PROCEEDINGS OF THE
NATIONAL CONVENTION,
HELD IN ROCHESTER ON THE 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH OF JULY, 1853.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pursuant to the Call, the Convention assembled in Corinthian Hall on
Wednesday, July 6th, 1853, and was called to order by Rev. Amos G. Beman
of Connecticut.

On motion of Rev. Charles B. Ray, of New York, the Rev. John Peck, of
Pittsburgh, Pa., was appointed President pro tem.; and Wm. Whipper, of
Pennsylvania, and Wm. C. Nell, of Massachusetts, were appointed Secretaries pro tem. James McCune Smith, M. D., then read the Call for the Convention.

On motion of David Jenkings, of Ohio, the delegates were called upon by
States, to present their credentials.

Moved by James McCune Smith, that the signers of the Call be consid-
ered members de facto of this body, whether elected or not. After some dis-
cussion, on motion of Wm. H. Day, it was amended so as to read that the
signers to the Call of this Convention be, and are hereby constituted mem-
ers of this Convention. The amendment was carried, and the motions as
amended was then adopted.

It was moved that a Committee of eight be appointed by the Chair to
nominate officers for the convention. The Chair appointed the following,
named persons said Committee: James McCune Smith, Rev. L. A. Grimes, Rev.
Stephen Smith, Wm. H. Day, T. G. Campbell, Rev. Byrd Parker, Rev. A.
G. Beman, Rev. Wm. C. Munroe.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 2½ P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 2½ P. M. Rev. John Peck, President, pro tem., in the
Chair. Prayer by Rev. Jehial C. Beman. The Committee on nominations
reported by their Chairman, James McCune Smith, the following named
persons as officers of this Convention:

President—James W. C. Pennington, D. D., of New York; Vice President—
Wm. H. Day, of Ohio; Amos G. Beman, Connecticut; Wm. C. Nell, Massa-
chusetts; Frederick Douglass, New York; James C. McCrumbell, and John

Secretaries—Peter H. Clarke, Ohio; Chas. B. Ray and Wm. J. Wilson, New
York; Charles L. Reason, Pennsylvania.

The President, on taking the Chair, made a short address. The officers
were invited to their respective seats.