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REFUGE OF OPPRESSION.

From the Charleston Mercury. SOUTH CAROLINA BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

The following is an authentic copy of the Report and Resolutions adopted in our paper of Wednesday last.

The undersigned, members of the Committee to whom were referred the report and other papers connected with the late proceedings of the American Tract Society, on the subject of slavery, beg leave to submit the following Report and Resolutions:—

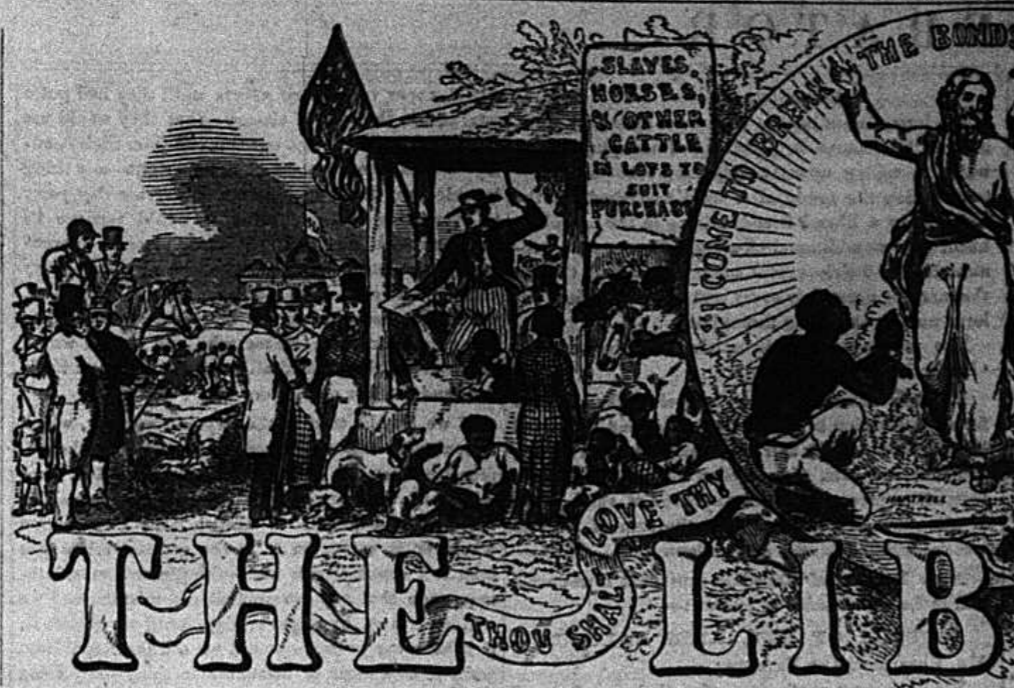
The American Tract Society was established, as it is expressed in the Constitution (Art. 1.) to diffuse a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of sinners, and to promote the interests of his glory and sound morality, by the circulation of religious tracts calculated to receive the approbation of all evangelical Christians.

If, as your Committee believe, nothing calculated to receive the approbation of all evangelical Christians can be put forth by the American Tract Society, on the subject of slavery, in the present disturbed state of public feeling, the Publishing Committee are not only authorized, but obliged, by this resolution, to violate the fundamental Article of the Society's Constitution.

Your Committee think it due to the great body of Christians in this country to express their disapprobation, to add that Southern Christians are not unwilling to consider their duties in regard to those whom the Providence of God has placed under their care and government; nor do they shrink from the discussion, in the proper place and manner, of any evils incident to this, as to other social and family relations, in the present fallen state of humanity.

It is in the most friendly feeling to the American Tract Society, as originally constituted, and with a deep interest in the work which lies before it, throughout our whole country, and with a desire to restore the confidence which has been so much shaken by the unconstitutional course pursued, that we propose this plan for the future prosecution of the great work committed to us, as the only one that appears to be practicable, and we represent to our friends at the South, that as all the collectors now in the field in South Carolina and the adjacent States are under the superintendence of the highly esteemed officers connected with the South Carolina Branch of the American Tract Society: as those collectors are themselves Southern men; as no works or tracts are circulated which do not pass through our Depository, and it is evident, from the foregoing Report, that no interference with the subject of slavery will be permitted through any agency of the American Tract Society, we indulge the reasonable hope that the operations of the South Carolina Branch of the American Tract Society will receive unimpaired and even increasing support, confidence and co-operation, at their hands.

Resolved, That we will hereafter elect our own Secretary, Depository, or Treasurer, and General Agent; the election of these officers, for the present, being subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Parent Society, who shall, jointly with ourselves, endorse their certificates of appointment.



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BOSTON, FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1857.

THE LIBERATOR

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Resolved, That in the meeting, we deem it necessary, under the circumstances of the case, and to prevent the dissemination of books and tracts which might be objectionable, to exercise a general supervision of the Society's works, within our territorial limits, and to suffer no tract or book to circulate without the approval of a Committee, appointed for that purpose.

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The United States Constitution is 'a covenant with death, and an agreement with hell.'

The free States are the guardians and essential supports of slavery: We are the jailers and controllers of the institution. There is some excuse for communities, who, under a generous impulse, they suppose the cause of the oppressed in other States, and by force restore their rights; but they are without excuse in aiding other States in binding on men an unchristian yoke.

WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING.

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SELECTIONS.

A THOUGHT FOR CONSIDERATION.

There are two periods in the existence of reform papers when they need the special support of the friends of the cause they advocate.

But, by and by, community becomes partially converted, the growlings of the opposition measure away, here and there is seen a patch of blue sky through the rifted clouds, and reformers forget to congratulate themselves upon having done a good work.

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on their grindstones, and make you do every thing they want you to do.

WENDELL PHILLIPS next addressed the meeting in a speech which was listened to with the most eager attention, and elicited frequent applause.

SPEECH OF WENDELL PHILLIPS.

MR. PRESIDENT: I am sorry to have been so long detained as to come before this audience at this late hour, for I feel that I have nothing to say in addition to the single speech from our friend who sits behind me.

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'You shall love liberty,' as the South has said, 'You shall love slavery,'—that is all that is needed. A man went into the store of a friend of mine in New York city, and he said, 'If your shoemakers in Lynn don't mind your behavior, we South Carolinians won't buy any of your shoes.'

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Recognize the service we did and do you. Help us in raising higher this Massachusetts sentiment. There are men at the South that heed it. I read a book the other day from the pen of a North Carolinian—a noble book. He calculates the motives which the non-slaveholders have for abolition.

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having conceived from her earliest years an abhorrence of slavery and a deep sympathy with the slave population around her, had formed the fixed resolve never to be herself a slaveholder, and who has given freedom to the slaves who had been bequeathed to her, although by so doing she has impoverished herself.

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON, President; HENRY O. STORRS, Secretary; JOSEPH A. HOWLAND, Secretary.

CELEBRATION OF

British West India Emancipation.

The Anniversary of that most glorious act in British history, the Emancipation of Eight Hundred Thousand Chattel Slaves in the West India Islands—consummated by the potency of moral agitation, and achieved without the spilling of a single drop of human blood—will be celebrated (under the direction of the Managers of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society) on SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st, at ISLAND GROVE, ABINGTON,—the friends of freedom every where being most cordially invited to be present, and to participate in the proceedings, that the day may be hastened when a still more glorious jubilee may be effected in our own land, in behalf of a five-fold larger slave population.

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