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SLAVERY SOC. MINUTES,
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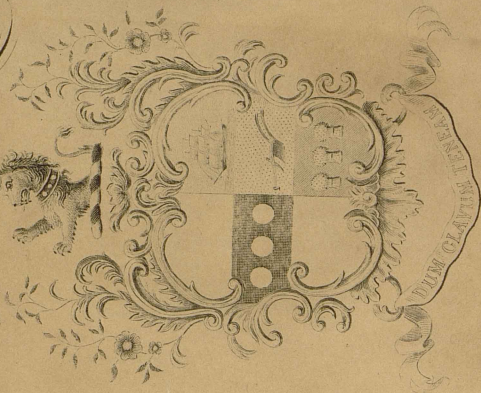
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At a Meeting of Females, convened
at the schoolroom of Catharine McDermot
12 Mo. 9th. 1833, to take into consideration
the propriety of forming a Female Anti-
Slavery Society; Addresses were made by
Samuel J. May of Brooklyn Con. and Ra-
phaniel Southard of Boston, who point-
ed out the important assistance that
might be rendered by our sex, in remov-
ing the great evil of slavery --

After some discussion upon this in-
teresting subject, it was concluded to form
a Society, in the belief that our combined
efforts will more effectually aid, in re-
lieving the oppression of our suffering fel-
low creatures. -- For this purpose the fol-
lowing persons were appointed to draw
a Constitution for its government, and to
propose such measures as will be likely
to promote the Abolition of Slavery, and to
elevate the people of colour from their pre-

sent degraded situation, to the full enjoyment of their rights and to increased usefulness in society; viz. - Lydia White, Catharine McDermot, Leah Fell, Anna Bunting, Catharine Robinson, Rachel Papsmore, Margaretta Forten, Sarah McBurnell, Mary Ann McClinton, Esther Moore, Lucretia Mott, Mary Sharpless, Mary Sleeper, and Lydia Thomas; - who are requested to report at our next meeting, to be held at this place on the evening of the 14th inst. - - -

At a meeting held 12 No. 14th, - The committee appointed on the 9th inst. submitted the following form of a Constitution, which was read and adopted:

Whereas more than two millions of our fellow creatures of these United States are held in abject bondage, and whereas

we believe slavery, and the prejudice against colour, are contrary to the laws of God, and to the principles of our far-famed Declaration of Independence; and recognizing the right of the slave to immediate emancipation; We deem it our duty, as professing Christians, to manifest our abhorrence of the flagrant injustice and deep sin of slavery, by united and vigorous exertions for its speedy removal, and for the restoration of the people of colour to their inalienable rights. - For this purpose, we, the undersigned, agree to associate ourselves, under the name of "The Philadelphia Female Anti-slavery Society" - to be governed by the following rules:

Article 1st. The object of the Society shall be to collect and disseminate correct information, of the character of slavery, the actual condition of the slaves, and of the free peo-

ple of colour; for the purpose of inducing the community generally, and our sisters particularly, to unite in removing this foul stain from our boasted land of liberty, and to adopt such measures, as may be in our power, to dispel the prejudice against the people of colour, to improve their condition, and to bring about the speedy abolition of Slavery — — —

Art. 2nd. Any female uniting in these views, and contributing to the funds, shall be a member of the Society. — — —

Art. 3rd. The management of the concerns of the Society, and the disposition of the funds, shall be entrusted to a Presiding Officer, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, who together with 6 other members shall constitute a Board of Managers, whose

duty it shall be, to consider and adopt the means best calculated to promote the objects in view, and report the same to the Society at each stated meeting. — They shall have power to fill any vacancy that may occur in their board, until the next stated meeting. — — —

Art. 4th. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of the Society, and notify all meetings of the Society, and of the Board of Managers. —

Art 5th. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep all communications directed to the Society, and manage all the correspondence with any other bodies or individuals, according to the directions of the Society, or of the Managers. — — —

Art. 6th. The Treasurer shall collect the

subscriptions and grants to the Society, make payments according to its directions, and to those of the Managers, and present an accurate account of the funds at each annual meeting. — —

Art. 7th. The Librarian shall take charge of all books and pamphlets, belonging to the Society, and conform to the rules and regulations, prescribed by the Society for the management of the Library. —

Art. 8th. The Managers shall meet once a month, or oftener if necessary, on a day fixed by themselves, and stated meetings of the Society shall be held quarterly on the 2nd. 2nd. day in the 1st., 4th., 7th., and 10th. Months. The Officers shall be elected annually in the 1st. Month. — — —

Art. 9th. The Constitution may be altered at

any stated meeting, by the conclusion of two thirds of the Members present. —

Art 10th — It is especially recommended, that the Members of this Society should, at all times and on all occasions, give the preference to free produce ^{over} to that of Slaves — believing, that the refusal to purchase and use the products of slave labour is one of the most efficient means of abolishing Slavery. —

After the foregoing was read and adopted, the following persons signed their names. †

† A part of the following list was added afterward, at different periods.

Lucretia Mott,
Esther Moore,
Mary Ann Jackson,
Charlotte Forten,
Margaretta Forten,
Sarah Lissa Forten,
Grace Douglass,
Mary Sleeper,
Henrietta Davis,
Rebecca Hutchins,
Mary Clement,
F. C. Eckstein,
Mary Woods,
Harriet D. Purvis,
Amy Matilda Cassey,
Leah Fell,
Sidney Ann Lewis,
Catherine Mc Dermott,
Susan W. Shaw,
Sarah S. Truman,
Elizabeth P. Wilson,

Anna Bunting, ²⁴² ²⁵ ^{or} ^{Wilton}
Elizabeth Bunting,
Mary Bunting,
Abba Alcott,
Lydia White,
Mary Lock,
Rachel Sleeper,
Sarah M. Crummel,
Omeretta Barclay,
Margaret Bowers,
Betty Burr,
Elizabeth W. Clarke,
Susan Grew, 1834
Mary Grew, 1834
Rebecca Buffum Judd,
Maria Pearson,
Sidney E. R. Hunter,
Elizabeth J. Atlee,
Elizabeth G. Butler,
Foster Chew,

The Society then proceeded to the choice of officers for the ensuing year, when the following persons were elected:

Esther Moore, Presiding Officer.
Margaretta Forten, Recording Secretary.
Lucretia Mott, Corresponding Secretary.
Anna Bunting, Treasurer.
Lydia White, Librarian.

Managers

Catharine McDermott,
Mary Sharpleff,
Sarah M. Crummel,
Leah Fell,
Mary Ann Jackson,
Abba Alcott,
F. C. Eckstein,
Sidney Ann Lewis,
Mary Grew, elected 1834
Susan Grew, "
Mary Moore,

To notify such of the officers as were absent of their election, and to obtain signatures to the Constitution, Lydia White, Mary Sharpless and Mary Ann Jackson were appointed.

At a meeting of the Female Anti-Slavery Society held in the School Room of Catherine M^{rs} Dermot,

Jan 13th, 1834, in the absence of M^{rs} Esther More, M^{rs} Mott, was chosen presiding officer, for the evening.

The minutes of the Board of Managers were then read.

The Society having been informed, that Dr. Atter, would at their request, deliver a public address on Slavery, directed the Board of Managers to give public notice of the same, for Thursday evening the 16th, inst, and make the other necessary arrangements.

It was resolved that the suggestion of the Board of Managers on the subject of free produce, meet the approval of the Society and an article to that effect, was accordingly added to the

Constitution. The Corresponding Secretary, read a letter from Eliza Wright, Jun^r, Corresponding Secretary of the American Anti-Slavery Society, requesting this ^{Soc} to aid their efforts, by contributing to their funds, and urging the importance of united exertion, in advancing this cause. 3 dollars was received as

a donation from two Ladies. Amount of Subscriptions & Donations Received at the meeting, and paid over to the Treasurers

24 dollars. — No further business, being under consideration the meeting Adjourned.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Female Anti-Slavery Society, held at Clarkson Hall, Feb, 10th, 1834,

After the minutes, of the last meeting of the Society, and of the Board of Managers, were read, the Corresponding

Secretary read a copy of two letters one addressed to Mary S Lloyd, and the other to W^m Lloyd Garrison,

It was proposed by Lydia White, and agreed to, by the Society, that the name of M^{rs} Abba Alcott

be added to the Board of Managers. — Several names

phlets were presented to the Society, by
An Address was then delivered by Joshua Coffin, af-
ter which, the meeting adjourned.

At the Monthly Meeting of the Anti Slavery Society,
March 17th, 1834, Mrs Mott, was requested to preside for
the evening in the absence of Mrs Moore. The Minutes
of the last meeting of the Board and the Society were then
read; and the resolution of the board of Managers recom-
mending the Society to subscribe for the Liberator, Emanci-
pator, and Anti Slavery Reporter, were unanimously adop-
ted. Several books and pamphlets were presented as a
donation, towards forming a Library for the use of the Society.
It was also resolved that one hundred copies of the Anti
Slavery Reporter of the last year be purchased for distri-
bution and a half a dozen of Phelps's Lectures on Slavery,
for the Library. — It was agreed by the Members to def-
er the next Monthly Meeting to the third Wednesday
in April instead of the usual period the 2nd Monday. —
The Secretary was requested to notify the absent Mem-

bers accordingly. — 1 dollar was received from Rachel Keep-
er, as her subscription on becoming a Member of the Society.
No further business being under consideration, the meet-
ing adjourned.

The Female Anti Slavery Society, met at Clarkson
Hall, April 16th, after the Minutes of the last
meetings were read; several friends addressed the
Society approving of the object for which they were
convened; extracts were then read from some Anti
Slavery periodicals, showing the importance of female
Associations for the overthrow of Slavery. Mrs Alcott, one
of the Committee appointed by the board read the
Article in reply to the one inserted in the Christian
Gazette. — it was resolved that the reply of the Com-
be approved of by the Society. — The suggestion of the
Board relative to this Society's being represented at the
Meeting of the American Anti Slavery Society, was after
some discussion agreed to; it was unanimously
resolved that Mrs Mott, and Lydia White, attend

the Convention in New York, on behalf of the Female Anti Slavery Society of Philadelphia. —

The Female Anti Slavery Society, met April 12th after the Minutes of the last meeting were read, Lydia White one of the Com^t, appointed to attend the Anti Slavery Anniversary at New York, reports, that owing to the absence of the other members of the Committee, she did not appear as the representative of this Society. Dr Isaac Parrish, one of the delegates to the American Anti Slavery Society, requested leave to address the meeting, and gave an interesting, and animated account, of the recent Anniversary, and the cheering prospects of the Anti Slavery Cause, & concluded by urging this Society to contribute to the funds of the National Society, to enable them to circulate as extensively as possible facts on the subject of Slavery — the corresponding Secretary, then read the Letter of the Com^t of Correspondence to Ladies Anti Slavery Society at London, which was unanimously ~~adopted~~ approved of by the meeting, and

It was on Motion resolved, that 10 dollars be appropriated to the purchase of Anti Slavery periodicals the money to be forwarded on to the Society at New York — it was also resolved, that the Board of Managers be authorized, to make arrangements for an address to be delivered before this Society, by some of the friends to the Cause who are expected shortly to visit this City. no further business, the meeting adjourned. —

At the Monthly Meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society, June 9th, the Committee appointed by the Board of Managers to perform the duty of her nomination to supply a vacancy in the board, report that she accepts, of the appointment. — In compliance with a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Managers, a Committee of them visited several of the public schools on the 6th inst, the Com^t reports, that owing to their limited observation, (having visited the schools but once) and then un-

der unfavourable circumstances, they are not as yet prepared; to give the Society much information on this important subject.

The Anti Slavery presents, consisting of work bag, seals, pamphlets &c, from our esteemed friend Charles Stewart, were shown to the Society, and it was agreed to dispose of them at the next meeting, among the members, the proceeds of the sale; to go towards the funds of the Society. \$4.50 cts were received as subscriptions from new members. — no further business, meeting adjourned.

At the Monthly Meeting of the female Anti Slavery Society, July 14th, 1834, the following list of the schools visited by their committee of the Board of Managers was read, and directed to be copied on the minutes of the Society. The subject embraced therein, claimed the attention of our members present, and the Managers were directed to give further attention to the subject.

Most of the presents, from England, were disposed of, except the Charity box and bags. — the former it was concluded should be taken to the houses of our members to make collections in aid of the Anti Slavery cause. the latter to be given to such female Anti Slavery Societies, as this Society or its Managers shall direct. — proceeds from the sale of the presents. \$1.00 50 cts.

The Female Anti Slavery Society, met August the 11th. — A letter from a member of a "female Anti Slavery Society" at Plymouth (N.H.) addressed to the Secretary, and requesting the correspondence and cooperation of this Society on the means by which females, can best advance this cause. The Corresponding Sec. was directed to reply to the communication and afford best information in her power on this subject. — Letters were received from Chas Collins, and Joseph Beale of N York, enclosing

specimens of Calico and Muslins of free produce
A letter from Leah Fell was then read, af-
ter which the meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Female Anti Slavery
Society, held September the 8th, 1834. — The Pres^t
and Sec^y being absent, the cor Sec^y opened
the meeting, and read a communication from
the Sec^y of the American A. S. Society, also one from
Mary P. Rogers Plymouth N. H. — with the replies
thereto — an address to the society was also read,
and read from Leah Fell — calling the attention
of our members to the consideration of the propriety
of memorializing Congress relative to slavery in the
District of Columbia.

At a meeting of the Phil^a Female Anti
Slavery Society, held October 13th 1834 —
The President, and Sec^y again absent — the cor
Sec^y was appointed to officiate for the evening.
The minutes of the board of Managers was
read, also a letter from the Sec^y of Am anti

Slavery Society, proposing monthly contributions to
their funds — thirteen of our members contributed
12^{cts} each, Lucretia Mott, was appointed to
receive the monthly contributions, and draw from
the treasury a sufficient sum to make up
\$10 and forward it to the Sec^y of the Am anti
Slavery Society. The meeting adjourned to Thurs-
day evening next, to hear an address from Jas.
Gibbons, to which the members are requested to
invite their friends.

The Monthly meeting of the Phil^a Female
Anti Slavery Society, was held at Clarkson Hall
November 10th 1834. — 2 dolls. were received, collect-
ed from the members, as their ^{monthly} subscription
to the funds of the Am anti Slavery Soc^y. A
very interesting letter was received from the
Ladies Anti Slavery Society of Glasgow, and read
by the Corresponding Secretary. — Addresses were
delivered by several persons, on the subject of
"immediate Abolition" — and it was resolved

that an adjourned meeting be held during the month, at which several interesting addresses are expected.

At a Meeting of the Phil^a Female Anti Slavery Society held Dec^r 8th 1834.

The Cor Secy, acted for the evening. — The minutes of the Board of Managers was read by which it appears that a school for colored children is opened under the care of a Com^t of the Board. — 2 dolls 50 cts, were received by Monthly Subscriptions, and from the contribution by.

A letter was read from the Corresponding Secretary of the Am A S Society, informing that they had on hand some of the works of Mrs Child for sale. It was agreed that we should send for 1 doz copies of the Appeal. & one doz of the 'Casis'. After the business of the meeting was concluded, an interesting address was delivered by our friend Rob^t S Forten. On motion resolved, that the thanks of the Society

be presented to him, with a request for a copy thereof for publication. — The following persons were appointed a Com^t to nominate Officers for the ensuing year. — S L Forten, Lydia White, S M Shaw, and Sidney A Lewis.

Agreed that our Annual Meeting be held on the 1st ^{day} of next Month (Jan) on the 5th day of the month week and that our monthly meetings be held hereafter on that day instead of the 2nd, 2nd day.

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The Annual meeting of the Philadelphia Female Anti Slavery Society, was held at Clarkson Hall, January 1st 1835. the Secretary read the report of the Board of Managers from which it appears that the sum of 75 dolls 6¹/₄ cts, have been rec^d, during the year, of this amount 5¹/₄ dolls 2 cts have been expended, leaving a balance of 21 dolls 4¹/₂ cts in the hands of the Treasurer. — The Committee appointed

to prepare a list of Officers to serve for the
ensuing year. reported that they agreed to
re-nominate the same board now in office,
no change being made, except that Sydney Ann
Lewis, take the place of Lydia White, as Libra-
rian. It was therefore on motion resolved,
that the Board of Managers and Officers be
re-elected. which was done unanimously,
Amount of Annual Subscriptions received
from Members, 22 dolls 75 cts - 4 dolls from the
sale of Mrs Childs "Appeal" and the "Oasis". -
Maria Pearson paid as her subscription on join-
ing the Society 1 dollar. - Money received and
paid over to the Treasurer, 26 dolls 75 cts - No
further business, the meeting adjourned. -

At a Meeting of the Philad^a Female
Anti Slavery Society held Feby 12th 1835 -
Sydney Ann Lewis was called to preside
in the absence of Esther Moore, President.
The Minutes of the Board of Managers
was read, after which an Address was
delivered by Andrew Gordon, several plain
pamphlets were disposed of, and the meeting
then adjourned.

At a Meeting of the Philad^a Female
Anti Slavery Society held March 12th
Sydney Ann Lewis, was appointed to
preside fore the evening in the absence
of the Presiding Officer, the Cor Secy also
acted in the place of the Recording Secy.
The Minutes of the last meeting of the
Board were read. It was resolved that
this Society subscribe for the Herald of Free-
dom published in Concord N H. -
Resolved that we purchase another dozen

of the Oasis. — Lydia White was elected Treasurer in the place of Anna Bunting resigned. George Thompson the distinguished Anti Slavery Lecturer, having visited our City and delivered an Address greatly to the satisfaction of all who heard him it was resolved that the Cor Sec'y, be directed to write to New York inviting his speedy return to this City. — The meeting then adjourned. —

The Phil^a Female Anti Slavery Society held their stated Monthly Meeting, April 9th 1835. After the Minutes of the last meeting were read and the usual business of the Meeting Society concluded, an Address was delivered by Jas Cornish, and it was on motion resolved that the thanks of the Society be presented to ^{him} for the Address. —

It was also resolved that an adjourned meeting be held on the 16th Inst, — Amount received for new members, sale of Anti Slavery books, pamphlets, and contribution box 77 dolls, 30 cts. — two dollars twelve and half cts of the above sum was from the scholars of Miss Green's School, ~~and~~ printing

The Adjourned Meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Soc^y, held on the 16th Inst, was very numerously attended, highly interesting Addresses were delivered by our friends Robt Purvis, and R B Footen. —

At a meeting of the Phil^a Female Anti Slavery Society held May the 14th 1835. The Minutes of the board of Managers were read and adopted. The Minutes of the last meeting of the Soc^y

ciety were also read, It was resolved that a committee be appointed to endeavour to devise some means of promoting the moral and intellectual improvement of the people of color - the following members compose that Com^t:
Rebecca G Crofton, Angelina Grimké
Rachel Sellers, Phoebe Hussey,
Sarah Jackson, Elizabeth Miller, S. L. Forten
Deborah P Shaw, Mary C Penock,
Mary Needles.

It was also resolved that, addresses be delivered, and essays be written by our members and produced at future meetings of the society. - Collected from the contribution box, 7 dolls 18³/₄ cts. -

The P. F. & S. Society held their Monthly Meeting June the 13th 1835 after the usual business, the proposition from the Board of Managers recommending the formation of Anti Slavery Sewing Societies, was after some discussion adopted, it was also proposed and agreed to that the sewing meetings be held every Saturday afternoon at the house of Mrs Needles, corner of 12th and Race Sts. and Mary Shaw, Sarah Jackson, and Sarah L Forten were appointed as Com^t to purchase and prepare the necessary articles for the subject of petitioning Congress for the Abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia was again brought forward and the following Com^t named to prepare a Memorial to be laid before the next Monthly Meeting, Sarah Lewis, Mary Needles, Susan Grew, and Rebecca Buffum. rec^d from Monthly subscribers to the Anti Slavery Record \$2,50 from the Juvenile Anti Slavery Association 4 dolls 28 cts. M Bowers, and H Reckley An sub ~~one~~ dollar each - Julia Carl An sub 50 cts, E Ford 25 cts do - from

the Contribution box 59 cts. — whole amount rec^d
and pd over to Sidney Ann Lewis. 10 dols 6 cts.

The Phil^a Female Anti Slavery Society held their
stated Meeting, July 9th 1835. — In the ab-
sence of the President Sidney A Lewis, was
called upon to preside for the evening. —

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting
to prepare a Memorial to Congress for the Ab-
olition of Slavery in the District of Columbia, re-
ported a copy of one, which was approved,
adopted, and ordered to be printed. —

The Committee for visiting the Schools for
colored children made a report which was
accepted, and it was on motion resolved
that the Committee be continued, and that
they shall from time to time lay before the
Society a report of the Schools visited, and any
other observations connected with the subject
of education. — 1 dollar 42 cts was rec^d
from the Contribution box

The Monthly Meeting of the Female Anti
Slavery Society, was held August the 11th, 1835. —
The President, and Secretaries being absent, Sidney
A Lewis was called to the Chair, and Rebecca
Buffum requested to act as Secretary. ^{agreedly to in-}
^{novation} Our esteemed friend B Sundry, then favoured us
with an interesting Address, after which the
business of the Meeting was transacted. Rec^d
from the Juvenile Anti Slavery Society 1 dol, 86 cts
from the Contribution box 1 dol, 30 cts. — A paper
from the Ladies Society in Glasgow, containing
an account of the first Annual Meeting of
their Emancipation Society, was read after
which, the Meeting adjourned. the following
persons paid 1 dollar each, their subscription
on becoming members. Lydia B Pierce, Sarah
Greaves, Sarah C Park, Sarah B Pepper. —

At^a meeting of the Ladies Anti Slavery Soc^y held Sept^r the 10th, The President being absent Sidney A Lewis was called to the chair. The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read, and a proposition of the board of managers united with, that a sum from the treasury be appropriated to defray half the rent of the Locust St School room, Mary Grew, Mary Pennock, Mary Needles, and Lydia B Pierce, were appointed to solicit subscriptions to procure maps and other furniture for the school room. The following Com^t was appointed to obtain signatures to a petition to Congress, R Buffum, M Grew, E. G. Butler, R Statshin, Sarah Sellers, Sarah Truman, S. C. Fawcett, S. L. Forten, Sarah Pearson, M Townsend, M Needles, Mary Sleeper, Hetty Burr, L B Pierce, and Hannah Hicks. The Corresponding Sec^y, was directed to write to the Ladies Anti Slavery Societies in England and Scotland recommending to them our friends M^r & M^{rs} Child, and expressing our thankful acknowledgements to those who have been instrumental in sending the

noble champion, George Thompson to this country. R. Buffum, and Sidney Ann Lewis were elected Vice Presidents of the Society, 2 dolls, 50 cts, were collected from the Contribution box, and 1 dol, from Atlanta Harrington, after an encouraging address from our esteemed friend David L Child, the meeting adjourned. —

The Phil^a Female Anti Slavery Society, held their stated meeting October the 8th, 1835. The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Managers, were read and ^{the} Society unanimously concurred in the ~~proceedings~~ ^{resolutions} adopted by them, of sending an Agent through this state, and it was agreed that the members should exert themselves to obtain funds for the ~~same~~ expense which this measure must necessarily incur, the Com^t who have charge of the petitions to Congress were requested to hand them in at the next monthly meeting, in order that they may be in readiness to be forwarded on early in the session. — The Cor Sec^y read an interesting letter from the

Sadler's Anti Slavery Society in Boston, and also copies of letters addressed to our female friends in England. — It was on Motion resolved, that the next meeting be held in the evening — amount collected from contribution box, 3 dolls 37^{rs} monthly subscriptions — 2 dolls. —

At the Monthly Meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society, held November the 12th 1835. The President being absent, the Vice Pres^t. presided, the usual business being concluded Saml L. Gould gave an interesting account of the success of his labours during the past month. He resigns the Agency to which he was appointed by this society, in order to accept an Agency from the American Anti Slavery Society, and as his field of labour is the same, It was agreed that his resignation be received. Sum collected at the meeting 47 dolls, part of which was from the sale of fancy articles, and 7 dolls, from the contri-

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bution box. —

At a Meeting of the Phil^{ia} F. A. S. Society held December 10th 1835. — The Minutes of the board of Managers were read and acted upon. — Sarah L. Forten, Sarah Freeman, Susanna Parrish, and Mary Grew, were appointed a Com^t. to ~~appoint~~ ^{nominat} officers for the ensuing year. The Com^t. read a copy of a letter addressed to the Boston Female A. S. Society, also one to New York. — The Meeting was addressed by Mr. Bradford in a very encouraging and animating manner. Mary Grew, and Lydia White were named a Com^t. to procure some more suitable room, to hold the Annual Meeting in. Collected from the contribution box, 5 dolls 75 cts, from the Juvenile Sewing Society 5 dolls 50 cts, New subscriptions 1 dol 50 cts. —

Second Annual meeting of the female
Anti Slavery Soc. held at Hains St Hall 1st mo
14th 1836. Nominations of the committee approved

- Catho Moore, President
- Lucretia Mott, - Vice President
- Rebecca Buffum, - Recording Secretary
- Mary Grew, - Corresponding Secretary
- Margaretta Foster, - Treasurer
- Sidney Ann Lewis, - Librarian
- Managers -

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| Sarah M ^{rs} Cummell | Lydia White |
| A C Ekstein | Olive Bacon, |
| J H Lewis | Sarah Foster |
| Susan Grew | Mary Moore |
| Mary Medler | Mary Pennock |
| Anna Flopper | Lydia B. Pierce |

The report of the board was read, giving
an encouraging account of the progress of
the Soc. the past year. Resolved the Report
be published. Also a report from the Sewing
Soc. was read.

The com. to procure a more suitable room for
our meetings report, they have made application
for several without success, they have however
one in prospect which they hope to engage.

An interesting letter was read from our friend
and agent J L Gould giving satisfactory
information of the success attending his
exertions in the cause of the oppressed.

An excellent letter from the Ladies Soc. of Concord
to A C Grimke was read and J H Lewis
& R Buffum Jr. appointed to request a copy
for publication.

By permission of the chair a series of questions
were proposed by several gentlemen to J R
Daly concerning the condition of the colony
of Liberia where he passed six years. His

answers have ratified our worst fears with regard to the condition of those who driven by persecution here have sought an asylum there, where they have met with worse than slavery or death.

Annual contributions received

Contributions box

A short address from a stranger

Meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the female Anti Slavery Soc - held 2nd mo 11th 1836. L Mott in the Chair. The minutes of the board were read and their proposal to appropriate \$20, of the sum advanced to S L Gould to the purchase of Anti Slavery publications to be distributed by him, was approved by the meeting.

Their proposal to subscribe for five copies of the Liberator - one Philanthropist - one Independent Weekly Press, was also approved by the meeting.

The annual report of the female Soc of Concord was read, and we hope their exhortation will be regarded that all our conversation

be as becometh women professing godliness; and that if all other ornaments are omitted we ever possess the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit.

An interesting address from our friend Robert Forten.

An education committee was appointed to devise means of improving the moral and intellectual condition of the people of color - to visit schools and report monthly. as follows - Susan Grew. Rebecca Cusson. Mary Needles. Olive Bacon. Mary Townsend. L B Pierce. Lydia White. Sarah Park. Meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the female Anti Slavery Soc.
held 3^d mo 10th 1836 President & Vice President both
absent - J. A. Lewis in the chair.

The minutes of the board were read and the
meeting united with their proposition to appropriate
\$20 towards relieving the embarrassments of the
Liberator. Also that \$10, be appropriated to the
purchase of publications recently published in
Boston.

An interesting address from J. Forten Jr. Susan Green
and R. Duffam Jr were appointed a committee to
request a copy for publication.

It was proposed that a room be procured and
^{Scientific} lectures delivered one evening in each week
for the colored people. The following committee
was appointed to make the necessary arrangements

J. A. Lewis Sarah Pennock & R. Duffam Jr
Contribution box contained \$4.93 - from
Mrs Dowers \$1.12^{1/2}.

Rec^d an interesting report from two of the
education committee.

At a meeting of the female Anti Slavery Soc.
held 4th mo 14th 1836.

The minutes of the board were read and the
proposition that the meetings of the Soc be
held alternately afternoon and evening was
united with. Also their proposal that arrange-
ments be made for the circulation of Anti
Slavery publications, was united with, and
Margaretta Forten and Mary Grew were
appointed a committee to execute this purpose
The meeting also united with the resolution of
the board to add five dollars to the sum
already appropriated to the Liberator.

J. Forten repeated his address by invitation
of the board.

Letters were read from our corresponding Secretary
to various similar associations.

An interesting letter was read from J. L. Gould
giving a cheering account of his success in the
holy work in which he is engaged - his unceasing
zeal and his firm reliance upon that

arm of power which can alone sustain in
spiritual conflict.

Meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Female
Anti-Slavery Society, held June 9th 1836.
Lucretia Mott in the chair. The Sec.
being absent M. Grew was chosen in her
place. The minutes of the last meeting,
and of the board being read, the com-
mittee for arranging the scientific lectures
for colored persons, reported that the lec-
tures were established. The pledge, made
by the Board to give \$100 to the Depository
established by the Young Men's society, was
adopted by the Society, and the proposal
to withdraw our annual pledge from the
Afr. Society, negatived, and the Society
stands pledged in the sum of \$180.

A letter from Pennsgrove, requesting the
opinion of this Society respecting the propri-
ety of the formation of a State Anti Slavery

was received & read.
Society. The subject was discussed, and a
vote passed that the Cor Sec. be directed
to reply to the letter, stating that this so-
ciety approve the proposal, and think the
time has fully come, for the formation of
such a Society. A communication from
Lewis C. Gunn ~~was~~ requesting aid for his
paper, was received and read. Three subscri-
bers for the paper were obtained, and
the following persons pledged themselves
to obtain one subscriber each, and became
responsible for the payment.

Sarah Forten, Mary Pennock, Margaret
Smith, Mrs. Bacon.

Voted that the following persons be ap-
pointed a committee to solicit donations
to enable this Society to subscribe for 25
copies of the Independent Press.

Deborah Marot, Fletty Reskless, Fannet
Jackson, Mary Grew. Two dollars received
from the box. Meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the Philad.^a Female A. S. Society, held May 12th 1836. The Secy. being absent, Lucretia Mott, acted in her place. James Forten's address at our last meeting having been printed, for distribution, Lydia White, and Mary W. Moore, were appointed a committee, to pay the printer, and attend to the circulation of them.

Letters were read from our sister societies of Boston, Brooklyn, Conn, and Concord, N.H. also from C. Wright Jr. N.Y. in reply to those sent from our board of managers, on the subject of sending ^{females} delegates to the anniversary meeting of the Amer. Socy. The committee on Scientific Lectures to the col^d. people, reported that two lectures have been delivered by J. Linmon, and more are expected to be given before the evenings are too short.

Adjourned.

At a meeting of the Phil^a Female A. S. Society, at Plains St. held on the afternoon of the second Thursday of July, L. Mott in the chair, R. Buffum Secy. The committee appointed by the board to prepare a memorial to Congress, presented a draft of one, which was accepted by the Socy. and a committee was appointed to attend to the printing of it. A letter to the Clarkson A. S. Society was read, and the meeting adjourned.

At a meeting of the Female A. S. Society held Augt. 11th 1833, Sydney Ann Lewis, in the chair. M. Jew Secy. A letter from Boston, proposing the formation of an Executive Committee, from the officers, and members of Female A. S. Societies, was read, and dismissed, and postponed to the next meeting. A proposal by G. Shipley to prepare an address to the our citizens, on the subject of slavery, was

discussed, but not not decided upon.

A letter from Mary W. Moore, was on the subject of schools was read, and referred to the Committee on schools. Mr. Barton made a few remarks, and the meeting, adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society held September 8th. 1836
Lucretia Mott in the chair.

The proposal received at last meeting to prepare an address to the females of this City on the subject of Slavery was discussed and adopted. Mary Grew, Mary Moore and Sarah Pugh are appointed to prepare one.

The proposal of the Board of Managers, that our Corresponding Secretary, communicate to the Boston Female Anti Slavery Society, our approval of their suggestion, "to form an Executive Committee from the

officers and members of the Female Anti Slavery Societies throughout the Union," was agreed to.

Mary Moore, Phebe Hussey jun Anna C. Bunting and Sarah Pugh were added to the Committee on Schools.

Believing that the interests of the Society would be advanced by a public sale of fancy articles - Mary Grew, Mary Moore, Phebe Hussey, Esther Beckles, Esther Burr, Mary C. Pennock and Elizabeth Shaw are appointed to procure a suitable place & make arrangements for the sale.

The members generally are requested to give their aid to this plan.

Meeting Adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Soc. held 10th mo 13th 1836

President in the chair. The meeting was addressed by L C Gunn - J W Kimball & B C Barton

An address from the Society to "Women of Penn^a"
was read - approved - and the following publishing
committee appointed - A E Grimke - J A Lewis & J Pugh
A report was rec^d from the education committee
giving an interesting account of the condition
of the public schools they have visited during
the past month.

Meeting adjourned to fifth
day evening next.

20th Met according to adjournment - The following
resolution was passed - Resolved - that the
thanks of this meeting be presented to B
C Bacon for his interesting address delivered
this evening - and a copy be requested
for publication. - Meeting adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti Sla-
very Society held 11 mo 11th 1836. The vice
President in the Chair.

The committee appointed to attend to
the publication of the "Address" of the Society
"to the Women of Pennsylvania" reported
that the Address was printed and ready
for distribution. The Society directed that
the members should be furnished with
them, for that purpose; and that a num-
ber should be deposited in the Anti Sla-
very office in Arch Street.

On motion resolved that Sidney Ann
Lewis, Lydia White & Sarah Forten be ap-
pointed a Committee to request from Ben-
jamin Bacon a copy of his Address be-
fore this Society - and attend to the publi-
cation of it.

A letter was read from N. Southard &
D. H. Hitchcock agents for the publica-
tion of the Anti Slavery Almanac.

requesting the aid of the Society in the disposal of them, that the great expense which had been incurred might not be in vain.

Angelina E. Grimké informed the Society that she had, after much deliberation, concluded to accept an agency, tendered to her by the American Anti Slavery Society, for the purpose of advancing the objects of our Societies by traveling throughout the land and by conversation or otherwise giving expositions of the views held by Abolitionists; that our countrywomen may be better informed on this subject, and thereby induced to give us their hearty cooperation and support, in the "labor of love" in which we are now engaged.

The approbation of the meeting was fully given to the plan. A letter, which had been prepared by the direction of

the Board of Managers, expressing of our sympathy with our beloved fellow member, and recommending her, as "the friend of the Slave and a fearless Champion of human rights," "to the support, the sympathy, & the prayers of those, who are ready for every good word and work in the cause of emancipation," was directed to be signed by the officers and members of the Society.

Collected from the Contribution Box \$3.50.
Meeting adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society held 12 mo 8th 1836 the Vice President in the chair.

The Committee appointed to request from Benjamin Bacon a copy of his address before this Society - report that he declined furnishing one.

A letter was read from the recently organized Female Anti Slavery of Lower Makefield Bucks Co, and our answer "assuring them of our confidence in them who have so happily begun the work, and cordially hailing them as coadjutors in our cause."

A resolution was presented for "A vote of thanks to those editors of the city papers who have published the Address of our Society to the Women of Pennsylvania" laid over to next meeting.

On motion resolved that Mary Needles Sidney, Ann Lewis, Lucretia Mott, Phoebe Huxsey, Mary C Pennock, Sarah Forten, Elizabeth Neale, Rebecca Bettle and Rebecca Embree, be a committee to collect funds by subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a building for Anti Slavery purposes - as there is so much difficulty in procuring suitable places for public meetings, and as it is all important that some exertion be made for that purpose.

To nominate officers for the Society for the ensuing year Sarah Lewis Rachel C Fellers, Sarah S. Truman Phoebe Huxsey, Mary Sleeper, Deborah Merritt and Sarah Douglass were appointed.

The meeting was addressed by Charles C. Burleigh on the right of females to plead the cause of the oppressed, the duty of all to contribute their aid in so righteous a cause, and urging us to avail ourselves of our "noble privilege to do good" by signing memorial to Congress for the Abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia and the suppressing of the Slave Trade between the States.

On motion Resolved that the thanks of this meeting be presented to Charles C Burleigh for so eloquently pleading the cause of the Slave.

Collected from the Box \$2.50 - from the audience \$15.00
Meeting adjourned

At the Third Annual Meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society held in Clarkson Hall 1mo. 12th. 1837 - The Vice President in the chair

The subject of a vote of thanks to the Editors who had published the Address of the Society to the Women of Pennsylvania being discussed; it was decided that it was now too late to act upon it.

The Committee appointed to collect funds for erecting a building for Anti Slavery purposes report, that they had not acted in consequence of learning that arrangements were making for the purpose. By a letter from David Mead and a deputation from a meeting of the Friends of Abolition, we were informed that measures had been taken to form a Stock Company for the purpose of building a Hall which shall be opened for the discussion of Slavery, and for the accommodation of large public meetings &c. The shares to be \$20.00 each to be paid in instalments of \$5.00 each.

On motions resolved that the Society subscribe for 25 shares.

Maria M. Davis Anna C. Bunting Janet Parkerson Hannah Wharton Mary Townsend and Mary Moore were added to the Committee to solicit money to pay the subscription of the society and to obtain subscribers to the stock.

The Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing Year reported the following names which the Society approving they were elected to the respective offices

- Sucretia Mott President
- Sidney Ann Lewis Vice President
- Sarah Pugh Recording Secretary
- Mary Grew Corresponding Sec.
- Margaretta Forten Treasurer
- Sidney Ann Lewis Librarian

Managers

- Mary Needles Mary C. Pennock
- Lydia White Sarah S. Truman
- Anna M. Hopper Sarah Lewis

Sarah Forten Rebecca Bettle
Elizabeth W. Dusey Sarah C. Park
Sarah Jackson jun. Elizabeth S. Keall

Education Committee

Lydia White	Mary Moore
Mary Townsend	Sarah Pugh
Phebe Huxey	Olive Bacon
Susan Greco	Anna C. Bunting
Rebecca J. Crepon	Deborah Merritt
Elizabeth Garrigue	Susan M. Shaw
Rachel C. Sellers	Maria M. Davis
Mary Shaw	Margaret S. Loues

A letter was read from Elizer Wright in answer to one which our Board had directed to be written to the Executive Committee of the National Society, requesting that Charles C. Burleigh should continue his efficient labors in this city. The letter informed us that in consequence of previous

arrangements made with the Anti Slavery Society of Rhode Island the services of this eloquent advocate of the cause of the Slave were promised to that State.

The Friends of Human Rights in the various parts of our State having agreed to meet at Harrisburg on the 31st instant to form a State Anti Slavery Society we appointed as our delegates Phebe Huxey, Mary Greco, Mary Needles, Lucretia Moss, Lydia White, Maria M. Davis, Sarah L. Truman, Sarah Pearson, Olive Bacon, Mary Moore & Elizth S. Keall - The corresponding Secretary was requested to write to the Female Anti Slavery Societies in the State informing them, that we had appointed delegates.

To make a list of the names of our members, to collect the subscriptions that have not been paid, to endeavor to obtain new

members and subscribers. Maria M. Davis
Elizabeth S. Keall & Margaret Forten were appointed.

The following interesting report of the state of our
Society was read and adopted.

Annual Report

The close of the year 1836, completes the
third year of our Society's existence. Our An-
niversary occurs at a peculiarly appropriate
season for reviewing our labors, and gathering
wisdom for the future, from the experience
of the past. It is well for us, occasionally
to compare our past with our present attain-
ments, lest we become discouraged by the great-
ness of the work before us; it is well for us,
to compare that which we have done, with
that which remains for us to do, that we
we may not think more highly of our achiev-
ments than they deserve; it is well for us,
carefully to consider the assistance received

from without, the strength and wisdom imparted
from above, lest in some successful hour, we
begin to feel that our own arm hath gotten us
the victory. If with such feelings we retrace
our steps, we shall doubtless discover cause for
gratitude and encouragement, as well as for pen-
itence and humility, for the former, in the fact,
that our Society, which was organized three
years since, with twenty members, now num-
bers more than eighty, and for the latter that
our efforts have not gathered hundreds around
our standard.

Among the measures for promoting
the objects for which we have associated, this
Society seems ever to have regarded as highly
important, the moral and intellectual im-
provement of the free colored population. Since
the month of May 1835, we have had a stand-
ing committee, appointed for the purpose of
visiting the schools for colored children in

this city, and aiding them in any practicable way. In March 1836 a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the establishment of a course of scientific lectures, which our colored friends were particularly invited to attend. The reports of these committees have usually been satisfactory. If those who deny to the colored man, almost the name of man, and who, after having fettered, and crushed, and even sought to obliterate his mental faculties, gravely tell us that God has formed him with an intellect so weak, that all efforts for its cultivation are useless; - if such persons would visit the schools appropriated to this portion of the community, and watch the mental development and growth of the little child, who has not yet felt the "Cord of Caste" and is too young to read its future destiny, if they would trace the workings of the maturer mind, in its struggles with

difficulties, which pride and prejudice have placed in his path, and see him vanquishing them all, and amassing intellectual riches for their intrinsic worth alone, (for to him they open no avenues to fame and fortune,) their prejudice might be exchanged for respect and their contempt for admiration. We do not pretend that such a description is applicable to all, or to a majority of the colored people of this Country. When fetters for the soul, forged by ambition, avarice, or any other influence, are fastened upon a community, it is a few individuals only, who will burst those fetters, and rise in their native strength, to know, and feel, and prove their power and freedom. The mass of men have never, in any age, done this. The fact that the majority of the colored population of the United States, have not, by their own unaided efforts, risen to intellectual greatness, is in perfect ac-

cordance with reason and analogy; and the equally well known fact, that individuals among them, have attained such an eminence, is sufficient to disprove all the charges of mental imbecility, which are urged against the race. We trust that the rapid increase of this number, will hasten the hour of emancipation.

Since the year 1834, we have annually memorialized Congress, praying for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and the Territories of the United States. We are frequently asked what good have petitions done? The full amount of good produced by them, is yet to be revealed. Some of their effects we have seen, in the discussions which they have elicited in the Halls of Congress, and in the storms of wrath, which have gathered there, to burst on

the heads of abolitionists. We knew that our petitions were not ineffectual, when the wise men of the South, sent back to us the cry, 'Impertinent intermeddlers! incarnate devils! &c.' We knew they were at work, when statesmen thought it necessary to make mighty efforts for their suppression. So may be asked do we rejoice in such efforts? We answer that "we rejoice not in iniquity," but we rejoice in the dissemination of the truth, although its influences may sometimes be "like as a fire and a hammer." We have reason to expect, that, after a few more years of petition and discussion, accompanied, perhaps, by a few more ebullitions of ^{the} wrath of those, whose trade is in "slaves and the souls of men," that our requests will be granted, and that the seat of our national government, will be redeemed from the curse of slavery. And when the monster shall have been driven from

his strongest fortification, how soon will he recede in shame & terror, from his remaining fastnesses in the South & West.

During the past year, we have published an "Address to the Women of Pennsylvania," inviting their attention to this subject, and earnestly entreating them not to refuse their signatures, to a petition for the emancipation of the slave.

M^{rs} Hayrick's admirable pamphlet, entitled, "Immediate, not Gradual Abolition," has recently been republished by the "Anti-Slavery Sewing Society" of this City. We have also circulated a large number of other tracts and papers throughout the City and adjacent Country.

We have been permitted, within the last few months, to add to the noble

band of agents, who have gone out under the patronage of the American Anti-Slavery Society one of our own members.

Beloved and valued as she was among us we cheerfully resigned her, at this new call of duty, nor did she less willingly accept a Commission, which she was aware would be fraught with peculiar difficulties and severe trials of her faith and patience. Her appointed field of labor, is among her own sex, by conversation in the social circle at the fireside, or by more public instruction, to endeavor to convince the women of the North, that Slavery is a subject with which they have something to do, and to persuade them immediately to do it.

When at the meeting of our Board, in November our beloved sister told us of the Commission, which had been

offered to her, by the American Society, with the reasons which induced her to accept it, our hearts were deeply moved. One glance at her future pathway, revealed to us much of difficulty, trial, suffering. We were aware that she would encounter opposition in a new form, and for a moment we trembled for her. We anticipated, that if the reproaches of any portion of the community were awarded her, they must necessarily be shared by female abolitionists in general. But we remembered our suffering sisters on the plantations of the South, we thought of the contempt, the anguish, and the degradations which they are continually doomed, and we unhesitatingly responded, "Do all that is in thine heart, for the Lord is with thee."

Probably there are many persons, even in this age of innovation, who will be surprised at such a measure, and not a few who will denounce it, as a departure from woman's pro-

per station. We are willing to leave our friend's future course to defend itself, but we may be allowed to observe, that woman's station and her employments, have somewhat changed, since the time when Milton prescribed her duties or Ceil presumed to measure her intellect.

We would never overstep the boundaries of propriety, we would not needlessly provoke the frown of any one, but when our brethren and sisters, lie crushed and bleeding under the arm of tyranny, we must do with our might, what our hands find to do, for their deliverance, pausing only to inquire, "What is right?" and not, "What will be universally approved?"

Besides our usual methods of procuring funds, we have, this year, held a sale of useful and fancy articles, from which we have derived unexpected pecuniary profit. For the assistance of our friends in Salem & Kimberton,

and for the liberal patronage of the public,
we return our grateful acknowledgements.

Most of the articles were adorned with anti-slavery prints, or appropriate mottos. The most important results of such sales, is, we think, the silent, unobtrusive, and extensive dissemination of anti-slavery truth. The form of the chained and kneeling slave, pictured on a needle book, or a pin-cushion, may arouse the latent sympathies of many a heart, and suggest to many a conscience the reproving inquiry, "What hast thou done for the redemption of thy brother?"

In this busy, improving, ever onward age, it becomes us, to be diligent in inventing, & discovering means of advancing this Cause of God, to which we have devoted ourselves. The cries of two and a half millions of captives, are this day calling to us, to work mightily for their redemption; the hourly increasing

guilt of our country, calls loudly upon us, not to relax our efforts; the jeopardy of our own freedom of speech warns us not to waver now.

The prosperity which has attended us, through the past year, increases our obligation to be faithful unto the end, while the lamentable fact, that a large majority of our citizens remain entirely unmoved by the wrongs of the slave, or the appeals of his friends, shows us the necessity of more vigorous and efficient action.

And another voice of admonition comes to us from the departed year. It speaks of beloved brethren removed from our midst; it tells of a leader fallen from our watch-tower. It bids us hasten to fill their vacant places, ere the enemy's shout of triumph is raised over their fall.

These, and a thousand other considerations are urging us onward in our work. We trust

that their impulses will be cheerfully obeyed, and that the year which we now commence, will be marked by greater zeal, and holier motive, and more efficient action, than any preceding one has been, that, when its retrospect is taken, and its account sealed on high, each of us may receive the approving sentence, "She has done what she could."

On motion resolved that the report be printed, and that the Constitution of our Society, with other information that may be desirable to give to the public be appended.

Mary Grew, Anna M. Hopper and Elizabeth S. Neall were appointed to ^{attend to} the publication.

The Treasurers report was read as follows

Received from Annual Subscriptions, donations and contribution box	181.18
Proceeds of Anti Slavery sale	228.60
Amount	\$409.78

Paid for printing, purchase of books, subscription for newspapers, cleaning & lighting room &c.	154.97
Pledges to the National Society	40.00
Young Men's Anti Slavery Society	100.00
	<u>\$ 294.97</u>

Balance in the hands of the Treasurer. \$ 114.81

Meeting adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society held 2 mo 9th 1837 Vice President in the chair.

The Delegates appointed to represent our Society in the State Convention at Harrisburg reported that owing to a variety of circumstances not any of them were present.

The minutes of the Board were read & adopted - The Board recommended to the Society "the appointment of a committee to devise and adopt measures to

instruct in the best way of making & repairing their own and children's clothing such females as have not hitherto had opportunities of learning this important branch of domestic industry."

The following were appointed with power to add to their numbers.

Mary Needles, Lydia White, Anna C. Bunting, Sarah Park, and Janet Jackson & Anna M. Hopper

Letters were read from the Hon. James Harper our representative in Congress informing us of the reception & presentation of our petition for the Abolition of Slavery and the Slave trade in the District of Columbia and the Territories of the United States. As all others that have been sent it was "laid on the table" yet though the result is different from our wishes "we have done what we could."

A Letter was read from the Anti Slavery Society of Rhoad Island - and one from the Ladies Society in Boston urging us to arouse the attention of our sisters in this State to the subject of a National Convention of females from the various States of our Union.

By Benjamin S. Jones a delegate from the Young mens Anti Slavery Society to the Convention in Harrisburg we were informed that a State Society had been formed and a strong impulse given to our cause by this Assembly -

Meeting Adjourned

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society held 3rd Mo. 9th. 1837. the President in the chair. - The minutes of the last meeting & of the Board of Managers were read and adopted.

A letter was received from the Hon. Samuel M. Kean of the United States Senate. in favor

ing us of the presentation of our petition to that body for the Abolition of Slavery in the District of Columbia & the Territories of U.S.

A letter addressed by the Secretary of this Society to the Ladies Anti Slavery of New York, was read, and the answer to it containing cheering information from our devoted sisters Angelina C. & Sarah M. Grimké who during the last few months have been in that city endeavoring to disseminate a knowledge of the sad condition of the slave, and of the measures adopted by our Societies to release him from his cruel thralldom.

A letter addressed to the Female Societies in this State, on the subject of holding a National Convention of females in N. York, was read, adopted & directed to be printed in the National Enquirer.

Mary Grew, Sidney Ann Lewis & Anna M. Hopper were appointed to make arrangements for holding a public meeting for females - when it would be convenient to our friend Charles C. Burleigh to address them.

A Committee from the "Free Produce Society" was present to request the aid of this Society on the subject embraced in the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted.

Whereas many of the members of this Society are desirous of obtaining free Cotton goods - and information having been received of the formation of an Anti Slavery ^{Society} at Port au Prince - Hayti therefore - Resolved - that our Corresponding Secretary be directed to write to that Society, requesting their assistance in furnishing free cotton to be manufactured in this State.

Sidney Ann Lewis & Mary Moore were appointed to assist in gaining information necessary to the correspondence.

Meeting Adjourned

The stated meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society was held Apr. 13th. 1837. The meeting was large, attended by many persons from a distance, who had an opportunity of learning some of the principles and plans of our Society from our friends Charles C. Burleigh & Lewis Tappan who addressed the meeting.

Many articles of needle work were sold, bearing emblems & mottoes calculated to awaken thought for the slave, interest in his welfare and exertions for his liberation.

Six new members were added to our number.

The meeting adjourned to the 27th inst. 3^o o'clock.

At our adjourned meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society held Apr. 27th. 1837. the President in the Chair

The minutes of the last m^g. and of the Board read & adopted.

The Committee for making arrangements to hold a public meeting for females reported—
"That said meeting was held on the 31st. Ult. at the Adelphi Hall, where a large audience listened with much attention to an eloquent address from our respected friend Charles C. Burleigh. The immediate result of the m^g. was the enrollment of sixteen new members.

The Committee respectfully suggest to the Society the propriety of frequently holding similar meetings when a powerful and interesting lecturer can be obtained.

On motion resolved that the thanks of this Society be given to our friend Charles C. Burleigh for the interesting and appropriate addresses delivered before them on the 31st. Ult. and the 13th inst.

The Committee on the letter to the Haytian Anti Slavery Society reported that no opportunity had yet offered of sending it, no vessel being bound thither from this port.

A letter was read from this society to the Ladies Anti Slavery Society of Brooklyn Connecticut, and one from the Ladies Society in Pittsburg addressed to this org.

To attend the Convention of Females to be held in New York on the 10 of next mo. to deliberate on the best means of advancing the cause in which we are engaged, the following individuals were appointed as our delegates.

Lucretia Mott, Sidney Ann Lewis.

Mary Grew, Susan Grew, Sarah M. Grimké,
Angelina E. Grimké, Sarah Pugh, Grace Douglass,
Sarah Douglass, Elizabeth S. Neall,
Sarah Jackson, Janet Jackson, Anna C. Bunting,
Elizabeth Bunting, Anna M. Hopper,
Deborah Shaw, Mary Shaw, Maria Pearson,
Matilda Coffey, and Huldah Justice.

Our sisters Sarah M. Grimké & Angelina E. Grimké were with us - encouraging us by

precept and example in the way of well doing - They informed us that during the past winter they had held ten meetings in New York at most of which several hundreds were present. They had meetings also at Brooklyn, Newark & Bloomfield. After the Convention in New York they expect to proceed to Massachusetts to labor for the promotion of our cause - our hearts unite with them in sympathy and encouragement.

On motion resolved that in order to receive the report of our delegates to the Convention our next meeting will be held on the 18th. instead of the 11th. of next mo.

Meeting adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society held 5 mo. 18th 1837 the Pres. in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting and of the Board read & adopted.

The Delegates appointed to attend the Convention of Anti Slavery Women held in New York reported that seventeen of their number attended to the appointment, and that they were well satisfied the Convention was calculated to advance the Anti Slavery Cause, and to encourage us to renewed and vigorous efforts. A full report of the proceedings will be published.

A plan of circulating petitions to Congress was recommended by the Convention to be pursued in all the States. The Societies in the chief town of each State to have petitions printed & sent to every township in the State to be there circulated for signature. & then returned to the

Society to forward to Congress, either separately from each County, or a united petition from the whole State.

In accordance with this plan it was Resolved that the following form of petition be printed and circulated throughout our State.

"To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

The undersigned women of (a county in Penn^a) deeply convinced of the sinfulness of Slavery, and keenly aggrieved by its existence in a part of our Country over which Congress possesses exclusive jurisdiction, in all cases whatsoever, do most earnestly petition your body, immediately to abolish Slavery in the District of Columbia, and the Territories of the United States, and the Slave Trade between the States."

Sidney Ann Lewis, Lydia White, & Lucretia Mott were appointed to attend to the printing of the petitions.

As our State is so large it was resolved that our Corresponding Sec. be requested to write to the Society in Pittsburg asking them to take charge of the Western Counties west of the mountains to attend to the remaining thirty ~~three~~ the following persons were appointed;

Counties Philadelphia	Anna M. Hopper
+ Delaware	Eliz th S. Neall
Montgomery	Lydia White M ^r Jones
+ Bucks	Mary Townsend
+ Chester	Phebe Hussey
" Berks	Hannah Wharton
" Lancaster	Maria M. Davis
Lehigh J. Smith	Mary Grew
Northampton	Sidney Ann Lewis
" Pike	Sarah Pennock
" York	Ann V. Stratton
Lebanon	Mary C. Pennock
Dauphin & K ^{on}	Sarah Douglass
Susquehanna	Deborah P. Shara

Counties Schuylkill	E. Carrman Fancet Jackson
" Luzerne	Margaret Randolph
" Huntingdon	Rebecca Gifford Sarah Pugh
Adams	Huldah Justice
Cumberland	L. Haydock Susan Grew
" Perry	Anna Bunting
Northumberland	Sarah Pugh Rachel C. Sellers
" Bedford	Eliz th Bunting
Union	Susan Shreve Catharine Howe
" Franklin	S. Douglass Margaret Jones
Pike	Sarah Pennock
Centre	Sarah Dorsey
Seniata S. Strouman	Ann Longshanks Susan Parrish
" Mifflin	Jane Busted
Tioga	to Shreve Mary Grew
Potter	Mary Needles
Lycorning	Lucretia Mott
" Wayne	Eliz th S. Neall
Bradford	Eliz th Garrigue
Columbia	Sarah Forten

Mary Grew and Anna M. Hopper were appointed to give the necessary information to the absent members appointed to this work.

On motion Resolved that the expense of Postage incurred be defrayed by the Society.

Meeting adj.

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society held 6 mo. 8th. 1837. The President in the Chair

The Committee on the printing petitions reported that two thousand Copies had been printed & were now ready for the members to distribute.

Some of the members present reported attention to the subject.

The Committee to inform the absent members of the plan and to request their cooperation reported that all were willing to take the part assigned them.

The following resolution was presented and adopted: Whereas - the number of subscribers for the 'National Enquirer' is not nearly sufficient to defray the expenses of publication.

Wherefore Resolved - that such members of the Society as are ~~not~~ members of the Society as are not subscribers be earnestly desired to add their names immediately, and to solicit their acquaintance to become subscribers.

The following resolution was offered - and after some debate was postponed for further discussion at our next meeting.

Fearing that the good cause in which we are engaged will suffer from scarcity of funds and as by the Sale of last year we realized a considerable amount. Therefore Resolved - That we make preparation for a sale of useful and fancy articles, to be held near the close of the year, & that notice thereof be sent through the

'National Enquirer' to our friends generally soliciting their aid by Contributions.

D. P. Shaw, M. Davis, J. Jackson & E. Scall, were appointed to collect subscriptions from our ~~own~~ members.

The Committee appointed in the 2nd mo. to devise and adopt measures to instruct the uneducated Colored people in our vicinity, were requested to report next month.

Meeting adjourned —

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti-Slavery Society held 7mo. 14th. 1837 - the President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting and of the Board read and adopted.

The discussion of the resolution respecting a Public Sale - postponed from last month resumed. The vote being taken a majority was for its adoption. Therefore it was Resolved "That we make preparations for the sale of useful and fancy articles, to be held near the

close of the Year, and that notice thereof be sent through ~~our~~ the 'National Enquirer' to our friends generally soliciting their aid by contributions."

The following Report was received and adopted

The Committee to visit the Colored people and use their endeavours to promote their ~~own~~ physical and moral improvement. Report, That they have paid some attention to the subjects of their appointment, but find the field of labor too extensive for their limited numbers, to act with much prospect of advantage; they therefore propose to the Society to make a considerable addition to the Committee. Respectfully Submitted

Mary Needles

Lydia White

Anna S. Bunting

Sarah C. Park

Anna W. Hopper.

The following persons were added to the Committee. Phebe Hussey, Deborah Marot, Mary Sleeper, Olive Bacon, Margaret Randolph, Elizabeth C. Bunting, Sarah Dorsey, Elizth H. Dorsey, Atlantic Warrington, Sarah Truman, Hetty Peckless, Elizth Bingham, Hetty Burr, Elizth S. Butler, Sidney Ann Lewis. —

By request Anna C. Bunting was released from serving on this Committee.

On motion of Lydia White, the Committee are requested to encourage the employment of those persons who are acquainted with the mechanic arts, & to assist them & others in their business.

The following communication from the Philad^a City and County Anti Slavery Society was received through the Board. At a meeting of the Society, it was Resolved that it be suggested to the 'Female Anti Slavery Society', in obtaining signatures to petitions from Ladies in this County, also

to solicit from them monthly Contributions, Collectable on the 1st. of each mo. and this Society will engage to collect such money or contributions for one half received.

After consideration it was thought inexpedient at this time to act on the recommendation.

The Committee on petitions reported continued attention to the subject. — Anna M. Hopper for Philadelphia County presented the following division of the City & Liberties into districts, in which the following persons were appointed to take the charge of obtaining Signatures.

From South side of Vine to north side of Arch	Delaware to 6th	6th. to 12th.	12. to Schuykill
	Susan Parrish	Mary Needles	Mary C. Pennock
	Lydia White	Anna M. Hopper	Margaret Randolph
	— —	— —	— —
From South side Arch to North side of Chesnut,	Del. to 6.	6. to 12.	12. to Schuy.
	Eliz th S. Keall	Sarah C. Fawcett	Sarah Greenes
	Atlantic Warrington	Mary Townsend	Martha Carman

From South side of Chestnut to North side of Spruce	Del. to C. Maria M. Davis Hannah Wharton	C. to 12.	12. to Schuyler
From South side of Spruce to North side of South	Del. to C. Mary Grew Esther Moore	C. to 12.	12. to Schuyler
Vine to Noble	Phebe Hussey Jane Bowsted		
Noble to Green	Ann Longstreth		
North of Green	Ely th Knigsmacker		
South to Shippen			
Shippen to Carpenter	4,752		

A Committee appointed by the Board to make inquiry of the ~~Board~~ respecting the "Pennsylvania Hall" and to report to this meeting, stated that they had assurances that it would be carried up this season and be in readiness for the accommodation of our next Convention.

The Circular from "The Anti Slavery Convention of American Women" to the "Societies of Anti Slavery Women in the United States," was read tending to awaken in our hearts "love for the true and right" and to rouse to ~~energetic~~ action our slumbering energies. Urging us to diligence in circulating petitions to Congress and to State Legislatures, that each one "may throw a faggot on the flame destined to melt the chains of the slave." "Visit every house, ask every individual, Annually renew your appeals, for when all the maids and matrons of the land knock at the door of Congress, our Statesman must legislate."

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"We were called upon" to read to investigate,
to meet often together that our minds may
be mutually enlightened, our hands strengthened,
and our hearts encouraged."

The following resolution was offered and
adopted: "Whereas, we are called upon by
our sympathy with our brethren in bonds, &
by our obligations of duty to devise plans to
~~increase~~ the means of usefulness of our Society
therefore - Resolved, that each member who
can, will pledge herself to obtain from at
least six subscribers .12¹/₂ a month for our funds
and from children 6¹/₄ cents.

Meeting adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti-Slavery Society
held 8th Mo. 10th 1837 - Vice President in the chair.

The secretary being absent Anna M. Stopper was appointed
to take her place for the evening.

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.
Contributions were handed in to the amount of \$4.53 col-
lected by some of our members in accordance with the
resolution passed at our last meeting.

A letter from the Female Society at Pittsburg was read
stating their willingness to cooperate with us as far as they
can in circulating petitions to Congress. Also one from
the Buckingham Female Society requesting information
respecting the means of procuring free labor goods. L. C. Gunn
informed the meeting that a statement was being prepared
for publication shewing where various articles of food &
clothing were raised by slave labor & where the same
could be obtained by free labor, &c. - Abm. Lomer made
some good remarks on the importance of abolitionists ab-
staining from slave produce - The corresponding Sec-
retary was directed to reply to the letters.

A communication from A. C. Grimke to this Society

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was received reads informing us of their labors in the vicinity of Boston & we have cause to believe that the good seed she & her sister are sowing will spring up and increase an hundred fold.

L. C. Gunn made a few interesting remarks on the importance of using every endeavor to prevent the annexation of Texas - showing us what way it would tend to perpetuate the system of slavery, & to increase the difficulty of obtaining free cotton goods &c. He was followed by Messrs. Black & Scott of Pittsburg who expressed their belief that untiring & persevering efforts in the cause in which we are interested would ere long be crowned with success, reminding us at the same time that not to ourselves but to God belonged all the glory.

Mary Stevens enrolled her name as a member of this Society.

Meeting adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the Female Anti Slavery Society, held on Mo. 14th. 1837 - President in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting and of the Board read & adopted.

The resolution of the Board to sell Five Shares of Stock in the 'Pennsylvania Hall' was confirmed and the Treasurer authorized to make the sale. The Treasurer was also requested to procure and leave at the Depository \$5.00 worth of 'Facts for the People' to be called for by our members who have suitable opportunities for distributing them.

In accordance with the advice of the Board the following Resolution was presented and adopted.

Whereas, at the Anti Slavery Convention of American Women, it was Resolved, That as certain rights & duties are common to all mortal beings, the time has come for woman to

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move in that sphere which Providence has assigned her, and no longer remain satisfied in the circumscribed limits with which corrupt custom and a perverted application of Scripture have encircled her; therefore it is the duty of woman and the province of woman, to plead the cause of the oppressed in our land, and to do all that she can, by her voice, and her pen, and her purse, & the influence of her example, to overthrow the horrible system of American Slavery.

And whereas our beloved friends Sarah M. and Angelina E. Sprunké acting in the spirit of this resolution have devoted themselves to plead publicly the "cause of the oppressed in our land" and thereby have been subjected to the sneers of the heartless, the scoffs of the worldling, and even to the censures of the more serious class of the community - who see not

that "therewith our sisters are called" - therefore Resolved that this society, of which they are valued members, deeply sympathizing with them in the difficulties and trials that beset their path - would encourage them to perseverance in the work "set before them", - believing that He by whom it is appointed will reward them with the consoling language "well done good and faithful servants - as ye have done it to the least of these, ye have done it unto me."

On motion Resolved that this resolution be sent to Sarah M. & Angelina E. Sprunké.

The following Resolutions were adopted directed to be forwarded to William Lloyd Garrison and with the preceding one published in the National Enquirer.

Resolved, That the cause of human freedom and equal rights demands the

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united efforts of the friends of liberty and humanity, and that this meeting deprecates every attempt to impair the unity of feeling which has hitherto prevailed amongst us.

Resolved that we regard a recent publication styled the "Clerical Appeal" as tending to produce this effect, and deeply regret the course pursued by its signers, as calculated to discourage the friends of liberty, embolden its enemies, and materially retard the great end we have in view.

Resolved, That our confidence in the patriotism, integrity, ^{and purity} of purpose, of the tried advocate of equal rights Wm. Lloyd Garrison remains unimpaired, and that every effort to diminish that confidence, has tended to strengthen it. by enabling him more fully to explain the principles upon which he has acted for the promotion of the holy

cause to which he has devoted himself. -

These resolutions called forth interesting remarks on the present state of the Anti Slavery cause, the danger from false brethren the necessity of reading & investigating, that we may be able to act understandingly on the important questions of the day. -

The members reported continued attention to the subjects of petitions in their respective countries.

As there is much difficulty from the remote situation of some of the Districts in the city, from the place of residence of any of our members it was advised that those who have acquaintance in these districts would request them to circulate petitions.

The late letter from the Buckingham Female Anti Slavery Society was again

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read and the answer thereto, which on
motion was ordered to be published in
the National Enquirer

A motion was made that this Society in
future hold all its Monthly Mgt's in the
afternoon, after some debate the subject
was postponed to our next meeting for
further consideration. —

Recd. from the Penny a Day and Month
ly contributions \$ 11.50.

Ann Marshall, Sidney Ann Coates
Ellen Quinby & Elizth S. Gillingham
joined our Society.

Mg. adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of The Female
Anti Slavery Society held 10th Mo. 12th 1837
the President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last Mg. and of the
Board of Managers read & adopted.

The consideration of a motion made at
the last Mg. to hold all our meetings for
business in the afternoon was resumed.

The decision was in favor of our present
plan of holding them alternately ~~in the after-~~
noon and evening.

The members reported continued attention
to the Petitions.

On motion Resolved Petitions against
the annexation of Texas be circulated for
signature with those on the District of
Columbia.

The subject, received from the Board, of
standing ^{the} Petitions from the Counties or from
the State deferred to a ~~future~~ Mg.

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A letter to the Ladies Anti Slavery Society of Concord N. H. was read and one from the Clarkson Anti Slavery Society of this State, the latter asking the coöperation of this Society in calling a Convention of Men & Women to devise means to furnish the market with goods produced by voluntary labor. This Society approving of the proposed Convention, our Secretary was desired to give the information to the Clarkson Society.

In order to facilitate some pecuniary arrangements of the Men's Anti Slavery Society the motion was made and adopted that this Society pay in advance, as soon as there is money sufficient in the treasury, the contribution for the next two months to the support of the Depository.

To make arrangements for the Public Sale. at the close of the year, the following

Committee was appointed.

Maria M. Davis

Esther Burr

Hannah Wharton

Margaret Randolph

Anna M. Hopper

Elizabeth J. Bunting

Huldah Justice

Elizabeth Carman

Elyth S. Keall

Susan Haydock

Janet Jackson

Collected from the cent a day & monthly contributions \$11.00

Mary H. Gillingham & Lydia Gillingham joined the Society.

Msg. adjourned

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At a Stated M^g. of the Female Anti
Slavery Society held 11^{mo} 9th 1837. Vice
President in the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting and
of the Board were read and with a slight
alteration in the former adopted. —

The subject of the plan of sending
petitions to Congress being again consid-
ered. The decision was to send them from
each County if practicable where the num-
ber of signatures obtained from a County
was few. Those who had the charge of
them were left at liberty to unite several
of the ^{petitions} into ones. The members reported
attention to the subject, two interesting letters
from Columbia County relating thereto
were read.

A letter was received from our sisters
Sarah W. & Angelina C. Sprinkles acknowl-
edging the reception of the Resolution

passed by this Society on their behalf, with
the assurance that it was truly cordial to
their feelings: and expressing the hope if
we were called upon to participate in sim-
ilar or greater trials, we would remember
their testimony: "We trusted in the Lord, and
he hath done abundantly more for us than
we could ask or think."

The Com. on the Sale requested permission to add to their num-
ber, which was granted.

Lewis C. Sumner was present and made the
following statement to the Society, viz. That
Charles C. Burleigh & himself expected to spend
the next 6 months in St. Domingo, and
if they could make arrangements to meet
the expense, they wished to devote a part of
that time to the Anti Slavery Cause.

They asked of this Society assistance to en-
able them so to do. — As there was not suf-
ficient funds in the hands of the Treasurer
Mary Townsend, Sarah Pugh, & Mary Cortice

were appointed to obtain from our members the amount they were willing to contribute to the Society, for this purpose.

On motion adjourned to the 16th inst when the Committee are requested to report.

Monthly Contributions \$2.25
Sarah Palmer joined the Society.

At an adjourned meeting held 11mo. 16th. The Committee appointed at last M^g. reported that they had called on most of our members from some of whom they had received money to the amount of \$35.00, to be appropriated as the Society might direct for the use of L. C. Gunn & C. C. Burleigh.

On motion resolved that \$15.00 from the Annual Subscription be added to this, making the amount \$50.00, and given them to aid in advancing the objects of our Society.

The Constitution of the Society was read and Mary Green, Sarah Fugh & Susan Hayden were appointed a Committee to prepare, and report to this M^g. for its consideration, and adoption the alterations and revisions they may judge are required.

Janet Jackson & Elizth Carman were appointed a Committee to engage a person to have the care of the room, in which our meetings are held.

M^g. adjourned.

At a stated M^g. of the Female Anti Slavery Society held 12mo. 14th 1837.

The President requesting, on account of ill health, to be excused from the duties of the evening, the Vice President was called to the Chair.

The Minutes of the last M^g. of the adjourned M^g. and of the Board were read & adopted.

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To take the charge of sending to Congress
the petitions returned from the Counties where
but few signatures have been obtained Sarah
Douglass, Hannah Wharton & Sarah Pugh were
appointed

The Committee for revising the
Constitution reported some alterations & ad-
ditions which were mostly adopted.

Lydia B. Peirce & Mary Grew were
appointed a Committee to make arrangements
for holding a public mg. to hear an address
and take collections for the Widow of Elijah P.
Lovejoy

To attend the ~~Annual~~ Meeting
of the State Society to be held in Harrisburg
on the 16th of next mo. Sarah Mc. Crummel
Sarah Lewis, Mary Needles & Margaret ~~Forbes~~
were appointed. any other of our members
who may be able to attend are requested
to act as our delegates.

To nominate Officers to the Society for the en-
ding year Susan Grew, Elizth S. Neall, Mary
Grew, Hannah Wharton, Ann W. Longstreth
Sarah Forten & Mary Needles were appointed
To audit the Treasurers account Susan Grew
& Sarah Douglass.

A letter from the Senior Anti Slavery Society
was received - stating that it was the wish of
their Society to print and distribute in the
City & County 12,000 Copies of "Facts for the People"
and asking aid to defray the expense. On
motion resolved that this Society contribute
\$20.00 for that purpose.

The following Resolutions were unanimous-
ly adopted.

Resolved that Universal Liberty and Equal
Rights form the very basis of our republican
institutions; - that these are free only where
the discussion is free, and the press unshackl-
ed; - that the right freely to speak write &

print, on every subject, being responsible for the abuse of that liberty, is guaranteed by the Constitution of our Country; - and that every attempt to impair, or in the smallest degree abridge that right, deserves the unqualified reprobation of every friend of freedom.

Resolved, That it is no argument against the exercise of this right, that the principles advanced are unpopular, - as this would perpetuate every error that had once become prevalent in a Community, and prevent all moral progress throughout the world.

Resolved. - That in maintaining and defending the liberty of the press, and the right of free discussion, our beloved brother Elijah P. Lovejoy acted in conformity with the laws of the land and was justly entitled to their protection.

Resolved - That the alarming condition of our Country as manifested in the murder

of our lamented brother by an infuriate mob, for refusing to surrender at its mandates rights dear to every freeman; in the criminal connivance or indifference of the civil authorities; in the impunity with which this and other outrages upon law and order have been perpetrated in our land; - and in the apathy of the public press generally upon the subject; - calls loudly upon all, in whose bosoms the love of liberty is yet unextinguished to arouse from their lethargy, "lift up their voice like a trumpet," and show the people their transgressions, and the nation her sins," that the tide of anarchy and blood may be stayed, and that "violence may no more be heard in our land, wasting & destruction with in our borders."

Resolved, That our brother's blood shall not in vain cry to us from the ground; but undismayed by danger, undeterred by disas-

aster, we will continue to plead the cause of suffering humanity, until every fetter be broken, every chain be loosed, and the Slave stand forth a Man, "redeemed, regenerated, and disenthralled, by the irresistible Genius of Universal Emancipation."

Resolved That, as women, it is our undoubted right and imperative duty to use our utmost efforts to put an end to a system, which not only tears asunder the most tender ties in the region where slavery exists prevails, — but entering the free states, has midowed a northern woman, and rendered her babes fatherless, — and which unless resisted, may soon in like manner enter our own dwellings, & lay its withering hand upon our fathers husbands & brothers.

Resolved — That in the present aspect of our cause, and the dangers that threaten us on every side, it becomes our solemn

duty carefully to examine what manner of spirit we are of; that in the hour of fiery trial we be not found fighting with untempered weapons, but may go forth to the moral conflict clothed with the whole armor of God, and relying upon Him to whom victory belongeth.

Resolved — That while we approve and admire the energy perseverance, and deserved courage of our martyred brother, in pleading the cause of the bondman & maintaining the rights of the citizen; — and while we desire that abolitionists every where, under similar circumstances, may prove equally firm and undaunted; yet we deeply deplore that he should ^{have been} driven by any threats however violent — any dangers however imminent — to take up arms in defence of these rights, — believing that such are not the proper means for the

advancement of our cause - but forsaking
the arm of flesh, we should lean on
Him for support, who is able & willing
to save all who put their trust in Him.

On motion Resolved that the foregoing
resolutions be published in the N. Enquirer.

Resolved That our Corresponding Secretary
be instructed to transmit to Mrs. Lovejoy
such funds as shall be raised for her
with the assurance of our heart felt sym-
pathy in her deep affliction. —

Received from the Box and monthly
contributions \$ 6.81.

Ing. adjourned

At the Fourth Annual Meeting of the
Female Anti Slavery Society held 1mo 4th 1838
the Vice President in the chair.

The minutes of the last mg. and of the Board
read and adopted.

The Annual Report from the Board of Man-
agers. The Treasurers Report; Report of the Commit-
tee on Education, & a Report from the Committee
on the Public Sale, were read and adopted.

Annual Report

The rapidly revolving year has again brought
us to that period from which we are accustomed
to take our annual retrospect. The operations of
this Society, during the year 1837, have been mark-
ed by no mighty or splendid achievement, and
its history is adorned by no thrilling incident,
to attract a stranger's attention. But to us
it cannot be devoid of interest, and should not
fail to yield lessons of instruction. If we should

learn from it, that we have been "slothful in business," and "have left undone many things that we ought to have done," let us penitently confess our faults, and resolve to work more diligently in future. If we should find that, by patient and persevering effort, we have accomplished something toward the slaves redemption, or assisted in disseminating righteous principles, let us in lowliness of heart, acknowledge that we are still "unprofitable servants," having done only that which it is our duty to do.

Allied as we are to the mighty phalanx of those who are contending for a "world's liberty," the retrospect of a year must furnish us many sources of encouragement, for we share with them a common lot; the success of one portion is the prosperity of the whole, and the perils and suffering of a part are felt by all.

To overthrow an institution that has

grown up to giant size, in the heart of a mighty nation, whose institution has its foundation in the strongest depraved principles of human nature; which is surrounded and sustained by the sanctions of law and public opinion, and protected by the suffrage of a false religion; to destroy and utterly lay waste such an institution, and to do it by moral influence on the minds of the Community, is not the work of a day or a year. Such a work is ours. It can be accomplished only by constant and unwearying effort, day after day, and year after year, by seizing every opportunity to pour a ray of light on the darkened understanding, or a softening influence on the hardened heart, till the mind of the nation is renovated, and the pillars of Slavery are removed. And if we do not see the edifice tremble at our touch, let us not imagine we are doing nothing. Already is it deeply undermined, and if we may remove but one of its

foundation stones, or accelerate, by one hour
its fall, let us not say, "We have labored in vain,
or spent our strength for naught."

On examining the records of our Society,
we find that, during the past year, more than
forty members have joined our ranks, an ad-
dition greatly exceeding the average increase of any
of the succeeding years of the Society's existence.
A large proportion of this number was obtained at
two public meetings held by the Society in March
and April, when special efforts were made for
enlisting new members.

A new measure for the advancement of our
cause has this year been adopted by the ^{of} Female
Anti Slavery Societies of this country, viz: the hold-
ing of an "Anti Slavery Convention of American
Women." The object of this meeting was to
afford the different associations an opportunity
of conferring together respecting their modes of
operation, and devising plans of united action

and also, that those women of America, whose souls
are sickened by the oppressions that are done under
the sun, might have together an opportunity lifting
up their voices, in remonstrance and entreaty, in
behalf of their brethren and sisters in bonds, and of
the eternal principles of justice. A measure so
novel, adopted by women, would, of course, excite sur-
prise in many minds, and from some elicit censure.
This we expected; for it we were prepared; nor have
the editorial rebukes, sarcasm, and ridicule, which
have been awarded us, exceeded our anticipations.
To calm & manly argument we would have attentively
listened, and respectfully replied; but to the coarse
invective and rude jesting of which we were the
subject, we deem it unfit to oppose sober reasoning,
or even serious expostulation. For those, who for a
little hour, found pleasant pastime in such em-
ployment, we desire no other recompense than re-
fined tastes, and a clearer conception of the du-
ties and privileges of rational beings. We will

as not here record their names, — they are freely forgiven, as they would have been had their insults or injuries been multiplied a thousand fold. The immediate results of our Convention have been given to the public, and it is needless to recapitulate them. A part of its fruits will probably be seen in the increased number of memorials which will be sent to Congress during its present session. In pursuance of a plan proposed by the Convention, this Society, in the month of June, made arrangements with the "Female Anti Slavery Society of Pittsburg," to furnish every county in Pennsylvania with memorials to Congress, praying for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia, and the Territories of the United States, and for abolition of the Slave trade between the States. In that portion of the State allotted to us, (judging from the reports of members to whom it was intrusted,) this work has been performed as thoroughly as our means of

action permitted. The number of signatures obtained in Philadelphia exceeds that of the last year by about one thousand. The misbenefits to the Anti Slavery cause, arising from this department of our labor, are not to be calculated by the number of signatures appended to our memorials. We do not regard those visits as lost labor, where our request is denied, or that time wasted which is spent in unsuccessful efforts to convince persons of their duty to comply with it. Often, very often, the seed then laboriously sown, falls into good ground, and after a little season springs up, bringing forth fruit, some thirty, some sixty, and some one hundred fold.

Whenever our arguments find a lodgment in the mind, or our exhortations arouse the sympathies of the heart, there a victory (small though it be) is won for the Anti Slavery cause. And where no such result from our toil is perceptible, and we go from house to house, sad, and sick at heart with the selfishness, and ignorance, and pride

with which we are surrounded repulsed, the reflection that we have suggested an important, and, perhaps, new topic of thought and conversation, which will, no doubt, be pursued in some form or other, encourages us to persevere.

The prosperous state of our finances, which will, no doubt, be pursued in some form or other, encourages us to persevere. As shown by the report of the treasurer, demands our grateful acknowledgments to HIM who has liberally supplied us with the means of doing good, and should excite to the accomplishment of greater things in future.

Our sale of useful and fancy articles, has been attended with unexpected success, and its pecuniary profits have considerably exceeded those of the sale of the preceding year.

During the past year we have maintained a correspondence with several sister associations in Pennsylvania, and elsewhere. Intelligence respecting our beloved sisters, Sarah M. and

Angelina E. Grimké, has also been frequently received. The year has been to them, one of trial and arduous labor, in which our hearts have sympathized.

On reverting to the expression of our feelings, in regard to these dear coadjutors, contained in our last report, we find that many of our own anticipations respecting them have been realized, and although many have attributed the difficulties of their way, and the opposition which they meet, to the manner in which they have enlarged the sphere of labor at first proposed, in our opinion a large portion of it is the result of hostility to the truth, for which they are so earnestly contending. It is true, that respecting some of their measures, different opinions exist among abolitionists; but these measures have been adopted by themselves, and for them none are responsible but those who have chosen to become so, by endorsing them. Approval of the course which they have pursued has already been expressed by a majority of this Society, and

published in the "National Enquirer" and the
"Liberator".

In our review of the past year, we cannot
pass in silence an event which has made 1837 a
most memorable year in the history of abolitionism
in America; an event that so deeply concerns ev-
ery Anti-Slavery Association, that it may well
be interwoven with its own history. The murder-
ous blow, which has bereaved us of a beloved bro-
ther and valiant coadjutor, was not levelled at
not at him alone, but at the foundation of
civil and religious liberty; at the inalienable
right of free discussion, and, therefore, at every
Anti-Slavery Society in the land. The martyr-
dom of the lamented Lovejoy is a fearful revelation
of the triumphs of the "dark spirit of slavery" over
our republican institutions. It should alarm ev-
ery American who values those institutions, and
arouse his mighty energies for their preservation.
We do not doubt that those all-potent influences,

which elicit good from evil, will make this sad ca-
tastrophe conducive to the establishment of the truth
it was designed to destroy; and though it may be
the commencement of a "reign of terror", in which
the truth of our principles may be again & again tested
with blood, we know that the powers of darkness
shall at length be vanquished by the invincible
strength of truth.

"For thus it is forever. Man may raise

"His arm against his brother, and the axe
Fall heavily and frequent, and the cord
Be prodigal of life — the dagger grow
Dark red with midnight murder, in the rain
And idle hope to fetter human thought,
And cross the will of heaven, and every blow
In persecution dealt, shall be returned
Back to the giver — every instrument
Of foul oppression change unto an aid
Of that which it had threatened."

It is to us a source of very deep regret, that in

the hour of peril, our beloved brother did not more closely follow the example of John who "was led as a lamb to the slaughter," and who when legions of angels were at his command, "resisted not evil." We should have deemed it a cause of devout thanksgiving, and joyous triumph, had our first martyr fallen, armed only with the "whole armor of God;" having his "feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." Oh! had he fallen as a disciple of Christ should have fallen, with his last words blessing his persecutors, and his fervent supplications for their forgiveness, borne upward with his ascending soul, to heaven; then, with sorrow for our bereavement, and our country's loss, would have mingled unalloyed rejoicing for our martyred brother. But the mournful fact, that in this respect he deviated from the path of Christian duty furnishes no excuse for the dreadful outrage on his liberty and life, and they who on this account are speaking

peace to his murderers, will do well to take heed that they are not conniving at sin. The price of his blood is crying from the ground, and amid its thans and tones of warning to a slumbering Church and a guilty nation, we may hear a call to greater diligence in a work, which, if accomplished by peaceful measures must be done quickly.

The trust that the lessons taught us by the sad scenes in Alton, have not been learned in vain. We feel that they demand of us a new individual consecration to the Anti Slavery cause; that they require of us a new pledge of fidelity to its interests, and above all a solemn pledge that we will seek the advancement of those interests by measures which will not violate the commands of our Savior: "Recompense to no man evil for evil;" "Whoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also;" "Overcome evil with good;" "Avenge not yourselves but rather give place unto wrath."

If the deliverance of the American captive cannot be effected by such means, then is it not a work whereunto Christians are called.

We believe that it can be so effected, and in the prosecution of our work continually meet with evidence that in limiting his servants to the use of pacific measures in promoting his cause, "The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God stronger than men."

If we need incentives to commence the new year with increased zeal and activity, let us contemplate awhile the present condition of the slave.

To him the year has passed heavily away. Each day and night has witnessed his burning tears and bitter anguish. Beneath the summer sun he has toiled through the long day, but not to enrich himself, or to shed the light of gladness around his home; and when the unrequited task was finished, lonely, desolate, and heart broken, he has returned to his hut to gaze in

tearful silence on the places which once knew his loved ones, but now will know them no more forever.

Bereaved of his dearest earthly treasures, but not by death, where shall he look for comfort? To him that source of comfort, the Bible, is sealed; its hallowed pages afford him no relief. It may be that influences, not of earth have illuminated and purified his soul, and taught him to derive consolation from the things which are not seen, and are eternal, or it may be that he knows nothing of such sources of peace. Does he not often with a wishful eye and anxious heart, turn, in his sadness to the North? He has heard that there he has friends who are toiling for his redemption, in whose daily prayers he is remembered, and in whose hearts he holds a brother's place.

Oh! could his voice reach us, with what thrilling pathos would he tell of his thirstings for liberty, and of his fondly cherished hopes, that deliverance will arise for him from among us.

"Will not the remembrance that we have excited such hopes, urge us on onward in our efforts to gratify them? What those efforts will cost us, we know not. Over our future pathway, hang clouds which our eyes may not penetrate. But, wherever that path may lead, we trust that we shall be enabled cheerfully to tread it heedless of any sacrifice or suffering, if thereby we may

"Speed the moment on

"When wrong shall cease, and Liberty and Love
And Truth and Right throughout the earth be known
As in their home above."

Report on Education

The Committee on Education report, that during the past year, they have visited most of the Schools for Colored Children in the City and Liberties. Some of them repeatedly - they have also visited parents, to endeavor to draw their atten-

tion to the advantages offered their children. To procure conveniences for the accommodation of several of the schools the Committee have expended \$71.00 Donations of books &c. have been received and appropriated \$17.50 yet remain of the funds contributed to the purposes of Education.

While the Committee regret that more has not been accomplished by them, they are encouraged by the increasing attention of the Community to the education of our colored population. Within a few months a large and respectable Society has been formed whose principal object is the improvement of this portion of our inhabitants. In the northern part of the city many women devote a portion of their time to attendance in one of the Public Schools for Colored Children, to teach them the most useful parts of needlework. The rapid improvement made gives evidence of the strong desire to profit by the opportunities thus offered them. With both of these associations

Some of our members are efficient Co-workers.

On behalf of the Committee

Susan Green &
Mary Townsends

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Abstract of the Treasurer's Report

Received from Subscriptions, donations & col-
lections at Public Meetings \$ 468.62

Cash received at the Public Sale 459.18

\$ 927.70

Paid for printing, books, newspapers cleaning &
lighting room &c \$ 83.28

Stock in Pennsylvania Hall 400.00

City & County Society 130.00

Sundries 95.00

\$ 708.28

Balance in the Treasury \$ 332.23

The Committee of arrangement for the Public Sale reported that she held the Sale on the 21st & 22nd of December - The proceeds thereof after deducting the expenses amounted to \$459.18. This Committee further stated that they believed the Sale was conducted in such manner as to give entire satisfaction to all connected with or interested in it, and that they consider such sales as an efficient means of raising funds in aid of the objects of our Society.

An motion resolved that the Annual Report be printed in a pamphlet form, and that Mary Green, Sidney Ann Lewis & Sarah ^{to} Douglass be a committee to attend to the publication.

Resolved that copies of the report be sent to the Editors of the Emancipator & of the Liberator with the request that they will publish the portion of it respecting our lamented brother E. P. Lovejoy.

Rachel W. Heeley joined the Society.

The following Officers were appointed for the present Year:

- Sarah Pugh Resident
- Anna M. Hopper Vice President
- Sarah M. Douglass Recording Secretary
- Mary Grew Corresponding Sec.
- Margaretta Forten Treasurer

Managers

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| Lucretia Mott | Mary Needles |
| Lydia White | Grace Douglass |
| Sarah Forten | Lusan Haydock |

Education Committee

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| Lydia White | Mary Carliss |
| Sarah Pugh | Mary Townsend |
| Anna Bunting | Elizabeth McCall |
| Ann W Longstreth | Huldah Justice |
| Anna Hopper | Olive Bacon |
| Mary Penrock | Hannah Wharton |

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