

The Liberator.

NO UNION WITH SLAVEHOLDERS.

BOSTON, AUGUST 6, 1838.

WEST INDIA EMANCIPATION.

CELEBRATION AT BOSTON.

The anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the British West Indies was celebrated by the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society...

At half past ten o'clock, the meeting was called to order by Samuel May, Jr., who submitted the following list of officers...

President—EDMUND QUINCY, of Dedham. Vice Presidents—FRANCIS JACKSON, of Boston; BOYNE SPOONER, of Plymouth; WM. ARBRY, of Newburyport...

Mr. QUINCY, on taking the chair, said—I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for the honor you have done me in raising me to this position...

I always thank God, my friends, that the First of August comes so soon after the Fourth of July...

The audience then sang the 'Song of the Emancipated,' to the tune of 'Pleyel's Hymn,' commencing—

Praise to God, who e'er reigns, Praise to Him who burst our chains; For the priceless blessing given, Thanks, our grateful thanks, to Heaven!

MR. GARRISON. For one, I feel exceedingly glad that we have present with us, on this occasion, one who knows what West India Slavery was...

The President said it was very well known that at that platform, they knew no distinction, either of sex or color...

MR. REMOND then took the platform, and made a brief but earnest speech, for which we have no room this week.

REV. HENRY BLEBY, of Barbadoes, W. I., was then introduced, and delivered a very interesting and instructive address...

MR. GARRISON followed Mr. Bleby in a few remarks, at the conclusion of which the Convention adjourned...

Afternoon. The meeting again assembled at the hour of adjournment, and the time was occupied until half past five by addresses from PARKER PILLSBURY, E. H. HEYWOOD, Rev. CALB STETSON, WM. LOYD GARRISON, Rev. A. T. Foss, and Rev. Mr. TROY of Canada West...

The Financial Committee collected the sum of \$71 84 for expenses of the meeting, and for the Anti-Slavery Cause. They also collected and paid for Rev. Mr. Bleby, in aid of the schools in Barbadoes under his care...

The exceeding loveliness of the day, the rare excellence of the speeches, and the many attractions of the delightful spot selected as the place of meeting...

CHARLES K. WHIPPLE, Secretary. J. M. W. YERRINGTON, Secretary.

CELEBRATION AT NEW BEDFORD. A Mass Convention of our colored fellow-citizens was held at New Bedford on Monday, Aug. 2d, and continued during a part of Tuesday...

SPEECH OF REV. HENRY BLEBY, MISSIONARY FROM BARBADOES.

At the Anniversary of West India Emancipation, at Abington, (Mass.) July 31, 1838.

I am happy, Mr. President, that you have placed me before this assembly, not as one from whom a speech may be expected...

I am, perhaps, Mr. Chairman, the only person present who was an eye-witness of that event which you have met together this day to celebrate...

At the beginning of 1832, that fifty thousand slaves in the island of Jamaica had made an effort for liberty, had resolved to strike a blow for freedom...

Well, sir, Sharp determined to free himself and his fellow-slaves. I do not know whether he was himself deceived, or whether he knowingly deceived his fellow-conspirators...

The insurrection was put down, and the intention which Sharp entertained in connection with it was frustrated. His design was not to do violence to any person or property...

Samuel Sharp's plan was defeated, in this way:—He had not calculated sufficiently upon the impulsive character of the men he undertook to lead in this movement...

But, sir, although the immediate design of Sharp was not accomplished, yet it was ultimately. This very insurrection was one of the events which hastened the abolition of slavery in the West Indies...

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another, upon the heap of dead below. Then he brought out Dehany and his fellows. I knew him at once, though I had never seen him before...

It was the stroke which proclaimed liberty to eight hundred thousand human beings! And, sir, what a burst of joy rolled over that mass of people when the clock struck, and they felt they were slaves no longer!

Send the glad tidings of the sea, His chains are broke, the slave is free; Britannia's justice, wealth, and might Have gained the negro's long-lost right!

'Hail! blessed and auspicious day! Deeds in thy first bright dawning ray Which come from an angel from above, Herald of freedom, joy and love!

'O Thou, whose favor long was sought, What full deliverance hast thou wrought! The captive's groan has pierced thine ear, And thou hast wiped the falling tear.

Our prayers shall now with praise combine, For freedom poured on every clime; For holy freedom, gracious Lord, To join a world in sweet accord!

I hope the time will soon come, Mr. Chairman, when thousands of Christian ministers, with their congregations, throughout the length and breadth of the United States...

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had at their disposal then was one day in two weeks, to cultivate their provision grounds and procure the necessities of life, and the Sabbath to go to market, and for religious worship, if they chose...

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pire, through the subjugation of the Venetians and the Turks, but lost their liberties, their arts, their very civilization, ages and ages ago...

The question with nations as with men is not the preserving of their identity, but the preserving of their integrity. It is not whether we shall or not be a nation...

As a man is worth the good and truth that is in him, so is a nation worth the liberty, justice and culture of which it is the exponent...

How different from this blind idolatry of the Union, this frantic clinging to the mere form of the government, in faithlessness of all the natural loyalty and truth of man...

Mr. Choate's own confession of what is the primary American idea, the meaning of all our history, to wit: that 'every man was equal to every other man'...

Mr. Choate's oration is more talked about than read. Heavily tells us what a brilliant orator we have, and newspaper scribblers are lost in wonder at the magnificence of the interminable periods in which the oration abounds...

MR. GARRISON then read the 88th chapter of Isaiah, to which the reader's attention is referred.

The President said it was very well known that at that platform, they knew no distinction, either of sex or color, but he thought all would admit that on that day, the black man's tongue should utter the earliest accents, and he should therefore call upon CHARLES LENOX REMOND to address the audience.

REV. HENRY BLEBY, of Barbadoes, W. I., was then introduced, and delivered a very interesting and instructive address, occupying one hour and three quarters, which was listened to throughout with the closest attention.

MR. GARRISON followed Mr. Bleby in a few remarks, at the conclusion of which the Convention adjourned, to meet at 2 1/2 o'clock.

IS SPIRITUALISM GOOD FOR ANYTHING BUT TO TALK ABOUT?

We observe, with pain, that many of our Spiritual friends seem disposed to make Spiritualism a mere sectarian affair; to make their belief in the whole their religion; and, relying on the fact that their communications are to their earthly friends, to make them good and happy, deny and repudiate their duties to the unhappy and the oppressed...

If Spiritualism is good,—good for anything,—it is to impress us with the more thorough conviction that all men are brothers; that there is no distinction of rights; that wrong done to the poorest, the weakest, is only made the baser by its cowardice; that only the base and coward soul will apologize for the oppressor, and stand aloof at the oppressed...

The Society of Friends in England have addressed a letter to the Emperor of France, entreating him so to exercise the power entrusted to him that no proceedings on the part of the French government may in future open the way for a revival of the trade in human beings.

