

beams of the Sun of Righteousness will illumine our pathway; we shall go on from conquering to conquer, until the last fetter shall be broken, the last bondman be emancipated, and the whole universe become vocal with the shouts of redeemed and disenfranchised millions!

Treasurer's Report.

Western Anti-Slavery Society in account current with the Treasurer, from June 19th, 1849, to Sept. 19th, 1850.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes 'Received for Fair Goods', 'Contributions, pledges, &c.', 'S. Brooke's Collections', 'Receipts from Bugle list, advertisements, &c.'

EXPENDITURES.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes 'P. D. S. Jones, balance due', 'P. J. W. Walker on salary', 'P. H. W. Curtis', 'P. current expenses and debt on Bugle', 'S. S. Foster on debt', 'S. Brooke on debt', 'Hinchman for printing', 'Incidental Expenses', 'O. Johnson on Salary'.

MINUTES

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

TUESDAY, Sept. 17th, 1850.

The Western Anti-Slavery Society convened, according to appointment, in Friends' meeting-house in Salem. The President, TRUMAN CASE, of Randolph, presided, and opened the proceedings by a few pertinent and forcible remarks.

Oliver Johnson, the Recording Secretary, nominated as his Assistants ANN ELIZA LEE, of Randolph, and JOHN W. NEWPORT, of Colrain, and they were appointed to that service.

The following Committees were appointed: Business Committee.—Oliver Johnson, Parker Pillsbury, Lydia Irish, Samuel Myers, Rachel W. Whitney, Oliver Brown, Eliza T. Hancock, Wm. E. Lukens, Kersey G. Thomas, Cordelia Smalley.

Committee to nominate Officers.—James Barnaby, Ellen Thomas, George Garretson, Harvey M. Case, Oliver Johnson, Mary Whiting.

Finance Committee.—Samuel Brooke, Sarah McMillan, Cordelia Wadsworth, T. E. Vickers.

Samuel Brooke, during the absence of the Business Committee, presented two resolutions, on which he made some remarks.

The resolutions were afterwards laid on the table, to afford opportunity to hear the report of the Business Committee.

The Business Committee, through Parker Pillsbury, presented the series of resolutions hereunto annexed, and numbered 1 to 9 inclusive, and which it was voted to consider separately.

Remarks were made upon the first resolution by B. S. Jones, P. Pillsbury, Oliver Brown, and H. C. Wright.

It was voted that the morning sessions commence at 10 o'clock and close at half past 12, and that the afternoon sessions commence at 2 o'clock.

Oliver Johnson read a letter from James N. Buffum, of Lynn, Mass., which was directed to be published with the proceedings of the Society.

TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

2 o'clock, P. M.—The President not being present, Oliver Johnson was appointed President pro tem. The President, however, soon came in and resumed the chair.

The first resolution of the series offered by the Business Committee was taken up and discussed by Parker Pillsbury, H. C. Wright, McDuffee, and A. K. Foster, and unanimously adopted.

The Society of Friends wishing to occupy their house to-morrow as forenoon, the Society voted to hold its next session in a grove. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY—Forenoon Session.

10 o'clock, A. M., Sept. 18.—In the absence of the President, David L. Galbreath was appointed President pro tem. The resolutions offered yesterday by Samuel Brooke, were taken up and discussed by Samuel Brooke, Truman Case, Oliver Johnson and Samuel Myers, and unanimously adopted.

H. C. Wright offered a series of resolutions, which he supported at some length.

Adjourned to meet at Friends' meeting-house at 2 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY—Forenoon Session.

H. C. Wright made some remarks upon the resolutions offered by him yesterday, after which they were referred to the Business Committee.

The Committee on nominations made their report, and the officers of the Society for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President. MARIUS R. ROBINSON, Marlboro.

Vice Presidents. WILLIAM WATSON, Lowellville. TRUMAN CASE, Randolph.

JACOB MILLARD, Lowellville. THOMAS CHAPMAN, Washington, Md. JONATHAN HEDDERLEY, Indiana. BENJAMIN BROWN, Pennsylvania. A. W. RAWSON, Illinois. CALVIN GREEN, Southington.

Corresponding Secretary. OLIVER JOHNSON, Salem.

Recording Secretary. HARVEY D. SMALLLEY, Randolph.

Treasurer. ISAAC THRESCOTT, Salem.

Executive Committee. James Barnaby, Lydia Irish, John Gordon, J. Elizabeth Jones, Maria R. Robinson, Sarah McMillan, Kersey G. Thomas, Eliza T. Hancock, Mary Griffith, Lot Holmes, H. D. Smalley, Laura Barnaby, Wm. E. Lukens, Isaac Prescott, William Griffith, Robert Hillis.

The consideration of the Annual Report and the financial condition of the Society was resumed. Remarks were made by O. Johnson, Hoisington, A. K. Foster and others.—Barclay Gilbert, of Atwater, (a Free Soil man) expressed his interest in the Society as a means of moral agitation, and spoke plainly of the backwardness of its members in making contributions. He offered to be one of a hundred individuals who would pledge themselves to pay \$5 each, during the year. This proposition was warmly responded to, one hundred and thirty-three individuals uniting in it, thus securing to the treasury the sum of \$615.00.—Pledges for sums less than \$5 were then received, amounting to \$171.00. John Selby of Mercer Co., Pa., made a pledge of \$50.00. These sums added to the collections and pledges received yesterday make the whole amount secured, \$804.71. Of this \$136.71 was paid down.—The scene presented by the meeting while these pledges and collections were being made, was of deep and thrilling interest. Matilda Cunningham, a redeemed slave, made a few remarks, which moved every heart, and then contributed herself \$5.00. Her bodily energies had been worn out by long endurance of the ills of slavery, so that she could hardly earn her living, but she was willing to part with her last penny for the cause.

Afternoon Session. The motion to approve of the Annual Report and of the doings of the Executive Committee, was put and carried.

Kersey G. Thomas and C. S. S. Griffing were appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, and they subsequently reported that they had found it correct. The report was accepted.

The resolutions from the Business Committee were then taken up, when brief discussions were made by M. R. Robinson, A. K. Foster, Samuel Myers, and Oliver Johnson.

The following pledge was presented by Samuel Brooke, and all who were willing to adopt it, were invited to hold up their hands. A considerable number responded, and afterwards signed the pledge.

"We whose names are hereunto attached will, within three months, forward to the Publishing Agent of The Bugle one subscription or whom we warrant to pay, or in place thereof will become responsible for \$1.50."

Parker Pillsbury then made a most impressive parting address, when all the remaining resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

RESOLUTIONS. 1. Resolved, That the Anti-Slavery Epitaph is based on the self-evident truth, that all men are endowed with the inalienable right to Liberty—and consequently that Slavery is always and everywhere absolutely and eternally wrong—a violence done to Nature—a daring warfare upon the economy and government of the Universe—a damning sin upon man, and the ever living God—and being such against the ever living God—and being such a Constitution not Compact, nor Statute nor Decision, nor Church nor Religion, nor Bible nor imaginary God, can make it right—and it is therefore to be resisted and overthrown, even though its downfall should involve Governments and Religions, thrones and dominions, Bibles and false gods in indiscriminate ruin.

2. Resolved, That the Fugitive Slave Law recently passed in Congress, is but a stronger demonstration of the unjust, inhuman, God-defying, God-denying character of the American Constitution and Union; and we hereby avow our determination to treat it and its authors with deserved contempt, and the government from which it emanated with abhorrence and execration—while at the same time, in obedience to the higher and diviner law written by the Spirit of the Almighty on every human soul, we will encourage the poor bondmen and bond women to escape from their masters by offering them shelter, protection, concealment, or any other aid or comfort in our power to afford them.

3. Whereas, Under the new Fugitive Slave Law, certain Commissioners and other officers are to be appointed in the several Free States and Counties, to act in behalf of the Southern Slave-Master in the re-capture of his victims, Therefore

Resolved, That we do ardently hope and pray that no man can be found to accept so diabolical an appointment, or to aid the Southern ruffians in any way, by lurking and running as their bloodhounds, or otherwise, in his fiendish work; but should there be found those who will thus sink themselves to a level with ravening wolves and howling hyenas, we call upon the people to hold them in unutterable abhorrence. We call upon women, whose sisters he would thus deliver back to shame and infamy as well as cruelty, to shun them as they would loathsome adders; and we charge and adjure all parents to teach their children to dread and avoid them, much more than they would the house-burner, the robber, or the midnight assassin.

4. Resolved, That the imprisonment of Wm. L. CHAPMAN in the city of Washington for attempting to remove certain slaves from thence, that they might be free, would deepen the shame and guilt of this Nation, only that the measure of its guilt and shame was full to overflowing here; and while we extend to him our most heartfelt sympathy, we will, on the other hand, while he is thus immolated for an act of Christian kindness and love, renew our consecration to the great and glorious work of avenging to fragments a government and Union that thus makes the holiest deed that man is able to perform a heinous crime.

5. Resolved, That John McLean, of Ohio, a Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States, by his flaming zeal in deciding fugitive slave cases in favor of the tyrant and ruffian, and against the victim and the raved, and so joining by heavy fines and costs many of the

most humane and benevolent men in the nation, as well as hurling back to the woe of slavery those who at every perch had seemed, deserves to have his name enrolled high on the scroll of everlasting infamy, with a Jeffries of England, or Nero on the throne of Rome.

6. Resolved, That it is a falsehood to call any party in this nation a Free Soil Party, since there is not a foot of free soil under the jurisdiction of the United States, nor any political party acknowledging allegiance to the government that is really seeking to make the soil free—even that which Mexico made free having been recklessly and ruthlessly torn from her, and with the consent of all existing political parties, consecrated as the hunting ground of the human kidnappers, where himself, or his not less human bloodhound, may hunt and seize the flying fugitive and hurl him headlong back to the horrors of the whipping post and the plantation.

7. Resolved, That the government of this country being open rebellion and treason against the government of God, by its support of slavery, its slaughter of the Seminole Indians, its monstrous murder of 80,000 Mexicans and seizure of a vast extent of their country for slaveholding, the enactment of laws with fearful penalties against the highest, holiest and plainest demands of Christian kindness and philanthropy, any church that voluntarily supports that government, whose members vote in it, or are, (with their own consent), voted for, is a scandal and a blot on truth and goodness, a synaogue of Satan, an enemy to righteousness and of God, and as such, should be shunned as the most dangerous and fatal foe to the interests and happiness of man.

8. Resolved, That those ministers and religious teachers who confound such a religion with the doctrine and precepts of Jesus of Nazareth are either more stupid and blind than the savages of the wilderness, or they are the strongest evidence of the possibility of Total Depravity, and in either case, are as religious teachers, worthy only of the supreme contempt of the whole human race.

9. Resolved, That we behold with satisfaction and delight the decline of the slave-breeding and slave-buying Religion of this country, North as well as South; we rejoice in the death of its once boasted revivals; we are glad at the extinction of so many of its churches; the scattering of so many of its ministers into other and better employments, and the reduction of the number of students in most of the Theological Seminaries—for we behold in these things a bright promise and sure prophecy that the kingdom of heaven is at hand; that Peace and Righteousness will ere long supersede the war and slavery that now desolate and darken the earth, and God be acknowledged as the common Father of all his children, and all his children love and acknowledge each other as brethren and members of the same great family.

The following were introduced by Samuel Brooke:

Resolved, That without the aid of the Church, Albert Barnes being witness, Slavery at this age and in this country could not exist.

Resolved, That as Slavery can only be maintained by fraud, deception and violence, it follows as a logical conclusion that the Church can resort to such means only as the above to maintain it.

The following resolution was offered by C. S. S. Griffing, and adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the friends of the slave to immediately convene in their respective Counties, uniting with all who believe resistance to tyrants is obedience to God, and if possible, give such an expression against the Fugitive Slave Law as will prevent any persons from accepting the infamous office therein contemplated.

The following were also adopted:

Resolved, That this Society has heard with great satisfaction, that the Anti-Slavery Women of Salem have determined to hold a Fair in that place, for the benefit of our treasury, at the close of the present year; and that we earnestly entreat the friends of the cause in other places to co-operate with them in this highly important instrumentality, that it may be made as efficient as possible.

Resolved, That Eli Thomas be requested to communicate to the Salem Monthly Meeting of Friends, the thanks of this Society for the use of their meeting-house at the present Anniversary.

The following are the resolutions presented by H. C. Wright and referred to the Business Committee but not adopted.

Whereas, The following propositions contain the fundamental principles of the federal government, i. e.

1. That the American Union is a voluntary compact;

2. That said voluntary association was formed to secure justice and liberty to ourselves and our posterity;

3. That said compact is based on the principle that the majority shall rule;

4. That resistance to tyrants is obedience to God;

5. That every member of said confederacy becomes so by his own voluntary act; and by this act pledges himself not only to resist but to give active aid in the execution of any and every law that is passed by the majority;

6. That the American Congress is the representative body of the American Union and every member of it;

7. That the acts of Congress are the acts, not only of the Union, but of each and every voter or member thereof; inasmuch as each member is obliged never to resist, and also to obey and to help execute said acts; Therefore,

Resolved, That the fugitive slave bill recently passed by Congress, as well as all other laws touching slavery, is the act of each and every voter, or member of the American Union.

Resolved, That the object of said bill is to make resistance to tyrants, and the defence of ourselves, our wives and children against kidnappers, crimes punishable with fines, imprisonment and death.

Resolved, That if resistance to tyrants, or the defence of ourselves and families against man-stealers, ever was obedience to God, it is the right and the duty of every fugitive slave, of every abolitionist, and every man and woman in Ohio to act on the principle of DEATH TO KIDNAPPERS, whether they come to us as voters, congressmen, post-commissioners, judges, marshals, constables, posse comitatus, or slaveholders.

Resolved, That the passage of the said fugitive slave bill is a declaration of war on the part of Congress against the people of Ohio, and of all the non-slave states, and the people owe it as a duty to themselves and posterity, and to mankind to resist the execution of said law, and defend themselves and their children against this governmental war upon their rights and liberties.

Resolved, That whatever bloody consequences result from the passage and attempt-

ed execution of any law or constitution sanctioning the recapture of fugitive slaves, will rest upon each and every voter in the American Union.

Letter from James N. Buffum.

LYNN, Sept. 8, 1850.

MY DEAR FRIEND:—On my return from a tour in Maine, I found your letter of the 23d of August, inviting me, in behalf of the leading friends of the West, to attend the Anniversary of the Western Anti-Slavery Society, to be held in Salem on the 17th and 18th instant.

I embrace this the first moment I could spare from urgent duty, to thank you and your friends for your kind invitation, and to say to you, that although a multiplicity of cares too numerous and impetive to be disregarded, will prevent me from being with you in person, yet I feel I shall be with you in spirit, to sympathize with you in all your trials, to rejoice with you in your success, to congratulate you upon the favorable aspects of the cause at the present time, and to resolve with you upon firmness and fidelity for the future. It would be pleasant to meet so many of the true friends as will be present at your Anniversary, to shake their warm hands, listen to their inspiring words, and feel their hearts beat high and strong for liberty and equality. These are stirring times, and such as must move every one who has a heart to feel, and especially those who are the friends of the Slave. To those who know no higher law than expediency, and no other wisdom than that which seeks the subversion of the purposes of God, by the craftiness of man, the times may seem dark; but to him who has faith in the eternal principles of Right, who believes that "Truth struck to earth will rise again," all is bright and full of promise. Webster may not wish to re-enact the Laws of God, nor to be governed by them, but God's Laws are 'yea and amen forever, and will re-enact themselves, and re-act upon all who disregard them; and no amount of talents or education can save those who disregard them from just condemnation. No, the truth of this declaration is made clear in the case before us. Webster's speech in the Senate of the U. S., on the side of the Slave Power, endorsing that abominable bill of Mason's, giving up the Free States to be hunting ground for slaveholders, making it a crime to perform to the flying Slave the duty which God has specially enjoined, has rent the veil and revealed him in all his deformity as an enemy to the human race, a deadly foe to human liberty. The high respect which many had for his talents, the glitter of his genius, which veiled his sins, has gone, and he is now seen in the light of his own meanness, dismantled by his own acts, debased by his own words and deeds, a monument of God's power to vindicate his insulted majesty. Let those who would seek to be greater than truth, and bid defiance to the plain and obvious requirements of justice, remember that the strongest intellect could not do it, and for such presumption the man who was called 'godlike' hath fallen. Let us then discard all craftiness, all self-seeking, and cling to those plain principles of duty, founded in justice to all, impartial and eternal, having God for their author and the universal voice of Nature for their witness. On such a foundation the weakest may stand and be strong. Hoping that you may have a large and enthusiastic meeting—one that shall aid the cause of freedom and give pleasure and satisfaction to all who participate in its proceedings, I remain your friend and fellow-laborer in the cause of Liberty and Equality.

JAMES N. BUFFUM.

OLIVER JOHNSON.

Pledges and Payments.

Five Dollar Pledges—Unpaid.

The following persons, at the recent Anniversary, agreed to pay into the Treasury of the Western A. S. Society, within one year the sum of Five Dollars each:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes William Lightfoot, Do. Do., James Barnaby, Samuel Brooke, Oliver Johnson, Joel McMillan, Isaac Prescott, D. H. Hise, Eli Thomas, Margarette Pierce, Ann Pierson, Thomas Sharp, Do. Do., Jane Trossett, Benj. Halliday.

MARLBORO. Mary Walton, J. C. Morgan, Thomas Wickersham, Lewis Morgan.

NEW LYNN. J. W. Walker, Ann Walker.

RANDOLPH. Truman Case, Ann Eliza Lee, Do. Do.

NEW LISBON. Wm. Myers, George Garretson.

MARSHILLON. Ann Shreve, Charles Shreve.

COLUMBIANA. Rachel Diekson, Eliza Holmes.

NEW GARDEN. Esther Ann Lukens, David L. Galbreath, Do. Do., Joseph Ingraham, Jr.

COOL SPRING. David Galbreath, Cornelius Whitacre, Thomas E. Vickers.

BERLIN. Elizabeth C. Strong, Samuel Davis, Rachel Mason, Sarah H. Garretson, Silas Harris, Ezra Beannin.

HERSBURGH. George Holmes, A. Crooks, Do. Do.

BRICKSVILLE. Chessman Miller, Do. Do.

BAIRNBURGH. Reuben J. Henry, Oliver Brown, Rootstowns, Ernestus Case, BERRA. N. Douglass, Charles Douglass.

HINKLEY. Joseph Hogg, John Dunham, New HATBORO, Elizabeth Townsend.

MILFORD. Milo A. Townsend, THE WORLD, David Edgar.

CYRUS NORTH, NELSON. J. Deming, Pittsburgh. Wilson Thorn, Youngstown.

J. Holmes, Connott, A. T. French, N. Benton. E. Marsh, Fairfield. J. Richardson, Achortown. Joel Betts, Goshen. Isaac Coats, Linnaville.

ISAAC BROOKS, CONNACUT, PENNSYLVANIA. Adaline C. Joiner, Garrettsville. Maria L. Giddings, Jefferson.

Z. Jenkins, Jr., Goshen. M. Whiting, Canton. Adelia Brooks, (conditional) Connecut, Pa. Julia Ann Barrick, (Not known.)

PINY COOK, CHARLSTON. Piny Cook, Colerain. Thompson Randolph, Guilford. William Michener, Pottersville.

116 Pledges of \$5 each—Total, \$580 00

Pledges for Various Sums—Unpaid.

The following persons have pledged themselves to pay into the Treasury of the Western A. S. Society, during the year, the sums annexed to their respective names:

John Selby, Perrine, Mercer Co., Pa. \$50.00

Lydia Irish, New Lisbon, 20.00

A. Friend, Leesburgh, 20.00

John Deming, Pittsburgh, 10.00

Lewis Morgan, Marlboro, 10.00

Benj. Snow, Berlin, 2.00

John Fitzpatrick, Columbianna, 2.00

Isaac Brooks, Connacut, Pa. 1.00

John Randolph, Marlboro, 1.00

Joshua W. Bonsall, Salem, 1.00

Elijah Fisher, 25

E. Whitney, New Garden, 1.50

James Miller, New Garden, 4.00

D. L. Galbreath, 1.00

John R. Mercer, Fairfield, 1.00

Mahlon Votaw, New Garden, 1.00

David Galbreath, Cool Spring, 1.00

Henry Smith, 1.00

Lewis T. Park, Salem, 2.00

Alvan Redfield, Randolph, 1.00

James Miller, New Garden, 1.00

C. Curry, Salem, 2.00

Thomas Bishop, Columbianna, 2.00

Mary Ann Hillis, Mt. Union, 1.00

Louisa Fairfax, Salem, 2.50

Eliza Morton, Salem, 2.50

Sarah Ann Thomas, Salem, 2.50

Mary Freeman, 1.00

Rachel Lancaster, 1.00

Ann Thomas, New Garden, 1.00

Charlotte Archer, Salem, 1.00

Catherine Hambleton, New Garden, 2.00

Ethier Harris, Mount Union, 1.00

Anne Harris, 1.00

Hannah Hillis, 1.00

Elizabeth Morgan, Marlboro, 1.00

Piny Cook, Charleston, 50

Matilda Galbreath, Cool Spring, 50

Alvira Woodruff, 50

Sarah Ann Thomas, Salem, 50

I. M. Giddings, Jefferson, 1.00

Julia Cleverly, 25

Sarah W. Galbreath, Salem, 1.00

Mary E. Underwood, 50

Elizabeth P. Vickers, Cool Spring, 25

Collection, 108

Total, \$617

Recapitulation.

Amount of Five Dollar Pledges, unpaid, \$580.00

other pledges, 175.00

Five Dollar Pledges paid, 75.00

Other pledges and collections paid, 61.71

Total, \$894.71

Old Pledges Unredeemed.

It has been thought best to publish the following list of Pledges made to the Western Anti-Slavery Society, at the Anniversaries of 1848 and 1849, and which, according to the Treasurer's books, have not been redeemed. It is possible, however, that a few of them have been paid without being discharged on the books. One object in publishing the list is to afford opportunity for the correction of such mistakes. It is hoped that those who are still indebted to the Society will pay up all arrearages, so far as they may be able to do so, and that as speedily as possible.

ISAAC THRESCOTT, Treas. W. A. S. Soc.

1848.

Lot Holmes, \$2.00

David Woodruff, 5.00

John Clark, Deerfield, 5.00

Joseph H. Collins, Farmington, 1.00

James Davis, Smith, 1.00

John Collier, New Garden, 1.00

Horace White, 1.00

Hugh M'Lane, 1.00

Elizabeth Barrett, 1.00

Rhoda Windsorworth, 1.00

Eliza Holmes, 1.00

Ethier Ann Lukens, 1.00

E. White, .25

Benjamin F. Sebel, 1.00

John Sperry, 1.00

Jacob Reader, .50

Jno. Grant, 2.00