

W. Patton, a series of resolutions, which, after discussion and modification, were enthusiastically adopted, as follows : -

"1. *Resolved*, That the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, like the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, the founding of Rome, and the rise of the reformation under Luther, marks a grand epoch in human history, and ought justly to be celebrated as having led the way to results both in church and state of almost unequalled magnitude.

"2. *Resolved*, That in the assembling of so large a national convention of the representatives of the principles and polity of the Pilgrims, at a point more than a thousand miles westward of Plymouth rock, and drawing its members in part from churches two thousand miles still further west, we see a reason for devout thanksgiving to God, who has given such permanence and extent to the results of their labours and sacrifices.

"3. *Resolved*, That as the Pilgrims recognized an educated and pious ministry as the right arm of the church, there can be no more fitting monument in their honour than by liberal donations to aid the colleges and theological seminaries of our Congregational churches in establishing their institutions upon the broadest and most permanent basis.

"4. *Resolved*, That as the local church was the centre and circumference of the Pilgrim ecclesiasticism, it becomes us during this memorial year to see that it is made strong for its work in every community ; and we do therefore recommend that the effort be earnestly made by the churches which are under the incubus of a debt, to discharge, by a special Memorial offering, all their liabilities, and thus put themselves in condition to promote effectually every department of Christian enterprise ; and also that new churches be similarly erected as monuments to the memory of the Pilgrims, in the localities where they may be needed.

"5. *Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chairman to set forth a condensed statement of the characteristic ideas to which the Pilgrims gave power by their self-denying devotion, and to whose continued advocacy and application we stand solemnly pledged before God and man.

"6. *Resolved*, That in the erection of the contemplated Congregational House, at Boston, for the valuable public library of our denomination, and as a permanent home for all our benevolent societies, we recognize an enterprise worthy of liberal aid by Congregationalists in all parts of our land.

"7. *Resolved*, That in commending these and other appropriate special objects to individuals and to churches, we would caution them not to diminish their offerings to the Christian causes which make their annual appeal to the benevolent, but to let their memorial contributions be a superadded gift presented by willing hands in honour of the deeds wrought by the Spirit of God through our Forefathers, and in gratitude for the blessings bequeathed by them to us, to our country, and to the world ; and this convention would express the hope that these plans will be carried out with such zeal and liberality as to secure the raising of not less than three millions of dollars for these special objects.

"8. *Resolved*, That the system of public schools, inaugurated by our Pilgrim Fathers, on the basis of God's holy Word, and now generally adopted by the States of the Union, is one of the choicest portions of the inheritance received from them, and should be firmly maintained against assaults from whatever quarter, as essential to public morality and the permanence of free institutions.

"9. *Resolved*, That the triumph of the ideas and principles of the Fathers in the late civil contest, emancipating and enfranchising four millions of blacks, and giving nearly equally important disenthralment to 8,000,000 of whites, imposes a vast responsibility, and offers a grand opportunity for the dissemination of the religion of the Pilgrims ; and in this memorial year of their landing on these shores, we pledge ourselves to renewed effort to preach the gospel and plant its institutions in the South.