



COMMUNICATIONS.

Essex County A. S. Society.

Pursuant to notice, a quarterly meeting of the Essex County A. S. Society was held in West Newbury, in the study of the Orthodox (Mr. Edgell's) Society, commencing on Thursday, Sept. 22d, at 9 1/2 o'clock, A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Richard Hood, of Danvers, one of the Vice Presidents. Opportunity for prayer was given, and the minutes of the last meeting read. The President, Wm. Barrett, of Lynn, having then arrived, entered upon the duties of the Chair.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed on finance.

The following were chosen said committee, viz: Richard Hood of Danvers, Addison Davis, Gloucester, and Wm. Ashby, Newburyport.

Resolved, That all persons present, or who may be present, be invited to participate in the discussions of this meeting.

The subject taken from Charles Lenox Remond, of Salem, was, on motion, read, and ordered to be published in connection with the proceedings of this meeting. [For this letter, see a succeeding column.]

Benjamin Sargent of Chester, N. H. offered the following resolution, which was discussed by the mover, Addison Davis, Gloucester, Abel Tanner, Rhode-Island, James Boyle, Ohio, and Wm. Jenkins, Andover:

Resolved, That our civil and religious institutions are the firm and abiding supporters of American slavery, and that, so long as they are suffered to exist, the slave must wear his chains, and our common humanity continue to be degraded, defrauded, and trampled upon by a hypocritical class of pro-slavery churches.

Adjoined to 1 1/2 o'clock, P. M.

ATTESTATION SEASONS.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The resolution under discussion at time of adjournment, was laid upon the table.

James Boyle presented the following:

Resolved, That it be recommended to those churches which are disposed to take an unequivocal and consistent position relative to the rights of man, and the politics and religion of this nation, that they pass such resolutions as the following:

1. Resolved, That we will withdraw the right hand of fellowship from all individuals who vote for the candidates of the great pro-slavery political parties, and from those churches that retain those individuals in their communion.

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3. Resolved, That we do not regard the Baptist churches, who hold connection with the Baptist Triennial Convention, or who contribute to the Baptist Board of Christian Education, because they hold connection with that Mother of Harlots, which makes merchandise of slaves and souls of men.

4. Resolved, That we will not hold christian fellowship with the Presbyterian churches, who stand connected with either the Old or New School Presbyterian General Assemblies, or who contribute to the Presbyterian Board of Missions, because they are the companions of thieves, and partakers with wholesale adulterers, by sustaining slavery.

5. Resolved, That we will not recognize the Episcopal church of Christ, because she has made herself, by her slaveholding and pro-slavery, a 'den of thieves'—a legitimate daughter of the Mother of abominations.

6. Resolved, That we will not hold christian fellowship with those Congregational churches, who hold connection with the Massachusetts General Association, which is in full fellowship with, and receives delegates from, the unprincipled slaveholding Presbyterian General Assemblies; that we will not fellowship those churches which settle or retain as their pastors or members, men who are slaveholders or pro-slavery members in their communities—which invite slaveholding or pro-slavery clergymen to act as members of ordaining or installing councils, or councils to settle church difficulties; that we will not hold fellowship with churches who contribute to the funds of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions—because they make themselves, by these acts, 'habitations of devils, holes of every foul spirit, and cages of every unclean and hateful serpent.'

7. Resolved, That we will deny to all churches the character of christian, who hold connection, either directly or indirectly with Andover, Princeton, Middletown, Hamilton, and all other Theological Seminaries, whose professors, like Moses Stuart, Dr. Woods, Deane, Hodge, Kendall, &c. &c. who teach a slaveholding, slave-breeding, and slavery-perpetuating theology, who contribute to the support of such Seminaries, or receive ministers from such dens of death and hell.

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The resolutions having been read, the table, for the purpose of appointing the place for holding the next Convention of the Society.

Resolved, That said Convention be held in Essex.

The resolutions, after being discussed by James Boyle, were laid upon the table, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Finance Committee. The chairman of the Finance Committee, having read his report, the resolutions were again taken up, and further discussed by Sargent, Joseph L. Noyes of Georgetown, Wm. Jenkins of Andover, Hood and Boyle, and adopted, and the following in connection therewith:

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Resolutions presented by A. Davis were then taken up for consideration. No. 1 adopted. No. 2 discussed by Sargent and Davis and adopted. No. 3 discussed by Davis and Tanner. The meeting then adjourned to meet at 6 1/2 P. M.

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Resolved, That all the resolutions which have been presented now come up for discussion.

Discussion resumed by Davis, Tanner, and Boyle. Voted, That the resolutions be separately adopted.

Resolution No. 3, presented by A. Davis, was then adopted as accepted by the meeting.

Resolution offered by Abel Tanner was next adopted.

Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2, offered by James Boyle, were then further discussed by Davis and Boyle.

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FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

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Disseminated Proselegals in Data.

Bath, Sept. 21, 1842.

BRO. GARRISON—I have thought it might not be uninteresting to the readers of the Liberator, generally, to learn something of the progress of anti-slavery in this place, and in fact, of the State at large, as developed in the thick darkness of heathenism, as to the true position which they sustain to the diabolical system of slavery. My object in writing this recently, is to give you a synopsis, in an account of the religious opposition, which anti-slavery has to contend with here in Bath, as I can. There are a few fanatics, incendiaries, and madmen, as they have been termed by both Church and State, here, who have been endeavoring for years to scander the true and noble cause of the slave, and to give to the public mind a false and pernicious impression upon this great subject.

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Letters from J. N. T. Tucker.

No. 1.

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