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Glasgow Emancipation Society.

On Monday evening the adjourned meeting of the Emancipation Society took place, as advertised in our last, in the Rev. Dr. Heugh's Church. For a time, no additional tickets were issued, but the number of those who had assembled to attend to throughout with the greatest attention. On the platform, in addition to the Glasgow gentlemen who have all along taken a direct interest in the cause of emancipation, were—George Thompson, Esq. who was appointed to deliver an address on the subject of India; J. C. Hansard, Esq. of the Times; T. Pringle, Esq. from London; Dick, author of the *Philosophy of the Heavens*; David Mill, Esq., of Aberdeen, and other gentlemen. On the motion of Mr. Ewing, Mr. Pringle, Esq. from London, one of the Secretaries of the Society, was called to the chair.

The Chairman shortly stated the object for which they were called together, and expressed a hope that no hope would be entertained that any good could be done by the delegated purpose of the meeting. He then introduced Mr. Thompson to the meeting.

Mr. Thompson said—Sir, I rise to submit the following resolution:—"That it is the solemn duty on the people and government of Great Britain to consider the justness of the claims of their fellow-subjects, the natives of British India, and to devise and carry forward such measures as are calculated to elevate the moral condition of a people, elevate their character; that this duty gathers additional weight and importance from the fact that the existing systems of slavery and the slave trade in many extensive districts of that country, are a demand for certain articles of tropical growth, now obtained by the compulsory labor of persons held in bondage in the United States, and that the extension of British rule over the soil of India is fully adequate to produce, by the unconstrained labor of the natives, under a wise and equitable administration of British rule, results of the highest importance to the people of this country. I can with truth declare that I never rose to speak upon the subject on which I have to address you, with more diffidence, or a more painful consciousness of my inadequacy to the task. I am, however, encouraged by the kindness with which I have been received by the people of India, who are associated for the purpose of diffusing information respecting that country, that they thereby awaken the sympathies of the people of Britain in behalf of the wants of their distant, disfranchised, and helpless fellow-subjects. (Cheering.) There is, perhaps, no subject connected with the British Empire which has given rise to a more need of information than that which is brought before you in the resolution I have now submitted to this meeting. The ignorance of the people of India is, I hope, to be enlightened. Let me name a few of them. The history of that country, prior to the occupation of any portion of it by the British, is little known. The accounts given of it during the last seventy years—the constitution and character of the government at home and abroad—the condition and feelings of the people—the nature and extent of the productions of the soil—the peculiar treasures by which the land of India is held, and the mode by which the revenue of the land is made and paid—the amount of revenue—the amount of wealth annually derived from India, and the necessary and natural effect of this drawing system upon a country that is not, like Britain, a manufacturing and commercial nation, which have been assumed by the British rulers of India, and which affect so deeply and extensively the comfort of the people of that country, and the prospects of commerce with that vast country, and the hindrances which lie in the way of its augmentation—and the relation which this subject bears to the cause of humanity and religion, such as have been accustomed to meet so frequently, and labor so earnestly—these are all topics of deep interest and importance; and, though they have been discussed, and have been a political aspect, yet they are inseparably connected with the welfare of the native population, and cannot be overlooked, and yet be the subject of a right and upright course of conduct, or break the fetters from the limbs of the captives in the west. (Great cheering.) Therefore it is that I present this resolution. I feel unfortunate in all ways in most underrate the magnitude of the subject I have to discuss, and the variety of the interests connected with it. My resolution says it is the duty of the people and government of this country to consider this question. Much, sir, is implied in that word —consider. I have introduced it advisedly; since, if this be placed in the hands of a committee, I ask, I ask of this audience, all I ask of the public at large, in the first instance, is that they will but themselves consider the condition and claims of the people of India. (cheers.) When the King of Israel would pronounce a blessing upon the truly benevolent man of his day, and at the same time distinguish the blessing, he gave the character of his benevolence, and "Blessed is he that considereth the poor," and I commend the promise, in the latter part of the text, to those who are struggling against the claims of their fellow-creatures—"The Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble." I ask for no transient, sentimental, spasmodic exertion, no effort of mere compassion, no feeling excited forth by poetical and poetic declamation, but a thoughtful, enlightened, permanent regard—a regard founded upon the principle and conviction of duty. I would wish to have the opportunity hereafter of assisting you on your inquiries upon this subject. At present I feel as in the dark. I wish to offer a few hints—to-night, rather by directing your attention to the anti-slavery bearing of the subject, than to any lengthened description of the present condition of the Indian people. I will, nevertheless, I will briefly notice the circumstances of the cultivators of the soil generally, and the chief cause of their poverty and wretchedness. Perhaps, if we compare other countries with our country, and the facts being stated, you will be able to infer the best from what I shall afterwards advance. (Cheering.) I ask you, fellow-subjects, if it be right for a gentleman from India, now in this city, if, find the great bulk of the inhabitants of the most fertile country in the world—of country which, in ancient times, was proverbial for its wealth and luxurious government—described as destitute of every thing which consists with comfort, or as entitled to look above the absolute necessities of life? Sir, I am aware that some European manufactures might as well have been—I mean—They live from hand to mouth, never being above the need of a penny and a penny's worth. Sir, I am aware that what has England done for India? the answer is—nothing. The people are depressed, disjointed, and wretched—bowed down to the dust by the weight of a foreign yoke and heavy taxing system of their rulers. It would be hard, says this writer, for the warmest advocates of "India rule" to say in what this country has benefited the people of India, in any humanity, benevolence, or even regard to his own interests, was return to that the poor rural cultivator in the land of poverty and oppression, and, if it be not, at all, he must feel himself doomed to degradation and despondency and suffering and to silence. This truly deplorable state of things is attributable to the fact that the revenue of the peculiar position of the people under the British Government, and the amount of taxation to which they are subjected, a system of taxation to which there is no parallel, if it executed, it is ever unknown in this country. He gives the experience of Dr. Gibson, connected with the permanent settlement of Bengal, and he refers to several instances, tried to induce the Ryot people to cultivate the ground, but without success." My object is that it is the impossibility of the poor peasantry of India to cultivate the native and amount of that tax paid to the sole landlord, the East India Company. Sir, I ask, I ask of you, and who desire to elevate the people of India, to consider the impediments to the prosperity of the people of this country. The immortal Burke, a man himself, upon the subject of the Indian tax, "Tax the Ryot as you please, and it will pay to be sugar merchants for all the world." I am now speaking only of the Bengal India. I am saying nothing of Bombay and Madras. Sir, I am saying nothing of Ceylon, Sumatra, Java, the Philippines, or, last, though not least, of Java, the richest and most magnificent of the Indian Archipelago. Think not, therefore, the days of Indian grandeur are past. They are yet to come. Great Britain is not still in already on the banks of the Ganges. "Is not the Scottish capital is there. Since the equipment of ships, which took place but the other day, the imports of a river from India has increased from 76,813 tons in 1814 to 215,126. Let one also say that the sugar from the East is the fruit of free labor. It may, therefore, be brought to the British market. It is a free produce—a free product of free labor, and consumed without a crime. Free labor is unknown over the fertile plain of the Ganges, where there is throughout a population equal to the population of Great Britain.

Now look—as it was our blind and guilty commercial policy that upheld slavery in the West Indies, so it is the preference we give to the slave-grown produce of America that upholds the slavery of that country. As the adoption of a wiser, cheaper, and juster system would have uprooted our own colonial system, and spared us the years of toil and anxiety and strife through which we passed in the cause of emancipation, so the adoption of such a system at this present time would have uprooted the slavery of Transcontinental Asia, without danger, but on the contrary, with great gain to ourselves, and the saving of an immense income—the saving of the lives of a vast mass of unfortunate of America (cheers.) At this very hour we have, we reward, we stimulate the slaveholders of America. The very prosperity of the British Empire—the existence of slavery is sure—here, in this country and in this city—(cheering.) The blood guilty men of the United States are but the tenants of a land of which the British government ought to our equality—the lineaments of Britain yet remaining. In the time of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States in 1784, there seemed to be a prospect of the speedy abolition of slavery throughout the entire country, and at the time when the slave trade, but for the cotton trade, slavery would by this time have been almost unknown in that Republic

Previous to 1784 not a pound of cotton had been cultivated in the United States for exportation. It was in that year that the hope was first expressed, that, if good seed could be procured, it might be made an article of exportation from the Southern States. The experiment was made and succeeded. The invention of the saw-gin subsequently supplied the requisite machinery for the cleaning of the cotton in the United States is now 2,000,000 bales of which we purchase about one half. The effect of this trade was to place the slave system on a firm footing. The negroes, who would soon have become valueless, and have been, therefore, emancipated, suddenly acquired a high and unprecedented value. The slave trade, and Maryland, and Kentucky, and North Carolina, where, by reason of their increase and the barrenness of the soil, they were becoming not expensive to their masters, suddenly acquired a value, that might be kept for breeding, and sold as wanted to the rich markets of the Southwestern States—Louisiana and Mississippi, where the cotton plant had commenced the process of *killing* the soil, and the slaves upon the soil, in the cotton plantations, and in the sugar plantations of Louisiana. What is the language of a cotton planter writing recently in a Southern newspaper!

"I have no idea that the slaveholding race could maintain their liberty or independence for five years without cotton. I no longer wonder at the want of generosity, liberality, our intelligence, and commands the respect of foreign powers. The Egyptian may look with devotion to his Nile, his source of all his prosperity, and the Hindoo, the Ganges, and idolatrous of the Holy Land, may bathe in the sacred Jordan, and take comfort from the belief that he has washed away his sins—the Hindoo may worship the Lotus, under an idea that Vishnu created Brahma from its unfolded flower; but a genuine slaveholder in South Carolina or Georgia, will look upon the cotton plant, as the source of his power and his liberty. All the parchments upon earth would not convince him that he is supplied with material for his greatness. All the experts to preserve the peculiar institutions of his country, and transmit them to posterity, to secure the perpetuity of slavery, are lodged in one hand, and the sword in the other, ever ready to defend it."

And what is the language of the Abolitionists of America, through one of their most distinguished editors? "The cotton trade, rather than the cotton plant, has the bloodless termination of American slavery, is the increase of cotton cultivation on the Peninsular of British India." What is the language of the Christian? Hear it—"Go to India for your cotton, and it is all over with American slavery!" If these things be true, then how great, how tremendous is our responsibility! Sir, I am, I feel, I know, I am bold with his house by tongueteeness, and his chambers by cowardice, that such his neighbor's service—such the cruelty and guilty sought for his wealth—? I ask, so far of that terrible woe, that I ask assume those who are guilty of neglect of the facilities we possess of obtaining an abundant supply of the article we want from our own territory, and of the cotton plant, which, if it be, it is a matter of advantage both to the growers and the consumers! Put, then, in motion the powerful principle of a sound and unless political economy, and the cotton plant will be found a blessed—make your trade conducive to the liberty and happiness of millions (cheers.)—to the quiet, peaceful, yet resistant operations of the cotton plant not to be crushed. We must yield, however dull his intellect, however hard his heart, however dead his conscience to the reasonings and the texts of Scripture, or the appeals of his Christian fellow citizens.

If, however, we persist in supplying the motive to those who cling to slavery, by the sale of the cotton produced by one set, both the laws of nature and of humanity, and God, then are we recreant to our own religion, of mercy, and justice, and humanity, and we are guilty of that which whose Bible is their leger, whose altar is their desk, whose church is their exchange, and whose god is their gold! We are the receivers of stolen goods, and we are guilty, we consider us as bad as the thief. For myself my course is easy. I will not cease to expose the enormity of our present practice, I will not cease to plead for the rights, honor, and safety, and liberty, and happiness of the poor slave, whose wails are long shall echo, as they have done a thousand times before, with the prayers for liberty, contained in the warrants of the commission brokers of human blood, and an office where men may be licensed to sell women and children by the pound! I will not cease to plead for the rights of the slave—and why this horrid inconsistency—this love of a system made up of lust, and cruelty, and blood? It is because we are a commercial people. It hath it in our hearts—in that by which they live. While it remains probable, it will be continued, defended, and eulogised as the concession of a commercial people. Let it become unprofitable, and it will cease to be upheld.

Thus, thus will trade, unencumbered still by time,
Raise her base voice to cloak the hellish crime
Thus will she lift the lash and hilting, smile
As blood-earned lure centres in her soil

I know that pride, a hatred of the men of color, the love of gain, and the love of commercial prosperity, are the chief supports of the system; but these by themselves would not keep it alive for one year. Three millions of human beings would not be held in slavery for a single year, if it were not for the cotton trade. Lessen those gains, and the system totters—annihilate them, and it expires. Look back for a moment to the state of the British colonies, and the struggle for their emancipation — Twenty years, sir, ago, every day, is asking it more apparent to the world at large, that slavery was opposed to the best interests of the country, and to its gains and penalties. In the cause of negro emancipation in the colonies of Great Britain, might have been spared, if it could have been proved that slavery was not a gain to the West Indies was based on sugar; in the United States it is based on cotton. It, twenty years ago, we had proved that slavery was a loss to the West Indies, and that it was a loss to the United States, we would have saved ourselves the trouble, the agitation, petitioning, electioneering, and spending many millions would all have been rendered unnecessary. Sir, I am, I feel, I know, I am bold to say, that the sugar cane in other countries would have flourished, under the hand of free labor, to give us the sweet strap, we would have had the sugar in abundance, and free labor, we would have had the cotton in abundance, and free labor, we would have had the rice, and free labor, we would have had the tobacco, and free labor, we would have had the indigo, and free labor, we would have had the coffee, and free labor, we would have had the rum, and free labor, we would have had the cotton, and free labor, we would have had the tea, and free labor, we would have had the silk, and free labor, we would have had the wool

of ownership. Such a principle never can suppose the right to place out the eyes of the soul, and drown the moral nature, if it were possible that such a work could come within the sphere of human ability. It is by no means difficult to see, that it such a principle should be carried out, it would subject the happiness of one portion of the human family entirely to the will and caprice of another—change the duties of a slave to his God into duties to a creature—in a word, nullify the relation between man and his God—to build up an unnatural relation when the God of the universe has never sanctioned.

Now, I say that as the principle may appear, it is the very principle upon which slavery is built, and which is acted upon throughout the slaveholding country.

The doctrine of anti-slavery men is, that the black man has rights which are as sacred as the rights of the white man. And consequently where his rights are trampled upon there can be no principle of justice which can even for a limited time, lawfully sanction such usurpation. The rights of the black man are the gift of his divine Author, as much as the rights of the white man—hence no argument can prove that they may be rightfully withheld from him, but an argument which will prove that he is not a man.

He that can admit that the slave is *a man*, and yet contend that he is justly *a slave*, manifests himself destitute alike of the first principles of justice, and the commonest dictates of common sense. He shows in effect, that if his reasoning attitude his own sealed conscience, he cares not if it is inconsistent with truth, or contrary to the dictates of his reason. His recklessness, however, little exceeds the recklessness of those divines who when met professedly in the name of the great God of truth, yet unscrupulously sacrifice the interests of Zion, can show themselves much concerned about the sins of intemperance and Sabbath breaking; but when inconsistency strikes a blow at their idols, they silence their consciences as to say the "*delicate subject*" upon the table, and hush it all in silence, lest the good feelings of brethren should be wounded, or they merely spoken, no wonder that the infidel should sneer at their inconsistency, while a wicked world ridicules their religion, a religion which while it commands the grandest truths, yet unscrupulous in its reckonings, however, little exceeds the reckonings

benefits which result from the efforts necessary to promote them. One, of not the highest collateral blessing of the anti-slavery excitement, has been the organization of groundless sectarian prejudices. It has been the boast of abolitionists, and justly assumed as a strong evidence of the righteousness of their cause, that men in meeting on its broad platform, seemed to forget every thing within themselves but their common humanity. Jew and Gentile, Calvinist and Quaker, Methodist and Unitarian, all joined in delightful brotherhood. This was one of the enlivening considerations of the cause of truth. It has already been marred by the demon of sectarianism. O that we might resolve to crush forever this hydra-headed monster, and wear no other bonds than those of truth.

It is not sound philosophy, nor is it consistent with sober reason, to purchase one good at the sacrifice of another. Society will not be benefitted by an exchange of evils. It is a mere lottery to act on such a presumption. What would it avail if we could destroy slavery to-morrow, by the substitution of other evils put in its place? We have too much confidence in *principles*, to allow ourselves to nurture one viper for the sake of destroying another.

It is said, that the formation of sectarian societies among those who will not join the American Anti-Slavery Society, *approximates* them to that point, and that they will finally land there. This is more than doubtful. It involves a principle, the question, *whether it is right to hold up an imperfect* attached to the cause of truth, and yet, at the same time, to be faithfully and vigorously sustained.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Society, relying upon the support and continuance of their constituents, will with a promptness and energy which do them great credit, continue to prosecute the cause with cordial approval and delight, the appearance in Great Britain of the American anti-slavery movement, the "British India Society"—formed to put down the slave trade and opposed to millions in India, and furnish the manufactories of the civilized world with the labor products instead of those of slave labor, and that we regard this movement as the cause of humanity in the services of George Thompson and Buxton (O'Connell)

Resolved, That of all pro-slavery hostilities, those are most malignant and dangerous that wear the guise of abolitionists; and that, in the present state of the cause, at this crisis, most cautiously to be guarded against, and most fully to be exposed, is the pro-slavery hostility of "new organization."

Resolved, That the marriage law of this Commonwealth, which degrades and punishes persons on account of their complexion, and prohibits marriage in connexions and peculiar manner, those whom God has joined together; is a blot upon the character of the State, anti-republican in its operation, and diametrically opposed to the spirit of the gospel, and should be immediately erased from the Statute Book.

Resolved, That this Convention would most urgently call upon the friends of equal rights throughout the country to move their petitions to the Legislature for the abrogation of this unrighteous law at its next session

Resolved, That we regard the repeal of this law, we do so, not because it relates to the subject of matrimony in particular, but on the ground of its palpable absurdity, injustice and injurious tendency.

Resolved, That petitioning Congress and the State Legislatures, in relation to the existence of slavery and the slave trade in the District of Columbia and in Texas, is one of the most effective means of promoting our enterprise;—we therefore entreat Abolitionists not to remit their efforts in this particular sphere of action.

Resolved, That the passage of a resolution, by the late General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which declares slavery "a moral evil," and yet so impotent, so little so after the testimony of colored persons in the trial of Rev. Orlando Scott, is a powerful evidence that slavery is the great power which rules the church as well as the nation; and gives to that church the shameless pre-eminence of protecting itself from the direful effects of slavery, by trampling on the rights of their acknowledged brethren and contemptuously in the dust.

Resolved, That this Convention recommends to the serious consideration of all philanthropists the mission of our self-denying friend, Hiram Wilson, as worthy of their confidence and the exercise of their pecuniary support as they may consistently be able to afford it.

Resolved, That the prejudice cherished by many professed abolitionists against the colored people, on the ground of consistency, to say nothing about duty, to be immediately abolished.

Resolved, That George Thompson is hereby invited by this Convention to revisit Massachusetts at as early a day as may be consistent with his convenience.

Resolved, That the following form of petition be recommended to the citizens of Massachusetts for their adoption:

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

The subscribers, citizens of in the County of and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, respectfully represent to your honorable body that you will forthwith strike out and repeal so much of the first section of "an act for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of government of the United States," approved July 16th, 1790, as is contained in the following words, to wit, "and until Congress shall otherwise by law provide."

Springfield Convention.

An Anti-Slavery Convention, of the genuine old organized sort, and designed especially for the western counties of Massachusetts, was held in the delightful village of Springfield, on Thursday and Friday of last week, immediately after the Convention at Worcester. Its sessions were all harmonious and delightful meetings; and although the number in attendance was not as large as we could have wished, the proceedings were of the most spirited and encouraging character, and left, we doubt not, a happy impression upon the honest-hearted abolitionists of that region. Western Massachusetts, although one of the most inviting fields for anti-slavery labor, has been in all the country, has been but little cultivated hitherto. If the same amount of effort which has been expended on the seaboard, and in the region around Boston, had been put forth to abolitionize the dwellers upon the hills of old Berkshire, and in the clearning valley of the Connecticut, that delightful country, instead of slandering the joy of sinlessness, or wilfully joining under the chilling blasts of new organization, would now present a glorious harvest to the eye of the anti-slavery reaper. The Convention at Springfield was the commencement of a moral campaign, which needs only to be vigorously prosecuted, to ensure complete success. Sectarianism and new organization have had their worst, and will, ere long, exert legitimate results in the general indifference of the people to the anti-slavery cause, and in the unfounded prejudices and violent hostility against genuine abolitionism which so extensively prevail. This indifference and hostility can and must be broken up. We call upon the invincible phalanx of Boston to enter this field, so promising to the eye of Faith; to break up the fallow-ground, and to scatter broad-cast upon its sunny hill-sides and in its pleasant valleys those seeds of immortal truth, which need only to be planted to secure a bountiful harvest.

The Convention was organized by the choice of Dr. *Jefferson Church* of Springfield, President; Amos Farnsworth, of Conway, Daniel Carmichael, of Springfield, and Nathan Johnson, of New Bedford, Vice Presidents; Wm. M. Chace, Secretary. Among the speakers were Garrison, Rogers, W. O. Duvall, Abby Kelley, Wm. M. Chace, and G. W. F. Mellen. Intense interest was excited on Friday evening, when the question of new organization was under discussion between Jerome, of Springfield, and some others, undertook to defend it. They were evidently laboring under false impressions in relation to its character and objects; and we have good reason for believing that those impressions were, to some extent, at least, removed. Enough was said, however, to show the force, and the spirit of him was sufficient to diminish no small share of the prejudice which new organization had excited. The presence and labors of Abby Kelley, also, were of great service to the Convention. The dignity of her appearance, her unassuming modesty, and the calmness and fidelity with which she enunciated truth, did much to conciliate and reconcile and to direct the public efforts of her sex. The efforts of new organization to stop the work of women, and prevent her from pleading in behalf of suffering humanity, will yet recoil upon its head with a force which shall lay it prostrate at the feet of abused and insulted Truth. We feel it bowave how it manifests itself in the hearts of those whose hearts are swelling with sympathy for the oppressed, and whose calm but indignant voice, as it is borne upon free winds to the east of the Southern oppressor, fills him with fearful and ominous forebodings of that mighty moral tempest at which shall yet lay his blood-stained system in the dust.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Convention, with great unanimity, after a free and full discussion of their merits

Resolved, That the enslavement of one sixth of the people of this country ought to silence forever all its claims to democracy, republicanism, or Christianity; it ought to degrade a nation, and those of us who identify give their assent to it, as individuals, with the infamy that attaches to the guilty nation.

Resolved, That slaveholding is a moral offence against God and man and not to be cleansed away by any sufferings and by penitence and moral reformation

Resolved, That in the estimation of this Convention, the Committee of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, in assuming to determine upon the qualifications for admission to the late anti-slavery meeting in London, on the call for the "World's Convention," transcended their authority, which extended merely to the right of calling the meeting and providing the place for it; and that that Committee deserve the indignant rebuke of the American Abolitionists for this assumption, and for presuming to reject a part of the delegates from the United States, and that we and this Convention deeply regret that the London Conference sanctioned the doings of that Committee, and still more that men, fresh from the side of the Atlantic, bearing the name of Abolitionists, were found ready to participate in a transaction so unbecoming the professed advocates of human liberty.

Resolved, That those among us who occupy posts of the greatest influence are the most deeply involved in the guilt of our national, pro-slavery sin.

Resolved, That the commanding posts of influence in relation to slavery and its abolition are occupied by the professed ministers of the gospel.

Resolved, That genuine abolitionism is a working, giving, self-sacrificing abolitionism; and all else is worthless and spurious.

Resolved, That the attempt now making by certain professed abolitionists to organize a political party in this country, ought to be discountenanced by all who are desirous of preserving the moral integrity, and of witnessing the speedy triumph of the anti-slavery cause.

Resolved, That no man can vote for Wm. Henry Harrison or Martin Van Buren, without voting directly to sustain the system of slavery; votes for slavery has no title to the name of "abolitionist."

Whereas, the anti-slavery enterprise is designed to effect a single object,—the emancipation, by moral and religious means, of our enslaved brethren and sisters, and the elevation and improvement of the colored people in our land; and whereas, this object accomplish, in human prospect, it is desirable and necessary that there should be a union of members of all religious sects, and persons of every shade of religious belief; therefore

1. Resolved, That any attempt to identify this enterprise with the peculiar religious or political opinions of any man or sect, is fraught with the spirit of that faith which is opposed to harmonious action, and should meet the indignant frown of all who have at heart the welfare of the slave.

2. Resolved, That to proscribe from our fellowship or reproach at any individual in our ranks, on account of his sentiments in relation to other subjects, or to refuse to co-operate with him in labors for the advancement of our cause, betrays a spirit of sectarianism and intolerance, which is hostile to the great principle of our enterprise.

3. Resolved, That the American and Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Societies, for their firm and fearless course, in refusing to exclude from our common platform, to cease any person on account of sex or religious opinion, and for their faithful exertions to preserve the cause from the blighting influence of sectarian prejudice and party, are entitled to the confidence and support of all the friends of humanity

Resolved, That among the most important moral and philanthropic movements of the age, the formation of the British India Society, for the abolition of slavery in British India, and the exertions of one hundred and fifty millions of the natives of that country from British injustice and oppression, is to be hailed with the deepest interest; especially, as the great power which rules the destinies of that object Society cannot fail to inflict a heavy blow upon the system of slavery in this country, by bringing cotton raised by free labor into competition with that produced by slave.

Resolved, That this "Convention learn with great pleasure that an invitation has been extended to Governor Thompson to revisit our shores to participate with us in the glorious struggle for the supremacy of liberty over slavery.

Resolved, That the pro-slavery spirit of the country manifests itself at this crisis, in the most insidious, malignant and dangerous form, under the anti-slavery guise of new organization; and, in such, deserves of all friends of the slave prompt exposure and most faithful reprehension.

Resolved, That whoever supports the longer continuance of slavery, and the slave trade, in practice, defence or apology, by ecclesiastical or political influence, or by that silence which gives consent, is more or less guilty of the crime of man-stealing.

Resolved, That American Slavery is a complication of the foulest crimes, such as man-stealing, robbery, concubinage and murder; and that no person should be recognized or sustained as a christian minister, who refuses to identify himself with the anti-slavery enterprise, and bear on open and vigorous testimony against the system.

Whereas, prejudice against the people of color is the result of the condition into which they have been thrust by the oppression and tyranny which have been exercised towards them; therefore,

Resolved, That the American people are doubly guilty in this matter, inasmuch as they not only insult to injury, by despising those whom they have degraded, and continuing that degradation by the contempt.

Resolved, That the resolution of the subject of slavery, recently adopted by the Hampden Association of Congregational ministers, are unsound in principle, cold in spirit, and betray a lamentable indifference to the wrongs of the slave, and a hardness of heart, incompatible alike with sound Abolitionism and with the character of ministers of Christ.

Seventh Annual Report.

The Seventh Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the American Anti-Slavery Society is out of press, and may be had at this office. The Address of the present Executive Committee, in relation to the division in our ranks, is also published in connection with the Report. As historical documents, both are important; and all who wish to preserve a record of the origin and cause of new organization, should possess a copy. Price, 25 cents, single; $3 per dozen.

ON THE FIRST PAGE will be found the soul-thrilling speeches of Thompson and Remond at a meeting of the Glasgow Emancipation Society, and a sound and valuable article on Immediatism, from the Cincinnati Philanthropist. We are sorry to perceive that our friend Remond avowed himself in favor of *individual* instruction. We can readily appreciate the feelings which lead a colored man to speak in such terms, but his language is hardly in accordance with the character of primitive abolitionism.

☞ The Emancipator and Massachusetts Abolitionist are in error in supposing that Amasa Walker is a member of the Massachusetts Board. He resigned several months ago, and before he began his electioneering efforts in favor of Van Buren.

VERMONT.—The semi-annual meeting of the Vermont Anti-Slavery Society is to be held at Montpelier on the 20th inst. C. C. Burleigh is to be present. The meeting will no doubt be an interesting one.

FAIR AT WORCESTER.—An Anti-Slavery Fair was held at Worcester during the sessions of the Convention lately held in that place. The amount received, we understand, was about $200.

☞ L. W. Gilbert's letter is received, but too late for this week's paper. It will appear in our next.

☞ Will our friends at the Anti-Slavery Office in Boston send us a file of the Monthly Offering!

FREE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the American Free Produce Association will be held in Philadelphia on the 20th inst.

For the National Anti-Slavery Standard.

To the Editor of the A. S. Standard:

In an article having reference to the question, how far it was proper to assist men by expressing the sentiment that it was necessary or expedient to call in the aid of human selfishness to effect emancipation, written for the Pennsylvania Freeman, speaking from memory, and without professing to give the precise words, I represented this Standard as having expressed, "in substance," the sentiment, that there was no room for action in the anti-slavery movement from a reliance on the truth and justice of the principles of abolitionism, and without the aid of appeals to human selfishness.

You have denied that you "ever said any thing of the kind," and have called for the proof. In conformity to your request, I now present you with the following extracts from the first number of your paper, which, according to my understanding of language, fully express the sentiment attributed by me to the Standard.

"We hold it as a certain truth, that the people of the North are prepared to assist men for expressing abolitionism, unless they can be awakened to the fact, that slavery impairs their own rights in taking away the rights of the slave."

"He, (the northern laborer,) must be made to feel that his brother, dark-skinned though he be, must find his way up to his level, or he must sink to the level of chattelship, and spend his earthly existence amid the influence that slavery creates. *This conviction once thoroughly, and the work is done.* Strong as are his prejudices, much as his aristocracy grows at the thought of the colored man's equality, *he knows his own liberty too well, to offer it a sacrifice to his self-esteem.* In our opinion, *entire dependence upon our radical* men in making the cause the cause of the people."

"When the politician, the merchant, the churchman, the clergyman, the man of wealth and the working man, shall discover that slavery is not satisfied with robbing the colored man, but is determined to sway the sceptre of power over the whole domain, and hoist from our highest hill-tops her flag of supremacy; then will the people be found, as they always have been, on the side of liberty. *To this issue the contest must eventually come*, and we are glad of it. The wives, and children, and sisters of the barely north-men must sink to the degradation of chattelship, and undergo the tortures of the southern bond-men, or the slave must feel his shackles snap, and rise to the enjoyment of the blessings he has begun to prize."

"*Then will our highest hopes be fulfilled, our loftiest expectations answered.* Freedom for all will be the motto for all."

Having given you these quotations from your columns, I will further remark, that in your article of the 8th instant, you say that I charge you with insinuating, without proof, "that Judge Savage is no opponent of abolition." If you will examine, carefully, my article, you will find that I made no such charge. I did not pretend to say whether the Judge was, or was not, an opponent of abolition.

Again, you represent me as speaking of your "misquoting Mr. Stewart." If you will look again at my article in the Freeman, you will find, that I neither said, nor insinuated, that you had misquoted him. I will now say, however, that if you quote from memory, you should be careful to quote right even unconsciously, or quoted a different part of his speech, in your paper of the 8th; for the latter quotation differs from the former, in words, and, as I think, in import also. Yours, &c. A.

Phila. Oct. 10th, 1840.

[☞ We leave it to the brother who had charge of the Standard at the time alluded to above, to answer the argument of "A." if he thinks it necessary.]

For the National Anti-Slavery Standard.

To the Rich.

From Lady Byron, and other Poems of M'Donald Clarke

The Almighty's money—never lent
For avarice to measly hide,
But to be broadly, boldly spent,
Not in vanity, or pride,

But in the Christian's cheerless cause,
That strives with selfish sins,
With crosses, taken from Duty's laws,
And Sorrow's weeping claims.

Starve not the human heart,
Let charity its wants appease,
And the widow's tears will start,
And she will bless you, on her knees.

Think, while you grip your gold,
Of homeless outcasts of the street,
Worn with want, till each a weed
With famished face, and freezing feet.

Think, while you lounge upon
Your damask couches, smooth and soft,
Of many a mother, daughter, son,
Whose lodgings are—a loft;

And what a wretchedness indeed,
The moral poverty that lies
The soul rent vesta, till each a weed
The feeble flower of virtue frets.

Remember, while your little ones
Crowd cheerily about the fire,
The girl who, by the door, bemoaning, runs,
And never knew her earthly sire.

Think, O think of those
Whom God's confided to your care,
And Heaven will bless, and guard your heart's repose,
And Angels nurse your memory there.

October 10, 1840.

For the National Anti-Slavery Standard.

MR. ROGERS—In your paper of the 3d September, you ask:—"Where is this new fangled party that is to sweep slavery from this land, as with the besom of destruction, to get its power?" Permit me to show how such a party could acquire its power; and to say that in the hope the third party will do so, I am acting with them. I speak for myself, and not on behalf of the third party.

It should indeed and in fact plant its feet on the Declaration of American Independence. It should take man as he is—as God has made him. It should be a party that shall be about the *poor slave*, and the *benevolent* Anti-Slavery Society. It should ask *man* to do, as he will; to decide the question according to his views of his *self-interest*, and it should throw before the whole people, enlarged and enlightened views of the common welfare, and of individual advantage. God has not made the happiness of the world a pledge given in Heaven that we should be afraid of doing good without any regard to ourselves. It is one of the irrevocable decrees of our existence, that, politically, we cannot take care of ourselves, without protecting the rights of our neighbors. When we shall reverse the order of the planets, or check the ebbing and flowing of the ocean, or cause the great rivers to run back to their fountains, then will it be wise to talk about taking care of ourselves, by neglecting the rights of our neighbors.

There are two classes of men who will sustain such a party, and they are the great majority of the people of the United States. I mean those who are not rich, and those who are, but have benevolent and conscientious principles, and hearts are not seared with the hot iron of gain, and whose intellects are not in the gross darkness of aristocratic midnight. If slavery is ever peacably abolished, it must be by the combined political action of these classes of our fellow-citizens. United they will make such an overwhelming majority, that the rich party will not think of physical resistance. Even in the South they will be more than three to one. Such a party would have, first, those who are able to hold slaves, but are too wise to do so. Secondly, those who have slaves, but are too good to wish to keep them.—Thirdly, all the whites who are unable to own slaves. Fourthly, the free negroes and slaves, many of whom are the descendants of our most distinguished men. The moral force of all these would be in favor of such a party, and so far as voting is concerned, the three first classes are a vast majority in the south. The whole number of slaveholders has been estimated by Dr. Brisbane, of South Carolina, at only 250,000 men, who have the vote of Ohio. We can make no calculation for the North; you know the laboring interest predominates there.

Do you ask what should be the principles of such a party? I reply, just such as naturally flow from the Declaration of Independence. If all men are born free, all men have a right to the enjoyment of their labor. If it is wrong to make a man a slave, and rob him of all his labor, it is wrong, by force or fraud, to take any part of it without a just equivalent. If man is born free, then he is born equal heir to the atmosphere, the earth and the water of the world, and no law should step between him and his God, and rob him of his just rights. Such principles, if they could sustain an slavery, the tendency of which is to throw unequal burthens on the different members of community. It therefore would oppose every species of monopoly. It would go against every kind of banks, the profits and advantages of which were not equal to all the people, and could of course sustain none in which the people, as such, were not the stockholders. It would restrain the sales of the public lands, (if it sold them at all,) to actual settlers; for on the principle of natural rights, men should not claim dominion over land, they never expect to cultivate, and much less should a government established for the protection of all, and especially the poor, give facility to such unjust claims. Such a party should show that slavery is eating the very vitals out of the nation; that it causes the whole action of the government to turn on the axiom, that man has a right to take the labor of man by force or fraud, that it reduces the wages of the free, by the competition of those who are made to work without any wages at all, and that it keeps the white laboring citizen, by unholy classing him with slaves; and as though carpenters, and masons, and blacksmiths, and field hands, were made for no other use, it blazons them for sale in the public papers, and places them on the stand, in the face of the world, at auction, while it bows graceful to wealth, though the owner may have a dusky hue, and never sells any man of *property and standing*; that it subjects free laborers to the onerous and dangerous obligation, to suppress insurrections; that it exposes our country to inevitable sin and war; that it gives us such a palpable and known weakness, as induces foreign nations to make the most haughty demands, and to which conscious imbecility will cause us to submit; that it will demand a standing army, for where there is nakedness, and cold, and hunger, and contempt, there must be fixed bayonets, or there will be insurrection; and tried by this rule, even in the North, a standing army will soon be needed; that when it gets the standing army, just to keep down the *niggers*, and the *free poor devils* that have to work for every other despotism, it can go more openly to crushing the man, to minister to the wealth and pride of the few; that it is cursing the country North and South, with an ignorant and degraded race, that morally are as a walking pestilence, and that enter our corn-cribs and hen-roosts unbidden, and whom it utterly refuses that they should enjoy any thing, or be instructed in any thing, but how to be rich, and to be happy in the enjoyment of their duties; that it is destroying our commerce internally, by rendering the poor blacks and whites of the South unable to buy, and the slaveholders bad paymasters—and externally, by wounding the moral feelings of foreigners, who are refusing to trade with us, and are endeavoring by competition with our products, because, as a nation, we whip naked women and mount them with pepper and salt, and tear from their mothers' breasts, infants that have not sinned; and that it is, in the selection of officers and in the policy of government, doing every thing which a bold and artful despotism can to upheld its fundamental principle, that the people should labor and live only for the benefit of the few; that in the South, already freedom of speech and of the press are stricken down; that in the North these exists rather in name than in fact; that in both portions of the Union it is deluding the ignorant poor, and making them believe it is their interest to work in competition with slaves, who toil for nothing, and that it trusts to sustain itself, and to rob both the poor white man and the poor black man, by causing them to hate each other.

Such a party, too, would go for an equal right of suffrage for all the people, and would be for the abolition of the General Government, without regard to the lands, horses, or men, they might claim as theirs. It would insist on giving the election of President directly to the people, and that the votes of freemen should count equally, whether they lived north or south. It would make no invidious distinctions between the North and the South, but would speak against tyranny every where. It would not plead with inkcapitulists to abolish slavery, because free labor is cheaper, for this is equivalent to building temples to worship the Devil in. It would talk and whine little about the poor negro, as distinct from any other poor and injured man, nor would it suffer the black interest to swallow up its sympathy for both. In conclusion, I repeat, if slavery is ever peacably abolished in the United States, it must be by a political combination in favor of the just interests and rights of men, in union with which will be their benevolence and conscientiousness; or, in other words, the whole man must be appealed to, to act politically, in harmony with others, in behalf of his own highest welfare.

For man, sincerely yours,
ELI NICHOLS.

Loyalsville, Belmont co. Ohio, Sept. 20, 1840.

For the National Anti-Slavery Standard.

Public Meeting of the Colored Citizens of New-York, British West India Emigration, &c.

According to public notice, the colored citizens of New-York met at the Asbury Church, Elizabeth street, on Tuesday evening the 29th of September, 1840.

After a prayer, the object of the meeting was stated, and the attention of the assembly was called to the claims of the Mirror of Liberty.

Mr. Edward Yates was introduced, and interested the meeting with heart-rending statements relative to the suffering emigrants who colonized from this country to Trinidad, in the West Indies, upwards of two years and a half ago. He left the latter in West Indies more comfortable than many of his friends; still they are in a suffering state, from which he wished to relieve them.

Wm. Waugh's pamphlet, containing a statement of facts in relation to the customs and the treatment of the emigrants in the plantations, was read, and read again.

Mr. Abram Caldwell was introduced to the meeting, and gave a statement confirming all with which the meeting had already been interested.

Several other persons from the West Indies, who were expected to be present, were called for by the meeting, but did not appear.

Mr. Jacob Jones, recently from the island of Trinidad, was invited forward. He stated many things, and underwent a rigid examination by Messrs. Van Rensselaer, Rugles, Olney, Seaman, Frazier, and others.

After a short intermission, Mr. Jones was called for the second time, but did not appear.

The gentlemen who had preceded him were also questioned.

The meeting was appropriately addressed by Mr. David Ruggles, presenting the British West India emigration scheme in an odious light. His remarks were received with a hearty response, after which the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this meeting commend Edward Yates and his case, to the consideration of the hospitable citizens of New-York, that they may afford him the means to relieve his suffering family, now in the inhospitable island of Trinidad.

The meeting adjourned.

EDMUND CROSBY, *Chairman.*

WM. WAUGH, *Secretary.*

The Mirror of Liberty.

PROSPECTUS.

THE MIRROR OF LIBERTY will enter the *arena*, monthly, in behalf of the dumb, for the immediate emancipation and full enfranchisement of three millions of my down-trodden countrymen and women, in the

"Our own,
Our native land;"

For the restoration of *equal rights* to all mankind. It will advocate reform, radical reform, in every ramification of society. It will go for the "largest liberty," personal, political, and religious.

TERMS.—The Mirror of Liberty will be published monthly, and will contain 16 quarto pages, neatly covered, at $1.50 per annum, or twelve and a half cents a number; payable on delivery in all places where there are thirty-six subscribers; where there is less than thirty-six patrons, they will pay in advance.

The friends of human nature will serve the cause by forwarding their names and means as subscribers for this periodical. The monthly volume will commence at or the appearance of the next number, which will close the quarterly volume.

Our friends are requested to send subscribers and pecuniary aids, early, and thoroughly, that we may be enabled to commence the monthly volume on the terms proposed.

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DAVID RUGGLES, *Editor and Publisher*

New-York, October 1st, 1840.

P. S. The patrons and friends of the Mirror have been informed that it was suspended in consequence of the "severe hardships" which the editor has been called to sustain during his trial in the "celebrated Darg case."

Obituary.

From the Colored American.

"——the good die first;
But they whose hearts are dry as summer's dust,
Burn to the socket."

We are again called upon to pay our humble tribute to the memory of a dear friend. The most prominent of Wm. S. Jennings is no longer a habitant of this earth; the grave has claimed him as its victim, and his soul has returned to the God who gave it.

Wm. S. Jennings was born in this city about the year 1810. Trained to habits of business, which, added to natural industry and perseverance, urged him always onward, at an early age, with an enterprising spirit worthy of emulation, he established himself in business in the city of Boston, where, by his correct deportment and unspotted life, he won the esteem and affection of all who knew him.

His application to his business did not alienate him from the cause of liberty, neither did it withdraw his attention from Christianity. He was a member of Christ's church here, and his suffering people, is well known; and his efforts to improve our literary character are felt both in this city, and in Boston, and in other places throughout.

About two years ago Mr. Jennings married the amiable Miss Martin B. Smith, of this city. Their union (a very happy one) was of short duration. On Sabbath morning he was summoned to enter into the joys of the blest, leaving an infant, which, within five months, followed its assisted mother, and united in the joys of the blest. Both have gone to dwell in that life which knows no death.

Before the decease of his wife, the fell destroyer, consumption, had set his seal upon his brow; and about two months ago his physicians recommended that he should pass the winter in a warmer climate; by easy stages he took his journeying South, and had proceeded as far as Burlington, N. J., when exhausted nature gave way before the march of death. He breathed his last Sunday morning, 29th September, when his pure spirit winged its flight to the mansions of eternal bliss.

Companions of my youth, childhood's early days! Friend of my youth! Brother, farewell! ASO.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Maryland Election.—The Whig majority in the State, as shown by the results of the election for Members of the Legislature on the 7th inst. is about 2550. At the election in 1838, the majority was 1500. In 1839 it was a V. P. majority of 1077. In 1838, on Governor, 311. At the Presidential election in 1836, the Whig ticket succeeded by a majority of 3685. In 1835, the majority was 2826; in 1834, 2826; in 1833, 2861; Whig loss from 1836, 1135.

Third Party in Connecticut.—There was a meeting of Abolitionists at Hartford, Ct., on the 26th of August, to discuss the expediency of forming a "third party." They met at 1 o'clock, P. M., 34 persons were present; adjournment to half past 5—8 attended; adjourned to the morning of the 27th—17 attended.

A motion was made to proceed to nominate a third party candidate.

Eight voted yea, and nine nay. The minority then retired by themselves, (with a stranger who had been in the room all day,) and nominated Mr. Birney. Mr. Birney is the extreme modesty to nominate a "third party" list of Presidential Electors for the 56,000 electors of the State of Connecticut. X.

Change in Times.—To see men, who three years ago were strutting about town, making hundreds and thousands by speculation, now engaging at carrying eggs to market, peddling in the streets, and crying a bunch of rye or pole for the sale of fruits and beer, is pretty good evidence that times have changed—and not for the worse, if they have brought people to an honest, though humble means of livelihood.

Emigrating Indians.—It is stated in the Ottawa (Ill.) Free Trader, that between five and six hundred Indians, of the Potowatomie and Chippewa tribes, from the interior part of Indiana, passed through that place on on the 27th ult., or their way to their future homes west of the Mississippi river. They seem to be followed by a few boys by a number of the same tribes who refused to remove voluntarily, but have been compelled to do so by the agent, who had called in the aid of the military.

Execution.—John Evans was executed for the murder of John C. Ratzer, at Sandusky, Ohio, on Wednesday week.—The gallows on which the unfortunate man suffered the penalty of the law was erected on the public square, back of the town, and the execution was witnessed by a large assembly of people, who seemed to be followed as a few days by a number of the same tribes who refused to remove voluntarily, but have been compelled to do so by the agent, who had called in the aid of the military.

Lynching.—We learn from the Iowa News, that a black man, named Nathaniel Morgan, being suspected of stealing by some of the riotous inhabitants of Dubuque, was taken outside of the limits of the city, and there confessed he had never committed, and then beaten to death because he could not prove his guilt by producing the goods.

New Colony in Africa.—A French paper gives an account of Two Frenchmen, Messrs. Delgorgue and Campion, who went, two years ago, to the western coast of Africa, to enter into commercial and other relations with the Caffres. M. Delgorgue, says the latter, penetrated into the centre of Caffraria, and has made himself the chief of a new colony,—chiefly of Dutch, to whom he has given the tri-color, and for them he has made treaties with king Ponda.

Napoleon's Sword.—It is well known that the emperor's religious tomb was to have been surrounded by him; and their claims do not seem to be generally admitted. Lord Ashley, one has so good a right to Napoleon's sword as General Bertrand, by whom he was accompanied in his exile. General Bertrand actually saved the sword, so to speak, instead of only receiving it from Napoleon. This far-famed weapon was laid upon the bed of Napoleon, by the side of the dead hero. The English authorities were about to take possession of it, but General Bertrand, by a pious fraud, carried it off, before the arrival of the English. On the blade of this sword is graven in golden letters, "Austerlitz, 2d December, 1805." The handle is plain, of massive gold; upon it are sculptured the Pyramids, Marabouts, with the heads of Cæsar, Hannibal, and Alexander.

A son of the Emerald Isle, who arrived in this city the other day, was asked by an acquaintance to take a glass of grog, and he declined the offer, for a reason that he refused but he had joined a temperance society in Cork, before leaving Ireland. His friend replied that that was no consequence, as a pledge given in Ireland was not binding here. To this piece of left handed morality Pat indignantly retorted—"Do you suppose when I brought my body to America, I'd be after leaving my soul in Ireland?"—*New-York Atlas.*

A Word from the South.—We have just received from a city in one of the slaveholding states, a letter from which we extract the following.

"Will the cause of freedom has many friends in this city.—Would God I dare ask you to come on here and give us a lecture or two. I trust the day is not far distant, and I do not know that even now it would be unsafe."—*Pa. Freeman.*

The Governor of Massachusetts has appointed Thursday the 26th of November, as a day of Thanksgiving in that State.

As an evidence of the mildness of the weather at this season, a gentleman in Boston, in a letter, says, that, morning, several branches of an apple tree, thickly studded with blossoms!—*Boston Journal of Oct. 9.*

Census of Connecticut.—The returns, as far as received, show that the population of Connecticut will not exceed 210,000. In 1830 the population was 297,675. Increase, say 10,000 or 13,000; of which 3,585 is in New Haven, and 3,175 in Hartford. The farming towns, on an average, have hardly held their own.

On Sunday last, the Rev. Mr. Curry, pastor of the Catholic church, in Providence, administered the temperance pledge to *three hundred and sixty* of the Irish who attend that church.

Fire at Jamaica, W. I.—The splendid estate "Hope," the property of the Duke of Buckingham, was destroyed by fire. One hundred and ten negro houses, the great house, the sugar cane, and all the property of master and man, were destroyed.

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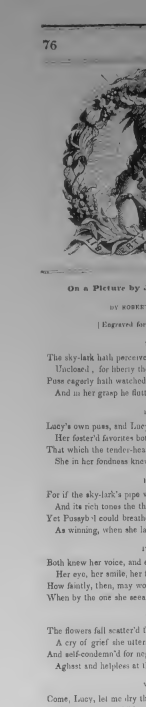

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BY ROBERT SOUTHEY

[Engraved for the Keepsake.]

I

The sky-lark hath perceived his prison-door
Unclosed, for liberty the captive tries
Puss eagerly hath watched him from the floor,
And in her grasp he flutters, pants and dies!

II.

Lucy's own puss, and Lucy's own dear bird,
Her foster'd favorites both for many a day,
That which the tender-hearted girl preferr'd,
She in her fondness knew not, sooth to say.

III.

For if the sky-lark's pipe were shrill and strong,
And its rich tones the thrilling ear might please,
Yet Pussy-I could breathe a fervent song
As winning, when she lay on Lucy's knees

IV.

Both knew her voice, and each shake would seek
Her eye, her smile, her fondling touch to gain;
How faithly, then, may those two souls speak,
When by the one she sees the other slain.

V.

The flowers fall scatter'd from her lifted hand;
A cry of grief she utters in affright;
And self-condemn'd for negligence she stands
Aghast and helpless at the cruel sight.

VI.

Come, Lucy, let me dry those tearful eyes;
Take thou, dear child, a lesson not unlovely.
From one whom nature taught to moralize,
Both in his mirth and in his melancholy.

VII.

It will not warn thee not to set thy heart
Too fondly upon perishable things;
In vain the earnest preacher spends his art
Upon that theme; in vain the poet sings.

VIII.

It is our nature's strong necessity,
And this the soul's unerring instincts tell:
Therefore I say, let us love worthily,
Dear child, and then we cannot love too well.

IX.

Better it is all losses to deplore,
Which dutiful affection can sustain,
Than that the heart should, in its inmost core,
Harden without it, and have lived in vain.

X.

This love which thou hast lavish'd, and the woe
Which makes thy lip now quiver with distress,
Are but a vent, an innocent overflow,
From the deep springs of female tenderness.

XI.

And something I would teach thee from the grief
That thus hath fill'd those gentle eyes with tears,
The which may be thy sober, sure relief,
When sorrow visits thee in after years.

XII.

I ask not, whither is the spirit flown
That bit the eye which there in death is seal'd;
Our Father hath not made that mystery known;
Needless the knowledge, therefore not reveal'd.

XIII.

But doubt thou know, in sure and sacred truth,
It had a place assign'd in yonder skies,
There, through an endless life of joyous youth,
To warble in the bowers of Paradise.

XIV.

Lucy, it then the power to thee were given,
In that cold form an life to re-inspire,
Wouldst thou call back the warbler from its Heaven,
To be again the tenant of a cage?

XV.

Only that thou mightst cherish it again,
Wouldst thou the object of thy love recal
To mortal life, and chance, and change, and pain,
And death, which must be suffered once by all.

XVI.

Oh, no, thou say'st: oh, surely not, not so!
I read the answer which those looks express;
For pure and true affection, well I know,
Leaves in the heart no room for selfishness.

XVII.

Such love of all our virtues is the gem;
We bring with us the immortal seed at birth
Of heaven it is, and heavenly; we to them
Who make it wholly earthly and of earth!

XVIII.

What we love perfectly, for its own sake
We love, and not our own, being ready thus
Whate'er self-sacrifice is ask'd, to make;
That which is best for it, is best for us

XIX.

O Lucy! treasure up that pious thought!
It hath a balm for sorrow's deadliest darts;
And when thou wilt for thine dear bird be sought,
If grief should reach thee in thy heart of hearts.

Old Age.

Yes, I am old;—my strength declines,
And wrinkles tell the touch of time,
Yet might I fancy these hairs of mine
Not of decay, but manhood's prime;
For all within is young and glowing,
Spite of old age's outward showing

Yes, I am old;—the ball, the song,
The turf, the gun, no more allure;
I shun the gay and gilded throng
Yet, ah! how far more sweet and pure
Home's tranquil joys, and mental treasures,
Than dissipation's pestilence pleasures!

Yes, I am old;—Ambition's call—
Fame, wealth, distinction's keen pursuit,
That once could charm and elate me—all
Are now detested, passive, mute
Think God! the passions and their rout
Are buried for content and quiet.

Yes, I am old, that as I press
The vale of years with wilting feet,
Still do I find life's sorrows less,
And all its hallow'd joys more sweet
Sweeter, by every one he snatches,
I dare offer thanks, with all their scratches

My wife—God bless her—is all dear
As when I plighted first my troth
I believe every word she utters,
The pain of unmerited wrong
Not a moment I hesitate
With sacred pledge and faith plighted

Yes—I am old—and yet I feel
I'll spend a cheerful remainder day—
Yes—with God's will—I will live to the full
Of patience and resignation,
Of gratitude and love
Of all that constitutes a happy old age
I enjoy—and may God bless my age!

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EFFECTS OF THE MORAL TRAINING.

2 Incidents to show the good effects of practically exercising Honesty and Truth, to the end of superseding another branch of criminal jurisprudence

1. One of the children lost a halfpenny in the play ground.—The teacher was so confident that it would be found and accounted for, that she lent the loser a halfpenny. Some time after, when the incident was nearly forgotten, one of the boys, J. F. found a halfpenny in the play-ground, and although no one saw him find it, he brought it at once to the teacher. As the latter knew nothing about the loss of a halfpenny already alluded to, it appeared to him a halfpenny without an owner; but one of the children suggested that it must be the lost halfpenny for which the mistress had given a halfpenny. "What then, shall be done with it?" Many voices answered "the mistress should get it." The girl who lost the halfpenny was called out, and at once knew her own. It was given to her, and she immediately transferred it to the mistress.—The teacher then appealed to the whole school: "Is that right?" "Yes! yes! right! right!" was called out by the whole assemblage, with much applause and animation. This last accompaniment of their approbation is strongly contrasted with the more tranquil and pleasing manner in which they condemn, when anything is wrong.

2. A penny was found in the play-ground, which had laid so long as to be mouldy and rusty. It was held up for an owner, but claimed by none. "What shall be done with it?" "Keep it, master, keep it." "Why should I keep it,—I have no right to it more than any one here."—This was puzzling to all, till a little girl, not four years old, stood up and said, "Put it in the box." Many voices seconded this excellent motion, and the master referred it to a show of hands, up went every hand in the school, most of the children showing both hands for a greater certainty, and the penny was put into the subscription-box amid cheers of animation and delight.

3. Immediately before the vacation in August, 1830, three boys plucked a few black currants, which had ripened on the play-ground wall; fruit and flowers being cultivated to exercise self-denial and refinement in the children. One of the boys kept to himself double the quantity which he vouchsafed to each of the other two, but gave a part to a fourth boy, who had seen the transaction, evidently to purchase his silence; but thinking this hopeless, he took back the gift, and struck the boy to give him up, remarking, that as he knew he would *tell*, he the quicker need not lose his berries into the bargain. They all confessed,—and expressed their sorrow, except the striker, decidedly in all respects the most guilty, who maintained a bold and hardened countenance. The voice of the school was, however, expressed to them all, which so much affected the last-mentioned offender that he burst into tears. A clergyman, one of the Directors, was present, whose eye the boy caught, and instantly brushed away his tears, and joined in the solemn tone which was at the moment. He staid behind the rest, assiduously assisted the master to put away the things, a civility he never showed before, and begged to shake hands with him when he went away.

4. P. M. was brought before the school, before the whole school, for keeping up a penny of his weekly school-fee. After the trial and award, which were both just and judicious, the teacher asked the school, "How many of us have been tried now?" A voice called out, "J. H. has been tried." This was instantly denied by J. H.—The teacher turning to J. M. asked him if he had ever been tried? He hung his head, and answered "Yes." "What was it for?" "Master, do you not remember, yourself?" "I do;—but are you not better off for your trial and punishment?" "I've never stolen since, any how."

"What was your reason for not stealing?" I listened to the *thing in my breast*, and that told me it was a crime."

J. M.'s offence had been watching, all the time of school, a penny piece which had been dropped under the stove, and secretly appropriating it when the school was dismissed. His confession bore that his first purpose was to buy bowls (marbles,) but he felt so unhappy that he could not make up his mind to *look upon* what he should purchase, and formed the singular resolution to expend the money in something eatable, that he might get it out of his sight! This he did, and gave a share to a school-fellow. He was asked whether his conscience did not upbraid him. He answered, "It did not speak very loud at first; but I grew very unhappy, and was happier after I was tried and punished." His contrite tears moved the compassion of his numerous judges, who wished to spare him; but this was inadmissible in such circumstances, and a few pats on the hand were the form of corporal punishment allotted him. He was sorely tempted, for he confessed that he kept his eye on the penny-piece for two hours before he took it.

5. The following incident was communicated by a gentleman from England, Dr. Harrison Black, who, in company with the Chevalier de Frasans, Judge of Assize under Charles X. witnessed the whole occurrence. The Chevalier de Frasans being present, the master was suddenly called into the play-ground, in consequence of a cry that one boy had struck another on the forehead, so as to make the blood flow. All the children were immediately called in, and inquiry made as to who had been the author of the injury. Those who presented themselves were sent into an adjoining room, and the injured party desired to state his grievance. He simply said, T. B. had "struck him with a spade" (which had for a moment been left by a workman,) and that he did not believe it had been done on purpose. The offending party being called, said, "I. M. had told him he could not lift up the spade, and in trying to show that he could do it, the blow was given." The witnesses were called in, one by one, and gave their testimony with great clearness, particularly a little Quaker girl. They all corroborated the statement of the accused party.

The teacher then asked of the whole assembly of children, "What punishment ought to be awarded?" The general cry was, "Three pat mates," (i. e. three pats upon the palm of the hand,) because that punishment had been a few days before awarded to H. S. But one boy rose, and exclaimed, "No, that is not fair, for H. S. sold a fiddlestick for the Fourth of July, and got caned, and T. B. did not tell any fiddlestick."

The justice of this remark seemed to be generally under so sad an only of its punishment was determined upon. The culprit was then reminded, that although the blow had not been given in criminality, still he had rendered himself liable to punishment, for he had taken a tool which forbade the children to touch the tools of the workmen, and was sensible that the punishment was not inflicted because the teacher was angry, but because he, T. B. had broken a law. The truth of this the little offender fully acknowledged to the bystanders, as well as to his master and school-fellows.—The punishment actually inflicted was a gentle tap upon the hand.

Perhaps a new and unexpected scene minor the *offended party* seeing that all around concurred in condemning the offender, cried out "Oh and a coachman's whip, and lash him!" Instead of a coachman's whip, and lash him! This gave occasion to another appeal to the children, as to the impropriety of the sentiment of revenge, which, and ended by the threatener being made sensible that all present were now against him. "Do you proof, he said,—"Don't be frightened, I will not whip you, or tell my father." It appeared that he had been so short a time in the school, as not to have been fully acquainted with the sentiments of the place.

6. A little boy came to school with his hand covered with paint. He applied to the teacher a sister to aid him in his extremity, which he did cheerfully by dint of water and soap. The boy promised to reward her with a halfpenny when ever he should get one. She, wishing to encourage him, asked him some days afterwards if he had not gotten his promise. He answered, "No, but that he had put the first halfpenny he had got in order to give it to her at church." The young woman gave a halfpenny from a lady, he rung the teacher's house-bell, and gave the money to his creditor, who took it, but after some days restored it.

3 Proofs of the success of the System, in its fundamental principle of governing by Love, and not by Fear, and accomplishing with the most perfect order and discipline.

1. The master one day intimated that he wanted a number of articles, of a kind which he specified, to illustrate a lesson. The next day inundated with all sorts of odds and ends, every child bringing with him something—leather, feathers, cloths, silk, stones, wood, glass, &c. &c.

2. Accidentally saying that he would come and visit his pupils at their own homes, and if he did, how would they entertain him, the question was answered, by a burst of hospitality, and the number and variety of the articles of cheer enumerated were too much for his gravity. He observed however, that *variety* was not among the comprations offered him, in the competition for the preference of his company.

3. A parent came one day to the school, expressly to be satisfied on the puzzle, as he said, of what to do with his *obedient* could render himself the object of love! His own was always the object of terror; and, instead of running to him when he appeared, he and his schoolmates went off in the opposite direction, with