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WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—This morning the formal three days' session of the sixteenth annual conference of the Unitarian and other Christian churches was opened in this city. In the absence of Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, Dorman B. Eaton of New York presided. The opening address of Rev. George Batchelor, chairman of the National conference, was an exhaustive history of the progress of the Unitarian organization in the United States.

Discussing the prospect of a gradual uniting of all religious creeds, Mr. Batchelor defined the differences which separated this conference, and probably must do so for generations to come, from the universal churches, inasmuch as the Unitarians object for which the church exists is the perfection of human nature and human society upon this earth.

He closed by a terse definition of the leading articles of the Unitarian belief, stating that they were not agnostics in the things which most vitally concerned spiritual welfare, but passing over superficial and technical differences, believed, as surely as they believed in the attraction of gravitation, that righteousness is salvation, and that all the law is summed up in "love to God and love to man."

At the last moment Dr. Collyer was unable to be present, and the communion service was conducted by Rev. C. C. Everett of Cambridge, Mass., Rev. G. Thayer of Cincinnati and Rev. McDaniel of Newton Center, Mass., about 1000 persons attending.

The convention adopted the following resolution presented from the council by Dr. Batchelor: "Resolved, That the serious and increasing corruption and venality developed in recent years in connection with the government of American cities has not only made good municipal administration much more difficult and costly, but has obstructed the advancement both of morality and religion, and to make it a grave duty of all friends of municipal reform to exert themselves for the arrest of such evils in the future, and to make common cause in urging all good citizens to discard mere party spirit and interests and to unite in common effort for good municipal government without regard to their party affiliations."

"Resolved, That this congress wishes to express its profound sense of the serious nature of those evils which have their origin in habits of intemperance and in the demoralizing influence of the traffic in intoxicating drinks. These evils not only cause the needless expenditure of vast sums of money without useful results, the serious impairment of physical and mental energies, the general debasement of character and much of the corruption in politics and government, but they are also a chief obstruction to the triumph of morality and religion, a reproach to an enlightened people and to Christian civilization."

Miss Willard re-elected. President of the W. C. T. U. for the Seventh Time.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 22.—Miss Frances E. Willard was today elected president of the W. C. T. U. for the seventh consecutive time. The ballot was announced as 361 votes for Miss Willard and 14 scattering. As the recording secretary cast the ballot of the convention for Miss Willard the delegates and visitors arose and sang "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Miss Willard was visibly affected, and tears glistened in her eyes as she arose and with tremulous voice thanked the convention for the great honor it had shown her. Mrs. L. A. N. Stevens of Maine was chosen vice-president at large, a new office provided for by a recent amendment to the constitution. Mrs. Catherine Lente Stevenson of Massachusetts was declared the unanimous choice of the convention for corresponding secretary. Mrs. Clara C. Hoffman of Missouri was elected recording secretary, 318 of the 322 ballots being cast for her. Mrs. Frances E. Beaman, president of the Kentucky W. C. T. U., was elected assistant recording secretary, and Mrs. Helen M. Barker of Illinois was elected treasurer.

The National superintendents of departments, board of organizers and evangelists were re-elected, subject to a few notable changes by the executive committee. The most intense interest of any session of the W. C. T. U. was developed to-night, when the report of the committee on resolutions was under discussion for nearly three hours. Nearly every delegate offered an amendment, a suggestion, or gave her views as to at least one of the planks of the platform. So much time was thus consumed that only about half of the report was acted upon. The prohibition and woman suffrage planks brought out most of the discussion, and a number of amendments to each were offered before the delegates were satisfied that the sentiment of the convention was expressed in unequivocal language.

"Benefit night," a new feature in National conventions, was celebrated by the States, which showed a net increase in membership during the past year of 600 or more. The States participating in to-night's entertainment, and among whom the proceeds will be divided, were Pennsylvania, New York, Louisiana, Maine, Iowa, Connecticut, Oregon and California. An elaborate musical programme was presented, and addresses were made by President Willard, Mrs. Ormiston Chant and the presidents of the unions of the above-named States.