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WASHINGTON.*
MINUTES OF SECOND MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES. [ABSTRACT.]
The meeting was held in Washington, at
the New Willard Hotel, on Tuesday, De-
cember 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 fol-
lowing trustees responded: Messrs. Bil-
lings, 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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