brethren, scattered throughout this great and growing State. The business we are about to enter upon, regards their interest equally as our own.

"The business we shall transact in this Convention, and the spirit in which we shall transact that business, will have an important bearing upon our people generally, and will tell, for good or for evil, upon them. For the doings of the Convention, when completed, will be published, and sent broad cast over the land, to come in contact with every class of mind—with men in high life and men in low life, and in every condition in life, to be criticised and scrutinized, and seen and read of all men. All eyes are upon us, to scan our doings.

"The proceedings will, then, in their tendencies and bearing upon our people, either elevate them in the view of the public, or lower them in their estimation. They will either give them a character, or become a disgrace to us, as the character of our business may be. Let us remember, that we are not affecting ourselves alone, but directly the fifty thousand whose delegates we are, and indirectly, the three millions scattered throughout our whole country.

"We repeat it, gentlemen, that the business we shall here transact, and the spirit in which we shall transact that business, will tell, for weal or for woe, upon our people. Let us, then, in entering upon the duties before us, in view of the great responsibility we assume, as the representatives of a maligned people, and in view of the tendencies and bearings of our doings upon them, enter upon these duties in the spirit of Him with whom we have to do, and without whom we can do nothing; and continue in all our deliberations to cultivate that spirit; and that we may be aided from above, and guided with wisdom from on high, through the sessions of our meeting, I call upon the Rev. Bro. Raymond to address the throne of grace."

On motion of Rev. Theodore S. Wright,

Resolved, That a Committee of three, consisting of James W. Duffin, of Geneva, Henry R. Crummell, and Michael Dougee of Albany, be appointed by the chair, as a Standing Committee, to make out the roll of this Convention. Adopted.

On motion of Charles L. Reason, of New York,

Resolved, That a Committee of four be appointed, to select candidates for the regular officers of this Convention, the said Committee to report forthwith. Adopted.

The following members were appointed by the chair: Alexander Crummell, Theodore S. Wright, of N.Y., James W. Duffin, Geneva, and Samuel Streeter, of Albany.

The Committee, after retiring, reported the following gentlemen, who were severally unanimously elected, and took their seats as officers of the Convention.