

Kirk, Aberdeen. This Church was connected with Marischal College, and the Professor of Divinity was incumbent. In the June following we find this Professor and John Seaton, Minister at Old Aberdeen, along with John Row (in the same year made Principal of King's College), giving in a paper to the Synod on the constitution and government of the Church, which was condemned as "contrary to the word of God, the covenants, and the General Assembly." In October the parties were processed before the same Court for having "separated themselves from the discipline and government of the Kirk to Independency," and a conference was appointed. Their case was subsequently remitted to the Presbytery, where we lose sight of it.

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## News of the Churches.

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### NATIONAL CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL.

Boston, Jan. 16, 1865.

The Committee of Arrangements, appointed by the Conference of State Committees held in New York in November last, to make arrangements for the Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, which it appointed to meet in Boston on the 14th of June next, have corresponded with the Congregational Churches in Boston in regard to holding the council in this city. They have received a cordial response from them all, and have adopted the following minute of welcome to the National Council:—

"We regard the proposed Synod or General Council as an indispensable means of meeting our present responsibilities as a branch of the Church of Christ. The reasons for calling such an assembly appear to be weighty and urgent. To us, indeed, the call appears to have come from the Captain of our Salvation, who is summoning his churches to prepare for new services and new sacrifices.

"Averse to centralized power as is the genius of Christianity, yet it equally favors all that is expressive of the unity of faith and purpose in the christian brotherhood. And when our Lord calls us to new forms of action, new enterprises, new expressions and applications of our distinctive principles, it is most becoming in us to convene our best and ablest men, both ministers and lay brethren, to confer on matters of common interest.

"In view of these considerations, this Committee, representing the churches of this city, and in their behalf, invite the General Council to hold its sessions in Boston; cordially offering to it the use of our church edifices, and extending to its members the offer of our Christian hospitalities, so long as the Council shall continue its sessions.

"We respectfully express our desire that the opening services may be held in the Old South Church, on account of its association with the sacred memory of the elders who 'by faith obtained a good report.'

"And may the Lord bestow upon each member of the council a full measure of his Spirit, that the body may be full of light, having discernment of the Master's will, simplicity of faith, largeness of heart, a full sense of responsibility in these peculiar times, wisdom in deliberation, and decision and power in uttering words of counsel and appeal to quicken and guide the churches.

"May this assembling of the representatives of the entire body of Congregationalists in our country be attended with the richest spiritual blessings to all our churches and to the country. We rejoice in the prospect of meeting our brethren, and the Master in the midst of them."

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