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At the Autumnal Unitarian Conference held at Worcester, Massachusetts, October, 1842, the following resolution was offered by Rev. Samuel May of Leicester:

~~We~~ ~~that~~ Whereas, There exists in ~~our~~ land, and among professed Christians of all denominations, an institution which systematically defrauds millions of our fellowmen of all their rights as men, dooms them to a life of ignorance and of unrequited toil, and demoralises and corrupts all connected with it; and

Whereas, It is now boldly proclaimed and by an increasing number, that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ warrants & sanctions ~~that~~ ~~not~~ the existence of that institution among us; therefore

Resolved, That as ministers & disciples of Jesus Christ, we feel bound to declare our solemn opinion that the institution of Slavery is radically and inherently opposite to his religion;—that it ought to be immediately abandoned by all who profess to be Christians;—and that we do affectionately admonish and entreat all who hold the like precious faith with us to free themselves from the guilt of sustaining this evil thing.

(over)

~~No action was taken upon the subject.~~
There ~~was~~^{was} manifested a great unwillingness
to express any opinion upon the subject, &
the Convention adjourned without taking
any action upon it.

This need not
be returned
to me.