ADOPTED THE ARTICLES

CONFERENCE WILL END TO-DAY

hree Sessions and an All-Day Debate "Council of the Reformed Churches Holding the Preshyterian System" to be the Title-Entire Seventeen Articles of Agreement, With Slight Changes, Adopted-To be Formally Ratified To-Day-Text of Articles of Agreement.

It is probable that no body of men of more distinguished personnel and or more distinguished personnel and more intellectual ability has met in Charlotte than the Federation of mouth, that he had not transgressed Presbyterian Churches which for the sion past two days has been in session in

this city. The delegates are men of the consideration of the article of the experience of dignity and of trained Plan of Federation. minds. They are men of such ability, that, aside from the interest of the measures before them for consideration they were listened to with the

closest attention. The chairman, Rev. J. P. Searle, D.

D., is an executive officer of more than ordinary ability, and under his directions the proceedings of the conference were carried out with promptness and yet with the greatest care, question being passed over hurried-Dr. Searle is at present professor of systematic theology in Union Theological Seminary, of New Brunswick, New Jersey. He is a native of New York, and, previous to his acceptance of his present chair, he spent 15 years the pastorate of his Church-the Reformed Church in America. He is an alumnus of Ruigers College (founded in 1784) of the Theological Seminary. He has been chairman of the sessions of the Federation Conference held, and has the confidence of the entire body.

The statement as to confidence is true also of the secretary, Rev. J. D. Steele, Ph. D., and ne, too, has served the three sessions of the conference in that capacity, and his ability as a careful, painstaking secretary can never be questioned, and his re-elec-tion twice to this office is testimony of this fact.

Dr. Steele way born in Pennsylvania and was educated in the University of that State and at the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary Philadelphia. He has been a pustor for fifteen years and has been moderator of the General Synod of his Church, the Reformed Presbyterian Church. At present he is pastor of Presbyterian Reformed the First church in Pasaic, New Jersey, and also occupies the chair of Hebrew and Old Testament history in the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Philadeiphia.

The three sessions of yesterday were confined almost entirely to the consid-eration of the revision of the name and the numbering and wording of the articles in the plan of federation.

At the morning session Rev. Dr. Searle conducted the devotional exercises. The Scripture lesson read was the 13th chapter of I Corinthians, after which prayer was offered by two of the delegates.

The address of Rev. J. R. Howerton D., favoring federation as the eans to organic union was thought ful, earnest and convincing. He held the close attention of the conference, and the convincing effect of his address was evident in the substated first that he had hesitated for 18 months as to saying what he say this morning, but that he felt it his duty to speak plainly on the school in a body, and the conference question as to whether this council is accepted the invitation. to be made a council of federation or Rev. J. E. Boggs leading the closing were to be strengthened or praver. ticles Weakened.

He stated further that while he was not prophesying, he would venture the afternoon session, the discussion of prediction that in 25 years or less the Article of the Plan of Agreement

putting some power in the articles, or taking out the word federation and putting in co-operation in its place. If you of the other Churches do not want union by federation, say so, and let us have the matter clearly understood." At the close of Dr. Howerton's ad-dress, Rev. Dr. G. B. Strickler, of the Southern Presbyterian Church, stated that Dr. Howerton had said some things that did not represent the atti-tude of the General Assembly of the tude of the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church and that he had transgressed his right as a commissioner to this body.

his right as a member of the commis-The conference then took up again Rev.

Rev. Dr. F. H. Cannon made a mo

tion, as a substitute, to include in Article-II this expression: "The council shall exercise only advisory authority except in cases where power is con-ferred upon it by specific acts of con-stituent Churches," and in this con-nection he said: "My purpose in raising

this question was that we might know what power this council is to have. I believe authority should be advisory except in such cases as those indicated in Article II. My judgement is that it is unwise to invest the council with more than advisory power." Later in answer to a request to that effect. Dr. Cannon withdrew his substitute with the power to renew it later.

On this subject of advisory power Hon. H. W. Jessup said: "Article IV is the germ of Article VI, and if this council is to be a court of arbitration, it is only fair and right that we face it now. Power to act is preferable to advisory power, for there is no use in creating machinery if we give it no ion"

Dr. Robert McKenzle sald: Rev. 'Advisory' is a congregational term, and has no analogy in Presbyterian-ism. We are now discussing the discussing the source of power and not inherent power

DOW'er.

On this point Rev. Dr. Roberts sald: can "As to the past history of this plan, elec-keep in mind what powers are in the was adopted: constituent Churches we are considerig. Have we in mind supreme judicatories only, or subordinate judica-tories as well? I hope we have in

mind only supreme judicatories." unity and to promote closer relations The next speaker was Hon. C. H. Alexander who said on this point: There can be no arbitration without power to arbitrate. The term 'arbitrate' means settle. In referring a matter to this council for arbitration there is no surrender of power involved, and no need to hesitate. time to hesitate is before the reference

is made to the council. There will never be a reference to this council except when bitterness and strife arise We are talking about names when it seems we are afraid of names."

Rev. Dr. Hemphill said: "Supreme judicatories shall take steps to carry action into effect." The amendment of Dr. Searle to Ar-

ticle IV by the insertion of the words "powers as are" instead of the words 'authority as is" with reference to he power exercised by the council. The hour for adjournment having

arrived, on motion the discussion of he articles of the Plan of Federation was suspended until the afternoon ses-The time was extended to hear re-

marks from President J. R. Sanders. of Biddle University. He spoke of his work for the colored race, and he concluded by extending to the conference an invitation for the body to visit the

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After the devotional exercises at the

Rev. Dr. Sleele, and Dr. Pugh took the chair. Rev. Dr. Plunkett offered the opening prayer. The minutes of the ses-sions of the day were read, corrected and approved. The title of the articles was the subject under discussion and the dis-cussion was animated, interesting and instructive. Rev. Dr. Karston and Rev. Dr. Nichols expressed disap-pointment that no positive plan of fed-

eration had been reached by the con-ference and expressed their desire for closer union between the Churches. Rev. Dr. Plunkett opposed the words 'federal' and "federation" in the title

and articles. Rev. Dr. David Steele suggested the itle "Articles of Covenanting." Dr. Roberts opposed striking

out the word "federation" because the "federal" had been eliminated. vord Rev. Dr. McKibbon favored voting for a change throughout. He expressed his willingness for anything to get

all agreed. Rev. Dr. Cannon said the word "fedration" had no unpleasant association o him, and that he opposed it only because it might convey an idea for which it did not stand.

Rev. Dr. Howerton stated that opposition to the word "federal" the by the Southern Presbyterian Church was not of political significance, but because it carried a secular idea with it. Rev. Dr. Hartley opposed change of words in title because words in name had been changed. He deplored the fact that some times men and

Churches were jealous of prerogatives, and not willing to yield Individual preference for the good of the Church. although Jesus Christ taught to yield ndividual preference for larger right. The motion of Rev. Dr. McKay for "Plan of Co-operahe title to read

was put to the conference and vas lost. The motion of Rev. Dr. Alexander for the title to read "Articles of Agreement" was carried and on mo-

tion of Dr. Roberts was made unanimous Rev Dr. Hemphill offered the following preamble to the articles which

PREAMBLE. DR. HEMPHILL. "The Reformed Churches in America holding the Presbyterian system desirevince and develop spiritual

and more effective administrative cooperation among these Churches, here-by adopts the Articles of Agreement in furtherance of this purpose. The following are the Articles Agreement as amended and which will din', an' all we want now is jes some be acted upon by the conference as a dry bread to make the stuffin' of." committee of the whole at this morn-

ing's session: ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT.

2. The Federal Council shall consist of at least four representatives, ministers or elders, from each of the constituent i Churches, for each one hundred thousand communicants or fraction thereof up to three hundred thousand, and where a burch has more than three hundred.

housand, and where a Church has more bun three hundred thousand communi-ints then four representatives, minis-irs or elders, for each additional two ters or elders, for each additional two bundred thousand communicants or frac-tion thereof. These persons shall be chosen with their alternates under the direction of their respective supreme judicatories in such manher-as those judicatories shall respectively determine. 4. The Federal Council shall exercise only such powers as are conferred upon it by these Articles, or such as may hereafter be conferred upon it by tho Federated Churches. It shall not inter-fere with the creed, worship or govern-

as were followed in its adoption of these Articles. If Any amendment to these Articles proposed to the Pederal Council, shall, before its adoption, be approved by the Council, and receive the coment of two thirds of the Pederated Churches acting in accordance with their respective con-stitutions. When the Council shall have been notified of such consent it shall de-clars the amendment to be a part of the plan of federation. On motion of Rev. Dr. Hartley the conference adjourned at 16 o'clock to meet at 9:30 this morning for the clos-ing session. Rev. Dr. J. H. Prugh pronounced the benediction.

Whitbeck Removed to County Jail. Special to The Observer.

Winston-Salem, March 15 .- J. E Whitbeck, one of the defendants in the Mobre murder case, was removed to the county jall last night. The officers say that he is a good prisoner, that is he has very little to say. He was placed in the cell with William Plean, another defendant. Jailer Hanner says this was the best he could do, as he did not have sufficient quarters to keep all of the defendants separate. Sam Kobre oc-cuples a cell away from Pleas and Whitbeck. There is a diversity of opinion as to the guilt of the three men under indictment for the murder of Henry Kobre. Counsel for the defendants, however, say they are in possession of testimony which will break down all evidence thus far produced by the State.

All He Wanted. Washington Star.

"What do you want?" she asked of the tramp, who had made his way around to the kitchen door. "Nothin' much, ma'am." he replied with a politeness that awakened her suspicion. "Money, I suppose. We don't give

tramps money." "No'm, I don't want no money." "Well, we have no vituals except for dinner and they hain't done yet." "I don't even askefer none of yer dinner, ma'am, All I want is some hard, dry bread; jes' dry bread."

She was touched. "Poor man," she exclaimed. "Here, will give you a nice piece of pie, anyhow.

"No'm. I ruther hey the dry bread. "Do you like it?" "No. but yer see me and the rest of he boys has hustled aroun' till we've got a turkey, an' some celery, an' some crangerry sauce, an' some plum pud-

CHICAGO ALDERMAN OWES HIS ELECTION TO CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT. 3. Every Church entering into this Fed-t cration retains its distinct individuality. its own creed, government and worship, as well as every power, jurisdiction and right, which is not by these Articles ex-pressly and exclusively delegated to the body hereby constituted. 1. For the prosecution of work that can be better done unitedly than separately an Ecclesiastical Council is hereby estab-lished, which shall be known by the name and style of "The Council of the Reformed Churches in America holding the Presbyterian System." 2. The Federal Council shall consist of at least four representitives, ministers or elders, from each of the constituent Churches, for each one hundred thousand communicants or fraction thereof up to in the Council." This re sale by R. H. Jordan & Co.





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tween the Churches represented in this council, and that in 50 years they will all be one; that this organic union may come within ten years be-tween some of these Churches, the representation in the council by union may come within ten years be-tween some of these Churches, the representation in the council by concerned. The representatives in the "Whether it is wanted or not," said he, this union is coming, and the guestion is whether it is to come by the swallowing process or by federa-the swallowing process or by federahe, this union is coming, and the each chu question is whether it is to come by the swallowing process or by federa-Rev. J. tion.

want it understood that I have only the most friendly feeling for the and this motion was carried. Northern Presbyterian Church. I emphasize this for fear of being misunderstood in some of the remarks I

make here this morning +"I wish to call attention to the signs of the times pointing to organic un-The sentiment in favor of it is prowing strong in the border synods of entucky and Missouri, and 20 years

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much we may back him. "The coming together of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian-Reformed Churches. Presbyterian Church in the United States of America will make border States of Alabama and Mississippi. closer relations of the German Reformed Church and the Presbyterian Church in the United States may make North Carolino a border State

"Northern people are coming South leral." every day and are coming with the clastic word Southern Church as private members "I don't h and officials.

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was resumed. Rev. Dr. W. J. McKay made a mo-tion to amend Article XIII which deals with the question of febresentu-tion. The amendment suggested that

was lost. Rev. J. E. Boggs made a motion that representation be limited to the unit rule on the call of three churches, and this motion was carried. The amendment of Article VI as offered by Rev. Dr. Roberts was car-ried. 5. The Federal Council shall promote the co-operation of the federated Churches in their general work in the United States of America, in connec-tion with home missions, work among the colored people church ercetion, Sab-bath schools, publication and education; and may initiate movements having the approximation of the federated the colored people church ercetion and education; and may initiate movements having the approximation of the federated the colored people church ercetion and education; and may initiate movements having the approximation of the federated the colored people church ercetion and education; and may initiate movements having the approximation of the federated the colored people church ercetion and education; and may initiate movements having the approximation of the federated the colored people church ercetion of the federated the colored people church ercetion and education; and may initiate movements having the sublect to the approximation of the federated the colored people church ercetion and education; and may initiate movements having the sublect to the approximation and the sublex the the

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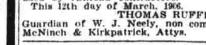
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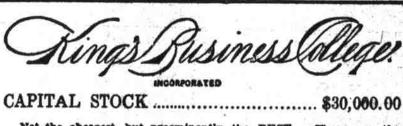
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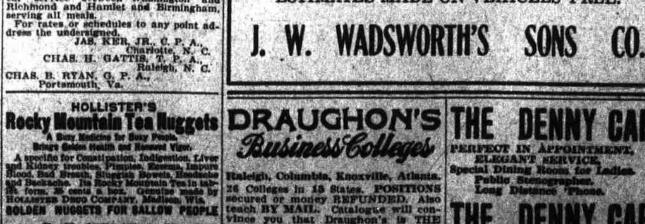
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