Seventh. An intelligent and efficient clergy, fully imbued with their true mission, and ever willing and instant on performing it.

Eighth. An able, devoted, and well-sustained press, wielding a power and influence second to none in this, or any other country.

Ninth, and lastly. To produce among us throughout, complete Combination, Concentration, and Consolidation.

As sure and as speedily as light succeeds darkness, will such a line of policy, if commenced with vigor, and followed out with strictness, raise us from our present status to one of permanence and power in this country.

In the presence and progress of such policy, all forms of prejudice and hatred would disappear; wicked and oppressive laws become dead letters upon the pages of our statute-books; societies for our removal become extinct. In fine, all political, social, and religious disabilities would cease to exist, and be remembered only among the things that once were.

As Americans, then, [colored Americans.] for as such, only can we expect to succeed, we are called upon to throw aside all our supineness and indifference, and to act as becomes [men] sensible of their rights and privileges, and determined to possess, hold, and enjoy them.

WILLIAM J. WILSON,
WILLIAM WHIPPER,
CHARLES B. RAY,

Committee.

On the motion to adopt the foregoing report, considerable debate arose. J. McCune Smith opposed its adoption, because of the statement in it that the colored people of this country are not producers, for its advocacy, &c. He was followed by Rev. Lewis Woodson and Payton Harris, on the same side. Mr. Wilson replied in a short speech, denying that the Report advocated separate schools. Messrs. J. N. Still and Uriah Boston followed in support of the Report. Mr. D. B. Bowser combatted the idea that we are not producers. Mr. J. Mercer Langston moved that the Report be amended to conform to the fact, which is, that we are, to a great extent, producers.

The Chair announced the Committee on Statistics, consisting of the following gentlemen:—Lewis Woodson, M. M. Clark, A. M. Sumner. On motion, adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. M. M. Clark. Mr. Stephen Smith moved that the roll be called. Amended, that each member pay one dollar as his name is called. Not agreed to. Motion lost.

Mr. Lewis Woodson moved that the roll be corrected by striking out the names of such persons as had been elected by meetings, but were not present. Amended, that a committee on credentials be appointed. As amended, agreed to.