon, of New Hampshire; Rev. Charles C. Creegan, of New York; Rev. Moses Smith, of Michigan; Rev. Parsons S. Pratt, of Vermont; Rev. Albert T. Swing, of Nebraska; Rev. William P. Bennett, of Iowa.

*On business.*—Rev. Lavalette Perrin, D. D., of Connecticut; Rev. Henry M. Dexter, D. D., of Massachusetts; Rev. Samuel Wolcott, D. D., of Ohio; Rev. Joseph E. Roy, D. D., of Georgia; Rev. William H. Hubbard, of New Hampshire; Philo Parsons, of Michigan; Peter Burns, of New York.

*On nominations.*—Rev. Henry L. Hubbell, D. D., of New York; Rev. Jonathan E. Adams, of Maine; Rev. George R. Leavitt, of Massachusetts; Rev. John G. Fraser, of Ohio; Christopher B. Bouton, of Illinois; George Maxwell, of Connecticut; Oliver Wyatt, of New Hampshire.

## MEMBERS.

The roll, reported by the committee on credentials, when completed and approved, was as follows:—

## DELEGATES FROM STATE AND LOCAL BODIES OF CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES:

## ALABAMA.

*General Conference.*—Rev. George W. Andrews, Talladega.

## CALIFORNIA.

*General Association.*—Rev. Thomas K. Noble, D. D., San Francisco.

*Southern California Association.*—Dea. M. H. Crafts, San Bernardino.

## COLORADO.

*Congregational Association.*—Rev. Warren F. Bickford, Manitou; Rev. Edward P. Tenney, D. D., Colorado Springs.

## CONNECTICUT.

*General Conference.* — Rev. James W. Cooper, New Britain; Rev. Samuel B. Forbes, Rockville; Rev. Lavalette Perrin, D. D., Torrington; Simeon E. Baldwin, New Haven; Jonathan N. Harris, New London; George M. Woodruff, Litchfield.

*Fairfield East Consociation.* — Rev. Samuel D. Gaylord, Bridgeport.

*Fairfield West Consociation.* — Rev. Robert G. S. McNeill, Bridgeport; Rev. Richard B. Thurston, North Greenwich.

*Hartford Conference.* — Rev. William A. Hallock, Bloomfield.

*Hartford East Conference.* — Rev. Charles N. Flanders, Wapping.

*Litchfield North East Conference.* — Rev. Arthur Goodenough, Winchester.

*Litchfield North West Conference.* — Rev. James R. Bourne, Sharon.

*Litchfield South Consociation.* — Rev. George J. Harrison, Milton.

*Middlesex Conference.* — Rev. Everett E. Lewis, Hadham; Corydon M. Whittlesey, Old Saybrook.

*Naugatuck Valley Conference.* — Rev. J. L. R. Wyckoff, Woodbury; Nathaniel T. Baldwin, Terryville.

*New Haven East Consociation.* — Rev. George W. Banks, Guilford; Dea. Charles Page, North Branford.

*New London Conference.* — Rev. Jairus Ordway, Salem; Rev. Charles T. Weitzel, Norwich; B. P. Learned, Norwich.

*Tolland Conference.* — Rev. Luther H. Barber, Bolton; Dea. George Maxwell, Rockville.

*Windham Conference.* — Rev. Charles S. Brooks, Putnam; Rev. James Dingwell, Danielsonville.

## DAKOTA TERRITORY.

*General Association.* — Rev. Edwin H. Alden, Athol; Rev. Smith Norton, Pierre; Rev. Joseph Ward, D. D., Yankton.

*Yankton Association.* — Rev. Charles L. Hall, Fort Berthold; Rev. Stewart Sheldon, Yankton.

## GEORGIA.

*Congregational Association.* — Rev. Joseph E. Roy, D. D., Atlanta.