

ing an oath on any occasion, shall be allowed to make their solemn affirmation, in the manner heretofore practised, which shall be in all cases of the same avail as an oath.

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Chambers, of Kent, then moved to amend said article by striking out after the word "oath," in the 10th line to the end thereof.

Determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Randall, moved further to amend said article by adding at the end thereof the following :

"And that an oath may be legally administered to any person who believes in a state of future rewards and punishments by a Supreme Being in this life or in the life to come."

Determined in the negative.

The said 36th article was then adopted as amended ;

The 37th article was then read.

Mr. Biser, moved to strike out the 37th article.

Mr. Davis, moved that the Convention adjourn.

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred and was put on the motion of Mr. Biser, to strike out the 37th article, and

Determined in the negative.

The 37th article was then adopted.

Mr. Phelps, moved that the Convention adjourn.

Determined in the negative.

The 38th, 39th and 40th articles, were severally read and adopted.

The 41st article, was then read.

Mr. Thomas, gave notice that he should make no objection to the adoption of this article, but should vote for it, with a view of enabling him at the proper time to move a reconsideration of the vote of the Convention thereon.

The 41st article, was then adopted.

Mr. Davis, moved to amend said report by inserting as an additional article the following :

Art. 42nd. The Legislature shall encourage by all suitable means, associations for the diffusion of knowledge and virtue, for the promotion of literature, the arts and sciences, agriculture, commerce and manufactures and for the general melioration of the wants and conditions of the people.

Which was read,

Mr. Presstman, moved to amend said amendment by striking out the word "suitable," and inserting in lieu thereof "Constitutional."