



CUMBERLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION. MR. GARRISON:

DEAR SIR:—I was present at the meeting of the Cumberland Baptist Association, held at Freeport, Me., Aug. 26 and 27, and have thought some of the interesting words you read. Before the close of the meeting, the following preamble and resolution were presented, viz:—

Whereas the system of slavery, or the assumed right of holding property in man, is in direct violation of the laws of God, and opposed to the principles and precepts of the gospel; and whereas millions of our immortal fellow beings, for whom Christ died, are, by the system of slavery, shut out from the instructions and hopes of the gospel; therefore,

Resolved, That it is inconsistent with a professed belief in the religion of Christ to have as a profession of faith, and as the duty of all Christians in our land, to pray for the immediate emancipation of the enslaved, and wisely to use the most efficient moral means to accomplish this important event.

Had it not been for the knowledge we have gained by the developments which have been made the last two or three years, we should not have expected the least objection, in a Christian body, to such sentiments. But it cannot be denied that the South is the seat of the slave-trade, and that the advocates and apologists in that section as well as the South; and among those who profess to be followers of Him who requires his children to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them. The moment the resolution was read, a motion was made by two or three voices at once, to lay it on the table; but as the enemies of wicked oppression, (who did not appear to intend giving the passage of the measure by dissenting to its merits of the subject), were unwilling to have it disposed of in such short hand, and made some objections; it produced quite an exhibition of feeling among those who opposed the resolution.

Rev. Mr. Maginiss, of Portland, clerk of the Association, expostulated with his brethren who might be in favor of passing any resolves on the exciting subject, with a great deal of feeling. Although he was opposed to slavery, he did not dissent from the resolutions, but he could not endure to see his countrymen so grossly and so cruelly and so unjustly oppressed and punished for a crime which he was satisfied he was not guilty of. He perfectly aware of the extensive influence of the rich man in the community, and that he himself had received a large share of his business from him. But he could not allow such considerations to prevail with him when they came in conflict with his conscience, and what he considered his duty. These expostulations, however, had no effect upon the course of the meeting. The rich man was paramount, and the poor man was convicted and sentenced to the state prison for his conduct. The lawyer in a distinguished manner, not only received the denunciation of the court for his conduct, but lost the business of the rich man, and his reputation as a lawyer and his credit impaired by the false representations put in circulation by the rich man respecting the interference.

Who can read the preceding statement, and not feel the blush of honest indignation crimson his face at this recital? Will it be believed that all our social freedom, intelligence and humanity, where the Christian religion prevails, including benevolence as its first precept, sympathize and sympathize just respect for the rights of all, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, that such an act of extreme oppression and cruelty should be sufficient to pass unopposed? Yet such is the fact. Not only is it unopposed, but the honest and fearless lawyer who dare to do his duty even to the injury of his business and his reputation, is voluntarily sacrificed by every species of obliquity and reproach—his motives misrepresented, the facts in the case distorted, and himself treated as an outlaw and miscreant.

Reader, to relieve your incredulity, I will state that the preceding account is a mere narrative of the facts as they really transpired. The rich man, the employer, is the slaveholder at the South—the poor laborer is the slave—and the benevolent and intelligent friends are Arthur Tappan, George Thompson, W. L. Garrison, Mr. May, and the abolitionists generally. These are the men who from the most pure and disinterested motives voluntarily sacrifice their property and their peace and comfort for the sake of their fellow men trampled upon—their liberty and property taken from them, their domestic relations sundered by the cupidity of their masters—and every species of cruelty and suffering heaped upon them. The Court are the men who have taken upon themselves the most oppressive and unjust position, and hunting them like wild beasts and felons, while all their sympathy and tenderness are lavished upon the rich employer, the slaveholder in the South. A desire to gain the votes of the poor for some favorite Presidential candidate, or to retain their trade in tobacco, cotton and rice, are the only motives for their conduct, sufficient to obliterate all sense of justice, and dry up all the streams of compassion for outraged humanity, and the most generous and noble feelings of the human breast.

Arthur Tappan, who is sacrificing his property, suffering in his business, losing many of his friends and impairing his personal comfort, is the only man who has been able to do anything for the oppressed. He has been the only man who has been able to do anything for the oppressed. He has been the only man who has been able to do anything for the oppressed. He has been the only man who has been able to do anything for the oppressed.

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What would be said of us, if the people of the North should see upon a Southern slaveholder, who might chance to be among us, and inflict upon him summary punishment for some supposed crime, without the least authority of law? Would they swallow it?—Linnell's Lib.

OPPRESSIVE CONDUCT.

Mr. DORRIS—It is with relation to an instance of oppressive conduct which occurred in a certain county in a certain State, not a thousand miles from Boston. An individual, who was possessed of a large property, had a great number of slaves in his employment, a poor and ignorant man working upon his farm. At the end of a year, during which the poor man had labored faithfully and industriously, he called upon his employer for his wages. The latter, however, knowing that no written contract had been made respecting the wages, and that the laboring man was an obscure individual without friends, and probably ignorant of the manner of obtaining his just demands, by a suit at law, refused to pay him, and laboring then finding that his employer would not pay him any thing, and knowing nothing about going to law, thought he would satisfy his claim and look some of his employer's friends for this purpose, informing him at the same time of the fact. His employer was extremely indignant, and immediately commenced a prosecution against the poor man for the same. He was accordingly indicted for theft upon the complaint and testimony of his rich employer. Being ignorant of judicial proceedings, when arraigned in Court he had procured no Counsel. The rich man gave his testimony in such a way as to lead the jury immediately to conclude that the poor man was guilty of theft, and procure his conviction. The prisoner seeing a benevolent looking man in the bar who appeared very laboring, and who he thought would be able to get the court to be allowed to speak to him. He related to this counsellor all the facts in the case, and moreover that he had no money to pay his lawyer, and that his employer during his term of service.

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necessary, admits not of a doubt. The proposal should be made, and if the enforcement could be effected without incurring great additional expense, it should be regarded, as a most desirable measure. It might be calculated on, would fully compensate the cost attendant on its augmented size.

One word, Mr. Editor, in relation to the engraving which appears in your paper. The propriety of retaining it, even if it were true, is very much questioned. And it has been often stated, by some of our countrymen, that the engraving and other cattle 'being never witnessed' the impropriety is very apparent. That it has degraded individuals not to be named, and exposed residents at the South, who profess to be a false representation. I think that benefit would result from its omission, and hope in future volumes to see it withdrawn.

ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY OF NORTH YARMOUTH.

An adjournment of the annual meeting of this Society was held on the evening of the 17th ult. at which time a large and respectable audience assembled to attend the address of Mr. CHARLES PACKARD, of Andover, New Brunswick. This address ranks high among the very best which we have read or heard. It was worthy the talents and piety of its author, and of the principles it sustained. The address, which occupied an hour and a half, was listened to with deep interest, and the solemnity and good order which were observed through the evening were to be commended.

It should be matter of surprise to any that abolitionists in North Yarmouth should be allowed to hold meetings, attend to an address, and pass resolutions without being insulted with brickbats and having their meetings broken up, a few words will remove the mystery.

1st. We are not warranted with a clan of unprincipled office seekers.

2d. Our leading Colonizationists are men of principle and enlightened piety.

3d. Our ministers of religion 'fear God rather than men.'

4th. The sources of the wealth of very few, if not all, our citizens are under the control of Southern slaveholders and Southern merchants; therefore, 'patriotic resolutions' have not been passed, virtually licensing the vicious part of the community to deeds of violence.

After the close of the Address, the following resolutions were passed unanimously by the society.

drawing, and the prospect brightens every day. Depend upon it, you shall never fall by the hand of a slave. The strong, the bold, the Lord, and his shield; nor shall the sun smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. Rejoice ever more. Pray without ceasing. And the very God of love be with you all. Amen.

THE BOSTON COMMERCIAL GAZETTE AND RUFFIAN MOBS.

MR. EDITOR:—The Editors of the Gazette—Homer & Palmer—now stand before the citizens of Boston in no enviable light.

They are endeavoring to station their spies in all the free stations in the North, to be led on to slaughter and bloodshed, whatever ruffians and murderers we may have among us. These lawless ruffians of the Gazette are endeavoring to trample on all the laws, and resort to violence and blood to carry their points—and they cannot move our firm hearts. We are determined to try to break their mad mob among who will execute their murderous designs.

Have you read the article in the Gazette of Tuesday, which speaks of the mob which was organized? I hope you will publish that article in the Liberator entire, with the names of HOMER & PALMER, and the names of the mob.

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may be true, that the merchants of Boston and New York will consent to have their speech abridged, for the sake of the Southern trade; and the freedom of our cities will compromise the freedom of the press. It is the duty of our party to oppose—yet will not the Yankee farmers consent?

It seems to me the question now before our country is not so much whether slavery shall be abolished, as whether the palladium of our own liberties shall be preserved intact. The Abolitionists are trampling upon the Constitution. We are the same right to invite Mr. Thompson to attend on the subject of slavery, as to invite any other man to be uninvited in our right. Those who do not wish to hear him, may not attend on our meetings. But we will not consent that the anti-slavery party should be sent into our country to break up our meetings, which we see fit to hold, under the sanction of the constitution, in order that we may be enlightened as to our duty to our enslaved countrymen. If we, or the abolitionists, or Mr. Thompson, violate the laws of the land, let us then be punished accordingly—but if the laws protect us, let us not follow citizens' countenance the outrages of nobles, however rich and respectable they may be.

I rejoice that we have had a large meeting of the members of Massachusetts in New York, and that Mr. Thompson just had this time; because the opposers of freedom and the rights of man, and the liberty of speech, seem to have singled him out as the special object of attack, thus identifying him with the cause of every true New Englander here. I have referred to an article in the Liberator, and Mr. Thompson's address. It was listened to with admiration and respect. It was listened to with admiration and respect.

East Abington, Oct. 15, 1853.

P. S. I was happy to hear, as we were coming out of meeting, several invitations were made to me by the people of the adjoining towns, to come either also and address them. I mention this, that your city folks may know the spirit of the country people is rising.

BOSTON, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1853.

OUR CITY, during the present week, has manifested a more than ordinary degree of interest in reference to the Anti-Slavery cause, and has brought upon itself additional notice, to wit the denunciation of the Southern slave king.

It was advertised in the last Liberator, that the Boston Anti-Slavery Society would hold its annual meeting at the New Jerusalem Church, on Wednesday, Oct. 15th, at 3 P. M., and that Mr. Thompson would deliver an address on the occasion.

The proprietors of the Liberator were determined to open up, for the purpose of raising some \$500,000, a fund for the purchase of the Bank of New York security. Resent was then had to Congress, and notices of the change of place, and of the time of the meetings, were read from several of the pulpits on Sabbath last. Rev. Henry Ware, Jr. of Cambridge, happening to preach at Rev. Dr. Channing's church, gave the notice accordingly, and that congregation has since been as good as apprized that it was from all the charges brought against Unitarianism by its orthodox opponents! It would almost seem as if Dr. Ware had committed the unpardonable sin, and whether he will be forgiven by his exceedingly "liberal" brethren is extremely doubtful.

We think his chance of pardon is decidedly better in the day of judgment. The Commercial Gazette, of Tuesday morning, cannot but with a most inflammatory article respecting the meeting, (which may be seen in the Refuge of Oppression), and the Atlas, Post, Courier and Country, imitated the example. As to the editors of the Gazette, they are no less ruffian who glory in their shame—who are sold, body and soul, to the Devil and Southern slave-owners—who lack nothing but courage and resolution to do the most flagrant outrages. Their garments in the heart's blood of our abolitionists—but they will never put down a abolitionist in Boston. This is the position which we have taken, and we will hold it as long as we have breath. True, it takes long for these principles to take root—the soil is hard and rocky—like granite, and it takes long for the principles to take root in such a soil, so storms can never overthrow it. Be assured, the time will come, when the doctrine of non-resistance will be the bodies and souls of men, as things are men-stealers and murderers in every true sense, and daughter of Boston, to a step to Abolitionism. Verily—there is an omnipotent and just God in heaven. Thompson may be murdered—Mr. Editor, we are sure, will not let our countrymen be murdered by ruffians, and before a heartless and unprincipled mob, who will trample upon the rights of the innocent, and trample upon the rights of the innocent, and trample upon the rights of the innocent.



