The meeting was held in Washington, at the New Willard Hotel, on Tuesday, December 13, 1904, at 10 o’clock A.M. At 12:55 a recess was taken until 2 P.M. The chairman, Mr. Billings, occupied the chair. The secretary called the roll, and the following trustees responded: Messrs. Billings, Cadwalader, Dodge, Frew, Gilman, Hay, Higginson, Hiteheock, Hutchinson, Langley, Lindsay, Low, MacVeagh, Mills, Mitchell, Morrow, Root, Walcott, White and Wright. Absent: Messrs. Agassiz, Howe, Gage and Spooner. Letters were received from Messrs. Agassiz, Gage and Howe regretting their inability to be present.

The minutes of the last meeting of the board were presented, and on motion full reading was dispensed with and they were approved as per abstract furnished each member.

The president presented his resignation, as follows:

Carnegie Institution of Washington,
December 13, 1904.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTION.

Gentlemen: At your meeting, on December 8, 1903, I presented a letter saying:

“When I had the honor of being chosen the first president of the Carnegie Institution, I said to the trustees that from the nature of the case my tenure of office must be short, for, having passed the age of seventy years, I was looking forward to a release from serious official responsibilities.

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