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SLAVERY SOC. MINUTES,  
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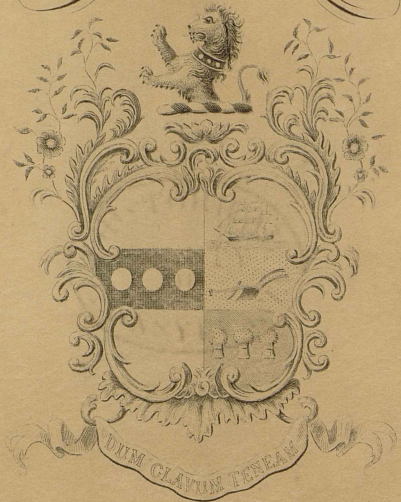
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THE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



OF  
PENNSYLVANIA.

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Pennsylvania Abolition  
Society

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Jan. 45 to Sept. 48



Constitution  
of the Philadelphia  
Female Anti-Slavery Society. -

Whereas, more than two millions of our fellow-countrymen, of these United States, are held in abject bondage; and whereas, we believe that slavery and prejudice against color are contrary to the laws of God, and to the principles of our famous declaration of Independence, and recognizing the right of the slave to immediate emancipation; we deem it our duty 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 color to their inalienable rights. For these purposes, we the undersigned agree to associate ourselves under



the name of "The Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society."

Article 1<sup>st</sup>.

The object of this society shall be to collect and disseminate correct information of the character of slavery, and of the actual condition of the slaves and free people of color, for the purpose of inducing the community to adopt such measures, as may be in their power, to dispel the prejudice against the people of color, to improve their condition, and to bring about the speedy abolition of slavery.

Article 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Any female uniting in these views, and contributing annually to the funds, shall be a member of the Society.

Article 3<sup>d</sup>.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secre-

tary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and Librarian, who, with six other members shall constitute a Board of Managers. They shall keep a record of their proceedings, which shall be laid before the Society at its stated meetings. They shall have power to fill any vacancy that may occur in their number, till the next annual meeting.

Article 4<sup>th</sup>.

The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Society, and shall have power to call special meetings of the Society, and of the Board.

Article 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

Article 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the transactions of the Society,



and notify all meetings of the Society.

Article 7<sup>th</sup>

The Corresponding Secretary shall keep all communications addressed 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.

Article 8<sup>th</sup>

The Treasurer shall collect the subscriptions and grants to the Society, make payments according to its directions and those of its Managers, and present an audited report at each Annual meeting.

Article 9<sup>th</sup>

~~The Librarian shall take charge of all books and pamphlets belonging to the Society, and conform to the rules prescribed by the Society, for the management of the Library.~~

Article 10<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>

Stated meetings of the Society shall be held on the second Fifth-day in every month, excepting the Seventh and Eighth months, (July and August.)

Article 11<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>

The annual meeting shall be held on the second Fifth-day, (Thursday,) of the First month, (January,) at which time the reports of the Board and Treasurer shall be presented, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

Article 12<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>

It is especially recommended that the members of the Society should entirely abstain from purchasing the products of slave labor that we may be able consistently to plead the cause of our brethren in bonds.



Article 12<sup>th</sup>. 12<sup>th</sup>

This constitution may be altered at any stated meeting by the vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice having been given at a previous meeting.

Members' names.

Lucretia Mott.  
Esther Moore *resigned*  
Mary Ann Jackson *removed*  
Charlotte Forten  
Margaretta Forten  
Sarah L. (Forten) Purvis, *removed.*  
Grace Douglass. *deceased*  
Susan Parrish *removed*  
Rebecca Hutchins *deceased.*  
Mary Clement *removed.*  
Mary Sleeper  
Henrietta Davis  
Anna C. Eckstein *deceased*  
Mary (Wood) Forten *deceased*

(2) <sup>Amy</sup> ~~Anna~~ Matilda Casey  
(1) Harriet D. Purvis

Sarah Tell Moore - *removed*  
Sidney A. Lewis  
Catharine Mc Dermot - *removed*  
Susan M. Shaw  
Sarah S. Truman *deceased*  
Elizabeth P. Hinton  
Anna Bunting - *resigned*  
Elizabeth Bunting - *do.*  
Mary Bunting - *do.*  
Abby Alcott. *removed*  
Lydia White  
Mary Locke - *removed*  
Sarah Mc Crumwell. *resigned*  
Annabella Barclay  
Margaretta Bowers. *resigned*  
Hetty Burr  
Elizabeth W. Clarke  
Sarah (Greaves) Martin. - *resigned.*  
Julia Grew. - *deceased*  
Susan Grew *resigned*



Mary Grew.  
Rebecca (Buffum) Spring - removed  
Maria Pearson - removed  
Sidney E. K. Hunter - removed.  
Elizabeth J. Atlee - removed  
Elizabeth G. Butler  
Hester Chew  
Deborah Marot - resigned  
Mary (Moore) Corlies - deceased  
Rebecca G. Cresson  
Mary P. Cresson - resigned  
Anna Cresson - do.  
Rachel C. (Sellers) Garnett  
Mary C. (Pennock) Sellers.  
Sarah (Sellers) Pennock.  
Mary C. Sellers, - deceased.  
Deborah P. Shaw, - resigned  
Anna W. Coffin - removed  
Catharine Service  
Elizabeth French  
Phebe Smith  
Sarah Pearson

Mary Brewster  
Hannah Wiley  
Mary Ann Evans - resigned  
Mary Shaw  
Susan Shaw.  
Sarah H. (Jackson) Wile - deceased.  
Janet Jackson  
Rebecca Lambson  
Angelina C. (Grimké) Weld - resigned  
Phebe (Hussey) Gardner - removed.  
Mary Needles.  
Sarah M. Grimké - resigned.  
Rebecca Embree  
Hannah Hicks  
Henrietta Bowers.  
Susan Spence - removed  
Elizabeth (Welliver) Parrish - resigned.  
Sarah Parrish - resigned  
Maria (Mott) Davis.  
Anna M. Hopper  
Rebecca J. Pettit.  
Ann Eliza Stirling (removed).  
Sarah C. Fawcett - resigned.



Isabella Fawcett - resigned  
Mary Townsend - do.  
Sarah Turner  
Susan Warrington resigned  
Atlantic Warrington resigned.  
Sarah Lewis resigned  
Sarah M. Douglass.  
Hetty Reckles  
Rebecca P. Hallowell resigned  
Sarah P. Hallowell do.  
Elizabeth Ford do.  
Elizabeth J. (Keall) Gay  
Lydia B. (Pierce) Greaves - resigned  
Sarah C. Park.  
Sarah B. Pepper  
Amelia Tappan - removed  
Mary B. Smith resigned  
Olive Bacon.  
Eliza Falconer resigned  
Margaret Jones  
Ann Ray - removed  
Sarah Rugh.  
Elizabeth H. Dorsey. deceased.  
Elizabeth H. Garrigue. resigned  
Eliza A. Henley resigned  
Sarah Dorsey  
Jane L. Seadinger removed  
Harriet C. Grew. deceased  
Catharine (Shove) Murray, removed.  
Sarah Shaw  
Lydia B. Thomas - removed.  
Phebe Thomas. do.

Hannah Coates - removed.  
Hannah (Wharton) Baydock  
Elizabeth Ogden.  
Jane Smith resigned  
Elizabeth S. Lundy - removed  
Mary R. Jackson, resigned  
Elizabeth T. Bunting  
Margaretta Randolph, resigned  
Hetty James resigned  
Margaret Clause do.  
Isabella Miller  
Jane Bonsted. resigned  
Sarah Bonsted do.  
Mary Ann Gordon  
Elizabeth Bingham resigned  
Ann W. Longstreth  
Huldah Justice  
Amy T. Stratton  
Mary L. Howland. resigned.  
Mary James. resigned  
Jane Thompson  
Hannah Ellis  
Elizabeth Carnan  
Martha W. Carnan  
Eliza (Orum) Kenshaw. removed  
Teresa J. Hallowell  
Anna (Wood) Whitall -  
Catharine Wood.  
Susan Lower  
Mary A. Wright.  
Susan (Baydock) Dorsey  
Elizabeth Konigsmacher - deceased.



Mary Stephens  
Ellen Quincy - removed  
Elizabeth J. Gillingham - removed  
Lydia Gillingham  
Ann Marshall - resigned  
Sarah Ann Coates - removed  
Mary Gillingham - resigned  
Sarah H. Palmer  
Rachel W. Healy. removed  
Sarah G. Rich - resigned.  
Ann Powers  
Deborah Coates removed.  
Mary Earle resigned  
Ann B. Percival  
Esther A. Russell <sup>(Jacobs)</sup> removed  
Hannah L. Stickney  
Phebe Earle resigned  
Jane Peterson  
Lucy Ann Peterson - resigned  
Esther E. Peterson - do.  
Emma Parker  
Esther Lower. resigned  
Ann B. Cabean  
Ann Porter  
Sarah (Webb) Peterson  
Helena Johnson  
Rachel E. Deacon. resigned  
Elizabeth Chew.  
Amelia M. Bogle.

Sarah Coates } removed.  
Rachel Coates }  
Elizabeth White. resigned  
Elizabeth L. B. Gunn -  
Margaret A. Gridcom  
Rebecca B. Keall. removed  
Mary Beans  
Rebecca Coates - removed  
Harriet Snyder  
Mary T. Stickney  
Eunice Congdon - removed.  
Sarah A. Mc. Hain  
Elisha J. Bias  
Elizabeth L. B. Wright.  
Clementina W. Greene  
Cynthia Collins  
Eliza Jones  
S. A. Secount.  
Clorinda Miner  
Mary Flagg.  
Anna Smith. resigned resigned  
Emily Wilkins.  
Mary E. Beebe  
Harriet E. Black  
Gertrude H. Burleigh.  
Sarah T. Childs.  
Mary B. Smith resigned resigned  
Ann J. Smith resigned  
Esther Hoagland



Rachel Simmons - deceased.  
Emily A. Winslow.  
Maria Lowell removed  
Paulina S. Wright.  
Elizabeth M. Davis  
Mary Ann Elliott deceased  
Eliz<sup>th</sup> Clendenon  
Ann Clendenon  
Caroline E. Carpenter  
Rebecca Plumly

The Eleventh Annual  
A. S. S. meeting of the Philadelphia  
S. A. S. Society held January 9<sup>th</sup> 1845.  
the President in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read  
and adopted.

Margaret Jones on behalf of the commit-  
tee appointed to visit the donor of  
a certain sum for purposes of education,  
reported that the individual was willing  
that the money should be disposed of  
by the society, for the purposes above-  
mentioned.

Margaret Jones, treasurer, presented  
the following report. — (over.)



Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society  
1845. Dr.

To cash paid Penn. A. S. Society	\$ 350. 00.
S. M. Douglass.	125. 00.
20 copies of Liberator.	50. 00.
10 " " Standard	20. 00.
30. " Pa. Freeman	22. 50.
Merrihew and Thompson	17. 50.
Rent of Hall	6. 00.
Leiger for Advertising	1. 25.
Postage of Liberator	1. 04.
Balance on hand 1 <sup>st</sup> mo 8 <sup>th</sup> 1843.	79. 63.
	<u>\$672. 92.</u>

Susan Grew was appointed to audit the above report.

The annual report, having been read by Mary Grew, after some discussion was adopted:-- the following committee was appointed to print and circulate it, viz.

in account with Margaret Jones, treasurer.  
1845. Cr.

By balance on hand 1 <sup>st</sup> mo. 11 <sup>th</sup> 1844	\$ 538. 14.
Members' Subscriptions	103. 75.
back from sale of 1843.	10. 35.
Donations	2. 50.
Error in account.	18. .
	<u>\$672. 92</u>

Mary Grew, Margaret Jones, and Sarah Lewis.

Anna M. Hopper, chairman of the Fair Committee presented the following report. The Fair was opened on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> ult. and continued until the even-



ing of the 26<sup>th</sup>. inclusive. The sales amounted to \$754. 50 including about \$45 for poultry, flour, &c. disposed of at the Anti-Slavery office. The expenses were \$80. 02 1/2, leaving \$674. 48 nett profits. The tables were erected by Tom. Ellis without charge. Many articles remain on hand which it is desirable to dispose of before another season, and it is proposed by the Committee to exhibit them for sale at the annual meeting of the Eastern Penn. Anti-Slavery Society, at whatever time and place such meeting may be held.

The utility of fairs, conducted as ours have hitherto been, is sufficiently obvious to preclude the necessity of a recommendation that they be continued."

The Treasurer reported about \$750 in the treasury exclusive of annual subscrip-

tions; and it was moved and seconded that \$500 be given to the State Society.

The motion being amended to \$600, instead of \$500, was passed.

Lidney Ann Lewis, on behalf of the nominating committee reported the names of the officers of the past year for re-election. They were all chosen here follow their names.

#### Presidents:

Hannah Lee Stickney

Vice-President - Sarah Pugh

Recording Secretary. Phebe Earle.

Corresponding Secretary Mary Grew

Treasurer Margaret Jones.

Librarian Sarah M. Douglass.

#### Managers.

Lucretia Mott. Jennette Jackson

Hester Beckless. Mary Shaw

Susan Grew Martha W. Carman



The following committee was appointed to prepare a roll of the members. - viz. -

E. S. Keall. - Phebe Earle & Marg<sup>th</sup>. Jones.

The President gave notice of the resignation of Lydia Greaves and Sarah Martin from their membership in this society; - and, by request, she gave the reasons assigned to her, for this proceeding.

Adjourned.

During the course of the meeting several unimportant resolutions were offered and withdrawn.

The names of Emily Winslow, Paulina S. Wright, and Maria Lowell were offered for membership.

At a <sup>stated</sup> meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society, held February 13<sup>th</sup>. 1845. - the President in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read; and

were subject to some remarks.

Susan Grew reported that she had audited the treasurer's report, and that it is correct, <sup>in its present form.</sup> as seen in the minutes.

Mary Grew informed the meeting of the publication of the Annual Report.

The committee to prepare a roll of the members was continued, they not being furnished with a complete <sup>one</sup> roll.

Mary Grew, in pursuance of a notice given at the last meeting offered the following amendment to Article Second of the Constitution of this Society. - viz that the word - annually - be introduced into the same, that it may read - Any female ~~contributing~~ <sup>contributing</sup> in these views, and contributing annually to the funds shall be as member of the Society. This motion was agreed to, and it was directed to be published in the "Freeman".



It was further resolved to take, as heretofore,<sup>before</sup> twenty copies of the Liberator during the ensuing year.

After ~~some~~ objections to the ~~course~~ of the ~~Standard~~ of the course of the Freeman ~~was~~, and some discussion ~~thereon~~, it was resolved to take forty copies of that paper for the next year.

It was moved and seconded that we take twenty copies of the Standard: the motion was then proposed to be amended by inserting five in the place of twenty, <sup>after considerable discussion,</sup> but, by an amendment to the amendment, it was finally concluded to take ten <sup>copies</sup>, as during the past year.

Mary Grew, Margaret Jones, and Sarah Lewis were appointed a committee to superintend the distribution of the papers. Mary Grew read letters from Mr. Giddings, of the H. of Rep. of the United States, and Mr. Crabb of the State Senate giving

favorable reports as to the destination of the petitions sent by this Society, to those legislative bodies.

It was moved and seconded to appropriate ten dollars to publish the late letter of Cassius M. Clay, to the people of Kentucky.

Lucretia Mott, M. Grew, S. A. Lewis, S. Pugh and Margaret Jones were appointed a committee, to consider the propriety of so doing, and they were empowered to employ ten dollars for publication of said letter, if deemed expedient and necessary.

On motion - Adjourned

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society, held March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1843; The Vice President in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and after some alterations were adopted.



The committee to prepare a roll, presented one, which was read and corrected. The committee to distribute the newspapers, have attended to their charge and nearly filled their list.

The committee to consider the propriety of publishing C. M. Clay's letter, and having power to act, reported that they resolved unanimously not to publish the same, on several considerations.

The amendment to the constitution was not yet published.

A motion to appoint a committee for the next fair, was brought before the society.

A motion to amend was made in order to allow the State Society to have charge of the fair, but the amendment was not agreed to, and the following committee was appointed.

Emma Parker, Mary Grew, Sarah McKim

Anna M. Hooper, Maria M. Davis, Hester Peckless, Sarah Pugh, Lydia Gillingham, Martha<sup>W.</sup> Cannon, Gertrude H. Burleigh, Sarah Douglass, Elizabeth J. Keale, Sarah Lewis, Margaret Jones, Olive Bacon, Emily A. Winslow, Susan Grew, Hannah S. Stickney, Mary T. Stickney, Margaret Griscome, <sup>and</sup> Faresa H. Hollowell. The fair

Adjourned

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society, held April 10<sup>th</sup>. 1845. The President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

It was reported that the fair committee met at the close of the last preceding meeting, and appointed a committee to prepare an address for publication.



On motion it was resolved that our <sup>future</sup> meet-  
ings shall commence at four o'clock  
in the afternoon, and eight in the even-  
ing.

On motion - adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society  
held May 8<sup>th</sup>. 1845. - The President in the  
chair. - The minutes of our last meeting  
were read and adopted. -

Phelia Earle and  
Margaret Jones were appointed a  
committee to make preparations for a  
meeting of the Society to be held the next  
week; - and to give notice of the meeting. -

Elizabeth J. Keall presented the following  
resolution -

Resolved that this Society authorize its  
Secretary to sign a paper in common  
with other Stockholders of Pennsylvania  
Hall, to enable the Board of Managers  
to make a title to the purchasers, of the lot

on which the Hall stood. -

This <sup>resolution</sup> ~~motion~~ was agreed to. -

Hester Peckless informed the meeting  
that several fugitives have passed  
thru' the city lately, and that some  
of them escaped from bondage, with  
difficulty. - She also mentioned that  
she had some trouble in obtaining  
funds for their assistance. -

On motion, Adjourned

At a special meeting of the Philadelphia  
Female Anti-Slavery Society held May 13<sup>th</sup>.  
1845. - The President in the chair. -

The minutes of our last meeting were read  
and adopted. -

Margaret Jones moved that fifty dollars of  
the seventy now in the Treasury be given  
to the state society: - Which motion was  
adopted. -

A letter was read from a woman at the  
south in Maryland to the mother of a run-



away girl, claimed as a slave by the  
- writer, desiring that she might return  
to her.

It was moved and seconded that this  
letter be published in the Ledger, and  
after some discussion of the propriety of  
introducing anti-slavery matter into  
newspapers, in the form of advertisements,  
and paying as for the same; it was con-  
cluded to request such newspapers as  
might be willing, to publish the letter,  
free of charge, to do so.

and Hester Peckless, Mary Grew, and  
Phoebe Earle were appointed a committee  
to take charge of the matter.

On motion - Adjourned -

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society, held  
June 12<sup>th</sup>. 1845.

The president in the chair

The minutes of our last meeting were read and  
adopted.

The secretary reported having attended  
to the business delivered to her charge  
at the last stated meeting.

On Hester Peckless informed that the  
friends of Smith, the colored man  
mentioned in the letter proposed to  
be published by the order of the Soci-  
ety, desire that the letter should not  
be published at present, as they fear  
it might be injurious to him at his  
approaching trial.

On motion it was agreed to pay to Hester  
Peckless, \$10.00, for the benefit of fugi-  
tive slaves.

The following committee was appointed  
to collect unpaid subscriptions, viz.  
Sidney Ann Lewis, Sarah Pugh, Eliza-  
beth J. Neall, Olive Bacon and Ly-  
dia Gillingham. - Adjourned. -

At the same meeting, Susan Grew  
desired the secretary to take her name



from the fair committee, as she belonged to the Liberty Fair Committee, <sup>the objects of</sup> with which she had more sympathy than with those of the Fair of this Society.

At a stated meeting of P. F. A. S. Society held September 11<sup>th</sup> 1845.

The president in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

The Committee on Subscriptions was not prepared to report.

The Secretary having tendered her resignation - Sarah Mc Kim was unanimously appointed in her place. Susan and Atlantic Warrington desire to resign their right of membership in this Society.

At a stated meeting of P. F. A. S. Society held Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1845

The president in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

Sarah Pugh moved that a committee be appointed to whose business it should be to collect Anti Slavery intelligence to be read at each meeting of the Society.

This motion was agreed to, but was afterwards reconsidered as it was urged by some that it would be more profitable if the members generally would feel bound to have something interesting to communicate than if this duty were confined to a particular Committee. After a pretty general expression of agreement in this view the motion was negatived. - Lucretia Mott particularly dwelt on the ~~on~~ advantage that might arise if each member would take pains to collect facts of an instructive and interesting Anti Slavery tendency and repeat them at our meetings for the benefit of all who might attend.

On motion the name of Eliza Bias was added to the Fair Committee.

Sarah Lewis resigned her place in the Fair Com<sup>tee</sup>.



Paulina S. Wright contributed to the interest of the meeting by relating some Anti Slavery incidents which she met with in her recent travels in the West.

A general desire was expressed that there might be more activity in the cause and that members in the cause should be more ready to avail themselves of opportunities to promote it. The importance of circulating tracts was urged and aperted to.

On motion adjourned.

At a stated meeting of P. F. A. S. Society held Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1845.

The president in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

Anna Fopper expressed a doubt in regard to our obtaining the room for the Fair on the days desired in the Assembly Buildings - on which some informal conversation ensued

and it was agreed that this matter be immediately attended to.

Lucretia Mott introduced the subject of the "Baltimore Saturday Visitor" and the question of its claims upon Abolitionists for support - A conversation followed in which different opinions were expressed - It was Resolved that this society will subscribe for one copy of the Sat. Vis. - On Motion the resolution was reconsidered and rejected.

The case of C. F. Torrey incidently came before the meeting.

Portrade Burleigh moved that a Com. be appointed to petition the Governor of Maryland for his release. Afterwards she withdrew her motion.

The society adjourned.

At a stated meeting of P. F. A. S. Society held December - 11<sup>th</sup> 1845.

The president in the chair.



The minutes of our last mg. were read & adopted. The Secretary being absent Sarah Pugh was appointed to act for the evening

To nominate officers for the ensuing year Betty Beckless, Sidney A. Lewis, Lucretia Mott Mary J. Stickney and Sarah M. Douglass - were appointed.

After the special business of the meeting was finished, interesting remarks were made on the annexation of Texas and petitioning against it.

An announcement was made of the proposed weekly issue of the Freeman. Members urged to efforts to obtain subscribers. The circumstances of its editorial department being in part in the hands of one of our own members, making it particularly interesting to us.

The smallness of our meetings no cause of discouragement. Reformers will ever be a small minority as they are always progressing; they retrograde if they stand still. Two or three are strong

in right principle - And always great while advancing.

Adjourned.

At the <sup>12<sup>th</sup></sup> Annual Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 1846.

The president in the Chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

The following report of the Fair Committee was adopted and ordered to be published in the Pennsylvania Freeman's.

The committee on "The Fair" which was held in the Assembly Buildings, on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> of last month, report the

Receipts	\$1071. 65
Expences	114. 37
Balance	\$ 957. 28

On behalf of the Committee

Emma Parkes  
(over)



Phila Female A.S. Society in account with  
Margaret Jones, Treasurer

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To cash pd. A.S. Society	650. 00	By balance in hand 1 <sup>st</sup> mo. 4 <sup>th</sup> 1845	79. 63
To to S. M. Douglass for rent of room	125. 00	Members Subscriptions	115. 65 1/2
To to Merrick and Thompson	15. 00	Don. for general purposes	14. 45
To 40 copies of Pa. Freeman	30. 00	Don. for schools	21. 00
To twenty do. Liberator	50. 00	Cash from E. M. D. (int. on loan)	2. 17
To 10 do. Standard	20. 00	Cash from sale of 1842	7. 50
Postage of Liberator	1. 02 1/2	Do from sale of 1844.	6. 88. 30 1/2
Don. to H. Becklep to aid fugitives	10. 00		<u>928. 71.</u>
To Balance in hand 1/1/46	27. 67		
	<u>928. 71</u>		

Phila 1<sup>st</sup> mo. 8<sup>th</sup> 1840.

Examined and found correct by Emily A. Winslow Auditor.  
The annual Report was read and after some  
amendments was adopted.

On motion of B. Mott it was agreed that peti-  
tions to Congress and the State Legislature should  
be prepared for circulation. A committee con-  
sisting of S. A. Lewis, Lucretia Mott, Mary Earle,

Fetty Becklep, and S. L. Child was appointed and di-  
rected to report to the board of Managers.

On motion it was resolved that the Annual Report  
together with the Fair report be published in tract  
form and sent throughout the country to every place  
from which contributions to the Fair were received.

The Committee to attend to this duty were,  
Mary Grew, Margaret Jones, and Sarah McKim.  
Anna M. Stopper made some appropriate remarks  
relative to a melancholy slave case which recently  
occurred in our midst. In the course of which she  
recommended that more pains be taken to circu-  
late Anti-Slavery truth throughout our own city.

On motion it was resolved that we give eight  
hundred dollars to the Eastern Penna. A. S. Society.  
and twenty dollars to the Temperance Retreat.

The Committee appointed to nominate  
officers for the ensuing year reported and the fol-  
lowing persons were elected:

(over)



President

Hannah Lee Stickney

Vice-president - Sarah Pugh

Recording Secretary - Sarah McKim

Cor. Secretary - Mary Grew

Treasurer - Margaret Jones

Librarian - S. M. Douglass.

Managers.

Sucretia Mott - Lydia White

Hester Reckless - Mary Shaw

Susan Grew - Sarah L. Child

Sarah Lewis handed in her resignation to the Society.

Roseanna Thompson was mentioned as having attached her name to the Society since the last meeting.

Adjourned.

At a stated meeting of P. F. A. S. Society held Feb 12<sup>th</sup> 1846.

The president in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

The committee on petitions reported that they had met and selected a number of forms of petitions from a variety which they had found in the A. S. Office which forms of petitions they had agreed to circulate.

On motion it was resolved that a petition signed by the President and Secretary be forwarded to the Senate and House of Representatives <sup>asking</sup> ~~praying~~ for <sup>a</sup> repeal of all the laws of this state which affect the rights of the slave.

The publishing committee reported that they had had printed 500 copies of the annual report.

On motion it was resolved that the Society subscribe for 50 copies of the Penna. Freeman 20 copies of the Liberator and 10 of the Standard for the current year. Marg. Jones, Mary Grew and S. A. McKim were appointed a com.



mittee to make out a list of names of persons to whom to have these papers sent. A letter received from John D. Oliver and Hester Reckless in thankful acknowledgment of assistance received in aid of fugitive slaves.

The importance of making timely and ample preparation for the next annual Fair was urged by several speakers and on motion it was resolved to appoint a large committee to have in charge this duty. The following persons were appointed on this committee.

Ana M. Stopper.	Mo. Forten
Sarah Pugh	H. Justice
Emma Parker	A. J. Purvis
Theresa Allowell	S. J. Purvis
S. L. Child	Mo. Jones
A. Matilda Cassey	P. Wright
Sarah Douglass	Mo. Lowell
Mo. Priscilla	G. Burleigh

Janette Jackson	Martha Carman
Hannah Stickney	E. Carman
S. A. McKim	Hester Reckless
Clementina Green	Mary J. Stickney
Mary Shaw	Maria Davis
E. Winslow	Betty Hogeland

A committee consisting of the following persons was appointed to collect the annual and quarterly subscriptions due the Society viz. Sarah Pugh, Emily Winslow, S. A. Lewis, Anna M. Stopper and Sarah A. McKim.

Adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held March 12<sup>th</sup> 1846.

The president in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

The committee on petitions reported that they had forwarded to Congress and the State Legislature a considerable number of



petitions. Remarks were made shewing the ease with which signers had been procured and how encouraging the efforts had been of those who were engaged in this duty.

It was moved and seconded that all the meetings of the society be held in future in the afternoons. After some discussion this motion was laid on the table.

Good remarks were made by Lucretia Mott urging the members of the society to greater efforts and mentioning facts going to show what had already been accomplished.

On a motion of Sarah Pugh it was resolved to collect interesting and instructive facts to be read at each meeting of the society.

Sarah Pugh, S. Ann Lewis, Mary Stickney, Lucretia Mott and Sarah Douglass were appointed a committee to attend to this duty.

On motion it was agreed to appropriate twenty dollars to the use of the Fair Committee.

In the course of the afternoon the following

sums were reported as additional avails from the Late Fair, from S. P. McBurney 11 dollars. From ~~Acty~~ ~~Reckes~~ 5 dollars From Eliza Bias 9.50 cts. Making in all 25.50.

Adjourned

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held April 9<sup>th</sup> 1846.

The president in the chair

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

Sarah Pugh read an interesting letter from a female friend in the country, suggesting to such persons as are interested in the Fair the propriety of raising funds for that object, by taking in plain sewing, and offering herself to do any work of the kind that might be presented to the extent of her ability.

A motion made at the last meeting to hold the meetings of the society in the after



noon only was revised and after discussion was decided unanimously in the negative.

Lucretia Mott contributed to the interest of the meeting by reading numerous items of Anti Slavery intelligence, and making suitable comments thereon.

Adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held May 11<sup>th</sup> 1846.

The president in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

The committee appointed to collect subscriptions to the funds of the society reported that they had given some attention to that duty, and with reasonable success.

Various items of encouraging information were mentioned, particularly the fact that the Duke of Palmella has proposed in the Parliament at Lisbon, the Abolition

of Slavery in the Portuguese colonies.

After some brief remarks on these items of information the society adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held June 11<sup>th</sup> 1846.

The president in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

Mary Stickney gave an interesting account of the proceedings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the sessions of which she had attended.

Lucretia Mott read a collection of which she had made of items of Anti Slavery information.

On motion the following persons were added to the Committee to procure and report Anti-Slavery intelligence. Lydia White, Maria Davis, and Margaret Jones.

Adjourned.



At a Stated Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society  
held Sep. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1845.

President in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were  
read and adopted.

On motion it was recommended, that  
the petitions to Congress and the State  
Legislature, got up by the Ex. Committee  
be circulated by the members of this society  
to the extent of their ability.

Several items of Anti-Slavery interest  
were read.

Appropriate remarks on the recent  
decease of a valued member of the society  
Deborah Shaw, were made by Sarah Pugh.

After some desultory conversation on  
others subjects <sup>relating to the cause</sup> the society.

Adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society  
held Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1846.

President in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read  
and adopted.

A member stated that it was the wish of  
Esther Moore to have her name erased from  
the list of members of this society and inci-  
dently mentioned as her reasons that she  
was more interested in the vigilance Com-  
operations and such like operations depart-  
ments of the cause. This gave rise to a dis-  
cussion as to how far these more branches  
of the Anti-Slavery cause had claims on  
Abolitionists for their support. The general  
expression seem'd to be "These things ought  
ye to do, and not to leave the other undone.

Mary J. Stickney offered the following  
resolution:

Resolved, That we hail with joy the forma-  
tion of the Anti-Slavery League in England



as an evidence of the extension of true Anti-Slavery principles, and an earnest of the sympathy and cooperation of our transatlantic friends; and recommend all our American Abolitionists to take the first opportunity to purchase tickets, if members.

The mover gave her reasons for offering this resolution. Margaret Jones made some objections to its adoption. After some discussion in which several members and others took part it was agreed to postpone the question to an adjourned meeting.

On motion the society then adjourned to meet on 3<sup>rd</sup> day the 20<sup>th</sup> inst. in Clarkson Hall at 7 o'clock in the evening.

At an adjourned meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 1846.

President in the chair

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

The resolution introduced by Mary J. Stickney at the last meeting was brought forward for consideration. Mary Grew call'd for a division, and the resolution was divided so as to read as follows.

Resolved, that we hail with joy the formation of the Anti-Slavery League in England as an evidence of the extension of true Anti-Slavery principles, and an earnest of the sympathy and cooperation of our transatlantic friends.

Resolved, that we recommend all American Abolitionists to take the first opportunity of joining the League by purchasing tickets of membership.

After some discussion the question on these resolutions was put, and they were unanimously adopted.

On motion the resolutions together with the Constitution of the League were directed to be offered to the Pennsylvania Freeman for publication.



Sydney Ann Lewis moved that the corresponding Secretary be instructed to forward copies of the resolutions to the League and also to bring to the notice of that body the duties of Abolitionists in reference to Free Produce.

Adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1845.

President in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

Mary J. S. Pickney read an extract from the Lynn Pioneer, relating to the death, and eulogistic of the character of the late Nathaniel P. Rogers of Concord New Hampshire.

Lucretia Mott followed in some appropriate remarks on the same subject and in a strain of judicious commendation.

Mary Grew fell offered the following preamble

and resolution on the death of the venerable <sup>Thomas</sup> Clark-  
son which after some beautiful and well timed <sup>just</sup> remarks from her were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, our venerable fellow-labourer, the Patri-  
-arch of Freedom, Thomas Clarkson, has been re-  
-moved by death, from the scene of his earthly  
labours, therefore,

Resolved, that we regard ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> memory <sup>of his life</sup> as a  
rich legacy to those who have shared his struggles  
for the promotion of the holy cause of human  
freedom, and while we feel that his name and  
character need no eulogy from us, we would  
express our sympathy with the Bondman, be-  
-reaved by his death, and our hope that the re-  
-membrance of his example will be ever cherished  
by us all, as a powerful incentive to untiring,  
uncompromising devotedness to the work in  
which he lived and died.

On Motion this preamble and resolution was  
ordered to be sent to the Freeman and Standard  
for publication.



Mary F. Stickney then offered two resolutions in relation to the death of N. P. Rogers which after some alteration were adopted and are as follows.

Resolved, That it is with feelings of heartfelt sorrow we hear of the death of our beloved brother Nathaniel P. Rogers; especially do we mourn for the slave, who has lost a true and ardent friend; and for the world-wide cause of Humanity, in whose behalf his voice will no more be heard. May this removal of our brother from the scene of his earthly toil, stimulate us to labor more diligently in our arduous undertaking for the overthrow of all oppression.

Resolved, that we offer to his bereaved family the expression of our sincere sympathy for the irreparable loss they have sustained.

On motion these resolutions were also directed to be presented to the Freeman and Standard for publication.

Adjourned

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1846.

Lucretia Mott in the absence of the President - was called to the chair. Owing to the inclemency of the weather - the meeting was small and no other business was transacted than the appointment of a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Sydney Ann Lewis Anna M. Hopper Hannah Hicks Lydia White Lucretia Mott and Sarah McKim were appointed a com. for this purpose.

The society then adjourned.

At the <sup>13<sup>th</sup></sup> Annual Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held January 14<sup>th</sup> 1847.

President in the chair.

The minutes of our last meeting were read and adopted.

The following report of the Treasurer was read.



Philadelphia Female Anti Slavery Society in ac-  
count with Margaret Jones, Treasurer.

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To cash paid <del>to</del> A.S. Society 800. 00	By balance on hand 1 mo. 19 <sup>th</sup> 1846. 27. 84.
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Do. to S. Douglass for rent of schoolroom 120. 00	"Members subscriptions - 93. 10
Do to Menhew & Thoms-on for printing 15. 00.	"Donations for general purposes. 16. 00.
To 50 copies Pa. Freeman for one year 50. 00	"Donations for school. - 5. 00.
"20 copies of Liberator " 50. 00	
"10 copies A.S. Standard." 20. 00.	
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Sarah Pugh read a report on behalf of the Fair Committee which was ordered to be published in the Standard and Freeman, together with some of the most interesting details connected with the Fair.

The annual report was read by the corresponding secretary. Mary Stickney moved

that as allusion was made in the report to the death, during the last year of several distinguished advocates of the cause, that some notice be also taken of the decease of the late St. P. Rogers. This gave rise to a discussion which ended, on the motion being put, in the decision of the question in the negative.

The report with some slight alterations was then adopted. It was ordered to be published in the Standard and Freeman and printed in pamphlet form for distribution and Sarah Pugh, Margaret Jones and Mary Grew were appointed a Committee to have it in charge.

The report of the nominating committee was read, and adopted, and is as follows.

President

Hannah Lee Stickney  
Vice President - Lucretia Mott.  
Rec. Secretary - Sarah Pugh.  
Cor. Secretary - Mary Grew



Treasurer - Maria M. Davis  
Librarian - F. M. Douglass.

Managers.

Sydney A. Lewis - F. Keckless  
Lydia White - S. L. Child  
Sarah McKim - M. J. Stickney.

On motion of Margaret Jones one thousand dollars of the proceeds of the Fair were appropriated to the use of the State Society.

On motion it was ordered that a sum sufficient for the purpose be appropriated to the purchase of a stove for F. Douglass' school room; and that 25 dollars be handed over for the use of the Moral Reform Retreat.

Sydney Ann Lewis and Mary Grew were on motion appointed a committee to prepare a petition to Congress for the Abolition of Slavery.

Adjourned. O

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held February 11th - 47

President in the chair

The Minutes of the last Mtg. read & adpt.

James Jackson reported the Treasurer's account audited, and found correct.

The Com. to prepare forms of petitions to Congress & our State Legislature reported the following; one to Congress asking the repeal of the laws of the U. States which sustain or sanction Slavery; and one to the Senate of our own State for the repeal of the 'Six months Law' by which persons may be held as slaves for six months in this Commonwealth; which with the addition to the one to Congress for measures to be taken to effect <sup>such</sup> an alteration in the Constitution, as will relieve the citizens of Penn. from parts



icipation in its support.

The petitions were adopted and directed to be signed and forwarded to Washington & Harrisburg - on behalf of this Society.

The Com: on publishing the Annual Report attended to the same, and brot' copies to the Meeting for distribution.

The subject of the alteration of the Constitution so as to dispense with the office of Librarian - notice having been given by Abima M. Hooper, but not placed on the minutes - was laid over to next Mtg.

Resolved that Twenty Copies of the Liberator Twenty of the A. S. Standard, and one hundred of the Penn. Freeman be subscribed for, to attend to the distribution of these papers Mary Shew Margaret Jones and Sarah Pugh were appointed.

The following Res: was offered and after much discussion was laid on the table to be

taken up at the next Mtg. of the Society.

Whereas, the purchasing the freedom of a slave is an implied acknowledgment of the master's right of property in human beings, and in our opinion, <sup>inconsistent with</sup> a violation of the principles set forth in the Declaration of Sentiments of the American A. S. Society; and whereas it has been from convictions of duty that we have repaired from participating in such apparently benevolent designs - therefore

Resolved: That while we appreciate the kind feelings of those who have contributed to the late purchase of Frederick Douglass, we regard the purchase as highly impolitic and inexpedient; as taking from him one of the strongest claims to the sympathy of the Community; as weakening the bond that connects the suffering slave with the free man; and as a deviation from A. S. Slavery principles which we deem it our duty to condemn.



Lucretia Mott read with appropriate comments a statement of the interesting A. Slavery facts of the last mo. Some of the important ones were the appointment of a Com: in the Delaware Legislature on the abolition of Slavery in that State. The great change of opinion there, within a few years past - as shown by the large attendance at the Annual Mtg: of the Delaware State A. Slavery Society held in Wilmington a few days previously.

Mary Grew noticed the favorable action in our own Legislature in reference to a Bill to give greater security to our colored population, and the repeal of that relic of the past the Six Months Law, whereby any slave brot into this State could be retained for that length of time in bondage. This action, the unanimous vote of the two leading political parties, clearly indicate their willingness and sufficiency to do the work which the peo-

ple require, without abolitionists spending their time and strength in the machinery of government: also giving encouragement to persevere in our true labor - enlightening the power which moves all parties.

Adjourned.

At a Stated Mtg: of the P. F. A. S. Society held March 12th - 47.

President in the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting read & adp'd.

The minutes of a Special Mtg: of the Board of Managers held the 1st of last mo. were read, and the action of the Board approved.

In accordance with an arrangement made by them, a mtg: of Women was held on the 6th of February in Franklin Hall - with highly satisfactory results. The object



of the meeting was to awaken an interest in our cause, and to arouse to effort in circulating Petitions to Congress & our State Legislature. Many hundred names have been obtained and forwarded to Washington & Harrisburg.

The subject of an alteration in the Constitution, laid on the table last mo., was called up - and the decision was unanimous to discontinue the Office of Librarian and to expunge from the Constitution Article 9th. which defines the duties of that Office.

Sarah M. Douglass & Sarah Pugh were appointed to dispose of the few remaining books in the Library.

The Com. on the distribution of papers reported attention to that duty.

The Res: respecting the purchase of Frederick Douglass, was called up - and after an interesting debate and the substitution of the phrase - 'inconsistent with principles' in the place of 'violation of the principles set forth in the Declaration of Sentiments of the A. A. S. Society' and the omission of the word 'highly' before 'impolitic' - was passed by a large majority - and directed to be sent for publication to the Liberator Standard, & Freeman.

Susan Grew resigned her membership in the Society, stating that she sympathized in the views of & measures of a Society lately formed to advocate the principles of the Liberty Party.

On motion \$200 were directed to be paid to the State Society - also



\$ 20. to the Moral Reform Retreat.

To solicit contributions in aid of the Retreat and of their Education fund J. H. Hallowell, M. M. Davis L. Whitet & L. L. Child were appointed.

To make arrangements for holding a Sale of Useful & Fancy Articles at the close of the year the following persons were appointed.

Mary J. Stickney	Margaretta Foster
Anna M. Hopper	Mary Brew
Epuna Parker	Mary Shaw
A. Matilda Caprey	Esther Recklen
Janette Jackson	Sarah Pugh
Maria M. Davis	Clementine Green
Margaret A. Girscom	Elizabeth Cannon
Martha Cannon	Sarah M. Douglas
Harriet S. Purvis	Esther Hogeland

Hannah L. Stickney	Esther Burr
Emily Winslow	Lydia Gillingham
Theresa H. Hallowell	Sarah L. Child
Paulina S. Wright	Gertrude K. Benlight
Sarah A. McKim	Huldah Justice
Eliza J. Bear	Margaret Jones.

Among the interesting items of the last No. reported by L. Mott is the enactment by the Legislature of this State of a Law to prevent kidnapping - to prohibit the officers of this Commonwealth from assisting in returning a slave to his master, and the repeal of the law which allowed slave boys into this state to be held as such for Six Months.

Also the abolition of Slavery in the Island of St. Bartholomew, by the Swedish Government. and that Slavery



was abolished in the province of Uruguay South America.

Adjourned.

At a Stated Mtg. of the P. F. A. S. Society held April 8th. 47 in W. Fisk Hall

President in the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted.

The Report of the Com: on the Library was accepted.

The Com: appointed to make collections for the Moral Reform Retreat & education fund were not prepared to report. Janelle Jackson was added to their number.

The Com: on the Fair reported a Mtg.

the organization of their body and the appointment of Sub. Committees.

On motion Resolved that the funds that may accrue from the sale of Articles left from the last Fair, be placed in the hands of the present Com: for their use.

Among the interesting items of the last mo. was the news from France of the presentation of petitions for the Abolition of Slavery to the French Chamber of Deputies. Among the petitions was one signed by 648 members of the Catholic Clergy.

Also an announcement from Constantinople that the Sultan has taken the initiative steps to the abolition of Slavery throughout his dominions.



Information has been received that  
the £3,000 collected in America for  
the Free Church of Scotland, still re-  
mains in their coffers untouched  
They do not dare to raise this blood  
stained money - nor will they yet  
send it back.

+ the southern states?

A few weeks since a young man  
who has lived in Darby - since quite  
a child - was claimed as a slave, bur-  
ed to Maryland under false pretences,  
and only released by the payment of  
\$800. another grievous tax on the short-  
sighted benevolence of the community.

The Secretaries of this Society were directed  
to make out a statement of the  
case for publication in several of the  
daily papers of the city - and to re-  
quest its insertion in the same.

Adjourned.

At a stated Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society  
held May 13th - 47.

President in the Chair

The Minutes of the last Mtg were read  
and adopted.

The Recording Sec. reported, that a state-  
ment, of the case, recorded last mo. was  
made as directed by this Soc. and  
copies sent free of the most influential  
of the city papers, by two of wh. it was  
published.

Adjourned.

At a stated Meeting of P. F. A. S. Society  
held June 10th - 47.

President in the Chair.

The Com. appointed to make collections  
for the Moral Reform Retreat reported



upwards of \$50.00 obtained and paid over to the Treasurer of the Institution. The Com: continued.

Lucretia Mott urged upon those present to avail themselves of opportunities to collect money for this object and also in aid of the Vigilant Com: but more particularly to give our attention to ~~decreasing~~ increasing the funds to carry on the direct attack upon Slavery by means of agents, papers, tracts &c. Stated the wants of the State Society for means to carry on these operations, commended to our imitation the example of Dorothy Wiff whose perseverance & energy and energy had done so much for a suffering class, very small in comparison with those for whom we plead.

J. M. McKim made some statements in relation to the operations of the State Society, the importance of sustaining them

the encouragement to do so by the amount of success with which our efforts so far have been crowned.

As an interesting item of progress Mary Stickney read from 'The Home Missionary Herald' a letter from a missionary in one of the Southern States, - on the subject of Slavery there, making statements in relation to it in accordance with those familiar to Abolitionists. A religious paper of many years standing - has thus broken its long silence on this sin of the Nation.

allows - go ahead

Adjourned.

September 9th No. Meeting. Very stormy.

At a stated Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held October 14th. 47

President in the chair



The minutes of the last meeting read & adopted.

The Com: appointed to collect funds for the Moral Reform Retreat report \$10.00 obtained. The Com: continued.

Sydney Ann Lewis, Lydia White Margaret Jones & Clementina Green were appointed to assist the Treasurer to collect the Ann: subscriptions.

On motion resolved that the following Petitions be sent in the name of this Society to the Senate and House of Representatives of this State of and to the Congress of the U. S.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Philadelphia Female Anti Slavery Society respectfully ask that you will take measures so to amend the Constitution of this State, as to procure to all its citizens, otherwise duly qualified, the right of suffrage without regard to complexion.

To The Senate & House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled:

The Philad<sup>a</sup> F. A. S. Society believing that the Federal Constitution in pledging the strength of the whole nation to the support of slavery, violates the divine law, makes war upon human rights and is grossly inconsistent with republican principles; that its attempt to unite freedom & slavery in one body politic has already brought upon the



country great & manifold evils, and has fully proved that no such evil can exist, but by the sacrifice of freedom to the supremacy of slavery; respectfully ask you to devise & propose, without delay some plan for the immediate peaceful dissolution of the American Union.

Resolved that the members of this Society be, and are hereby recommended to use all diligence in circulating for signatures the Petitions prepared by the Ex. Com. of the State A. S. Society.

Comments were made on the necessity for strenuous effort in preparation for the Fair - and this duty urged upon the members.

Adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held November 11 - 47

President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting read & adopted.

At this stage of the business our friend Edward M. Davis asked permission to introduce a subject for the consideration of this meeting. Being requested to proceed he stated that a Fair or Bazaar in aid of a popular institution was to be held in this city in the course of a few weeks, & urged upon the Society the duty of addressing an Appeal to those engaged in its preparation & interested in its success, in order to arouse their sympathies in aid of a much greater work; one in which their own rights & the rights of their husbands and children were involved; and as in



this case they had disregarded the 'exposure' and with energy & zeal, worked for the accomplishment of their object, they might be induced to devote themselves to the 'work' for this age & generation the emancipation of Three Millions of Slaves.

The Society heartily responded to these views and appointed Mary Grew Maria M. Davis & Sarah Peck to prepare & circulate the Address.

In order to hear the Address prior to its circulation it was Resolved that when we adjourn - we adjourn to meet at the house of Maria M. Davis on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. 4 o'clock P.M.

The Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed last mo to audit the Treasurer to collect the Ar<sup>rs</sup> payments reported in arrears - and were continued.

Encouraging accounts were given from the Fair Com<sup>tee</sup> of the 'diligence, energy, skill and perseverance' of the various Circles working - in the city & country - for the Fair.

Interesting statements were made in reference to a series of Conventions held, in the surrounding districts, under the direction of the Ex. Com<sup>tee</sup> of the State Society; beside the general interest in the cause - special interest has been excited for our Fair in December.

Adjourned

At a ~~an~~ Adjourned mtg<sup>y</sup> held on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst at the house of Maria M. Davis - She presided in the Chair.

Mary Grew on behalf of the Com<sup>tee</sup> appointed for the purpose reported an Address, wh<sup>ch</sup> after slight alteration was adopted as follows.



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TO THE MANAGERS AND PATRONS OF THE MUSICAL FUND BAZAAR:

We appeal to you in the name of Justice. We ask your sympathy and aid for a portion of the human family who, if they might, would plead their own cause more eloquently than we can do it for them. We plead for *them*, because they, of all sufferers, seem to us to be most in need of aid; and we plead with *you*, because we find you willingly devoting your time, your labor or your money, to a work which you regard as philanthropic. As you have promptly responded to such a call, we cannot but hope that you will listen to a louder, deeper call, which comes to you from agonized hearts, bruised and broken by human cruelty. Know ye not that in your own native land there are nearly three millions of your brethren and sisters, the children of your Heavenly Father, who, though made in that Father's image, are degraded by their fellow men to the condition of *things—chattels—slaves*? They who claim to be their *owners, masters*, may feed and clothe them abundantly, or scantily, may impose on them light or severe tasks, may regard the sweet relationships and close ties which bind together human hearts, or may sunder them at will. One who well understands human nature will scarcely ask how this absolute power is actually exercised by those who claim it. We know that its possession must harden and corrupt the best heart, and that to its possessor, as truly as to its victim, it is a terrible curse. The facts which the history of American slavery reveals are so dark and dreadful, that your hearts would faint, and your nerves shrink at the mere recital of them. What, then, must be their endurance? We could narrate to you facts, at which your souls would shudder, concerning physical torture inflicted by slave masters and overseers upon their helpless victims, and of the more exquisite suffering endured by the slave mother who stands upon the auction-block and sees one child after another sold to different masters, and carried away,—she knows not whither. We could tell you how the sobs and cries of those partings are drowned in the loud curses and falling blows of brutal drivers, while, with cold and careless mien, buyer and seller look on. We could tell you a little, oh! a very little, about the desolation of heart with which the poor slave enters his hut, at the close of a weary day, and finds that the slave-trader has been there, during his absence, and that his dearest treasures have been sold to fill a slave gang. We ask your attention to these things. We ask you if a system which allows such deeds ought to exist? We ask you, as men and women, as Christians, Is it right that one man should claim or hold another as a piece of property? Does not your whole nature protest against such an outrage done to yourselves? Your rights are the rights of every human being, and the slave's rights are identical with your own. Will you not, then, help us to lift up our fallen brother, whom slavery has stricken down, and to put an end to the system which is *violating all his rights, and endangering your own*? The friends of the slave, in eastern Pennsylvania, hold an Annual Fair, in this city, the proceeds of which are devoted to the dissemination of anti-slavery truth, by means of tracts, newspapers, lectures, etc. Their only hope for the removal of slavery from the land, is in the renovation of public sentiment, and this renovation they are endeavoring to effect by the presentation of facts and truth, in varied forms, to the minds of their countrymen. In this work you can effectually aid them, and thereby help "to bind up the broken-hearted," "to proclaim liberty to the captives," "to comfort those who mourn." If you have thought your time and energies well bestowed, in efforts to increase the facilities by which your fellow-citizens may obtain the luxury of music, how much more eagerly should you respond to our call! If it be a sufficient recompense of your labor, that you have, in some measure, promoted the enjoyment of the community in which you live, how much richer would be the reward of a consciousness that you had aided to heal a crushed and bruised spirit, that you had done something to restore to your brethren and sisters their most sacred rights, of which tyranny had robbed them, to give back the babe to the mother's arms, to pour light on the darkened intellect, to lift up human souls from the deep debasement of *chattelism* to the dignity of *MANHOOD*. Such is the work in which we invite you to share. It is one in which we account it a joy and a privilege to be engaged; and as we reconnoitre our field of labor, we see, in its various departments, so much to occupy our hands, and engross our time, that we sometimes wish, for the slave's sake, that we could multiply our capacities for action. Then as we look around us, and see how many of the young, the gifted, the strong, the rich in physical and mental resources, are ingloriously resting amid the moral conflicts which are shaking the world, or devoting their energies and their hearts to objects of comparatively little importance, our spirits are saddened, and we must pause a moment, to beckon them to our side, that we may tell them how much the slave, how much the cause of humanity, needs them, and how rich a garland awaits their toil. Could the fire which burns

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in our souls utter itself in words, how earnestly would we plead for those stricken ones bowed to the dust, from whose hearts the iron heel of tyranny has trodden out the brightness, the beauty, the life. But we can do no more than to ask of each of you to imagine yourself a slave, a piece of property in the possession of another, with no protection from any insult or outrage which cruelty, or pride, or passion may choose to inflict. If you can do this, you can form some conception of what it is to be a slave. And as you would shrink from such a fate, more than from death, as you would account no effort too great, no sacrifice too costly, no toil too arduous, to rescue from it one whom you loved, we beseech you to remember your helpless brothers and sisters who this day groan beneath it, and to decide whether you will leave them to struggle on alone, in their anguish, or whether you will put forth your hand to aid them. You may share, if you will, in the accomplishment of a glorious task, even that of rescuing God's most noble and beautiful work from the rash hands of those whose ignorance and cruelty are sadly marring it, and "unto mystic harmony once more" attuning "those viewless chords" which, in his blindness and madness, man has jarred and broken. And the first strain of that restored harmony, as it fills the earth and swells to Heaven, shall be, in your ears, richer and sweeter far, than the most exquisite tones with which your temples of Music ever resounded, and you shall bless the hour when you gave yourselves to the high and holy work of effecting the slave's emancipation.

On behalf of The 'Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society,'

HANNAH LEE STICKNEY,  
LUCRETIA MOTT,  
MARY GREW,  
SARAH A. McKIM,  
MARIA M. DAVIS,  
HESTER RECKLESS,  
SIDNEY ANN LEWIS,  
SARAH M. DOUGLASS,  
LYDIA WHITE,  
SARAH PUGH,  
MARY T. STICKNEY,  
SARAH T. CHILD.

Meeting Adjourned



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At a Stated Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society  
held at the Anti Slavery Office December 4<sup>th</sup> 47

The President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last Mtg. and of the  
Adjourned Mtg. were read & adopted.

The Comrs on the 'Address to the Managers  
and Patrons of the Musical Fund Bazaar'  
reported the distribution of upwards of  
one thousand copies.

To nominate persons to be Officers for  
the Society the ensuing year Sydney Ann  
Lewis A. Matilda Cassey Mary J. Flitney  
Janet Jackson and Martha Carmen were  
appointed.

The Treasurer was requested to insert a  
list of our Anti Contributors in his book.  
arrangements were made among the  
members for calling upon them.

Many pleasant & animating remarks  
were made by several members on the  
cheering aspects of our cause, evidenced  
by the increasing interest & great enlarge-  
ment of our Society. Several members re-  
porting visits made to working circles  
in the country.

The subject of paying masters for the  
freedom of their slaves, being incidentally  
introduced - the members were urged to  
be faithful to our testimony, against so  
unnecessary an appropriation of money.

Adjourned



At the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society held in Clarkson Hall Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 1848

The President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

A letter was read from Senator Crabb of the State Legislature, acknowledging the reception of the Petition of this Society forwarded to him for presentation to the Senate. Expressing his willingness to present it and his wishes for its success.

After some interesting remarks on the subject of Petitions in which much encouragement was given to be diligent in this department of A. S. labor. in view of the success, wh. had attended the efforts

heretofore made.

The Annual Report was read by the Corresponding Secretary. A few verbal alterations being suggested, - the Report was adopted.

A satisfactory report was received from the Com. on the Fair showing the

Receipts to have been \$ 1641.82

Expenses 536.99

Leaving a Balance in favor of the Society of \$ 1104.83

In accordance with the recommendation of the Report - that early & prompt measures should be taken for the next Fair: the following persons were appointed for the purpose, with power to add to their number

Sarah Pugh

Mary J. Stickney

Anna M. Hopper

Emma Parker

A. Matilda Cassey

Gertrude K. Burleigh



Janette Jackson

Maria M. Davis

Margaret W. Griscom

Martha Carman

Harriet D. Purvis

Hannah L. Stickney

Mary Phaw

Clementine G. Ruby

Sarah M. Douglas

Elizabeth Gay

Hannah Haydock

Elizabeth M. Davis

Emily Winslow

Theresa K. Halliwell

Sarah A. McKim

Margaretta Jordan

Mary Grew

Margaret Jones

Esther Beckwith

Ely<sup>th</sup> Carman

Esther Fogeland

Esther Burr

Huldah Justice

Sarah L. Child

Gentle H. Burleigh offered the following Resolutions which <sup>were</sup> unanimously adopted;

Res: That the success attending the Fair at Norristown - encourages us to hold Fairs in Country Towns easy of access from the city, at suitable times through the year 1848.

Res: That the Editors of the Standard & Freeman be requested to publish the Report of the Fair Com: in their respective papers.

The Constitution of the Society was read and Elizabeth M. Davis Mary Ann Elliott Elizabeth Clendenen Ann Clendenen & Caroline E. Cooperthwaite gave in their names as members of the Society. (3 Cheers)

The following persons were elected officers of the Society for the present year.

President

Sarah Pugh

Vice president

Huldah Justice

Recording Secretary

Margaret Jones

Corresponding Sec:

Mary Grew

Treasurer

Anna M. Hopper



Board of Managers

Lucretia Mott	Sydney Ann Lewis
Lydia White	A. Matilda Cassey
Fletty Rickless	Sarah M. Douglass
Sarah L. Child	Hannah L. Stickney

Mary Grew, Sarah Pugh & Anna M. Hopper were appointed a Committee to attend to the publication of the Annual Report & accompanying documents.

The Treasurer not being prepared to report to this mtg. was requested to prepare the account in time for the publication Com. Sarah A. McKim & Theresa H. Hallouell were appointed to audit the same.

On motion \$ 800.00 were ordered to be paid to the Treasurer of the State Society.

On motion Resolved: that the proceeds from the sale of articles left from the last Fair, be given to the present Com: for their use.

Adjourned.

Time & place of Mtg advertised in next Freeman - Clarkson Hall cannot be obtained - M. D. room occupied - Many & they will decide where to meet.



At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. society  
held at the A. S. Office <sup>Feb. 7</sup> Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. 1848.

The President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were  
read and adopted.

The Committee appointed to attend to  
the publication of the Annual Report  
stated, that 500 copies had been printed  
and were ready for distribution.

Jarrett Jackson and Emily Winslow  
were appointed a Com. to forward  
copies of the Report to each of the Fair Circles.

It was resolved that 20 copies of the  
Liberator, 20 of the A. S. Standard, 100 of the  
Pa. Freeman, ~~and~~ 5 of the Louisville Ex-  
aminer and 5 of the North Star be sub-  
scribed for.

Sarah Pugh and  
Mary Grew, were appointed to attend to  
the distribution of these papers.

Lucretia Mott, Mary Ann Elliot, Emily Winslow

and Maria Davis were appointed a Com. to  
seek for a Hall suitable for our meetings,  
with directions to report to the next mtg.

Mary Earle resigned her membership  
with the Society. The reason assigned  
was, that she could not agree with the  
Society in the doctrine it had endorsed,  
of "No Union with Slaveholders," nor in  
its opposition to the plan of pecuniary  
compensation to slaveholders for the  
manumission of their slaves.

Jane Smith also resigned.  
Mary Teese and Anna M. Child joined  
the society.

S. Mott urged upon the members the  
impolicy of purchasing slaves in order  
to free them, pointing her remarks with  
the statement of the fact that the master  
of the slave recently purchased with  
money raised by the indefatigable



exertions of a few abolitionists in this city, had expressed a desire to receive the money against a certain time that he might employ it in the purchase of another slave.

Adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. Society held at S. M. Douglass' school room 3 mo 9. 48. The President in the chair.

The Com. to furnish the Fair circles with copies of the Annual Report, reported that it was accomplished.

The Com. on the distribution of the papers reported that they had attended to the subject and that they still required the names of persons to whom the Freeman should be sent.

The Com. appointed to obtain a room for our meetings, reported that they had not yet succeeded in finding one. The Com. was continued.

Sarah Pugh presented as important circumstances connected with the progress of Freedom, the following Items. Ab. Runowin, a Russian nobleman, granted ~~freedom~~ complete enfranchisement to 8,000 serfs.

A decree issued 28th July by the king of Denmark declaring that all persons hereafter born in his dominions should be free and all then held as slaves should be free 28th of July, 1859. By this decree the slaves in St. Croix, St. Thomas, and St. John, are emancipated.

Proposals to issue in Virginia a paper called the Crisis advocating freedom for the slave.

Abolition of Slavery and the Slave Trade in Tunis. An anti-slavery paper, the Delaware Abolitionist published in Delaware. On motion of Mary Grew, \$20 was appropriated to the publication of a tract. Sarah Pugh, Janette Jackson and Mary Grew were appointed to attend to the public



cation.

L. Mott moved that \$50. be given to the Am. A. S. Soc. Laid over to the next mtg.

Resolved, that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 4 P.M. on the 18th inst. in the school room Cherry bet. 11th.

A letter to E. M. Davis, from Saml D. Burris now confined in the Dover jail for assisting fugitive slaves, was read.

Adjourned.

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At a special meeting of the P. F. A. S. Society, held according to adjournment on the 18th of March 1848. The Pres. in the chair.

The motion of L. Mott which had been laid over from the last meeting, being called up it was unanimously

Resolved, That we contribute the sum of \$50. to the Am. A. S. Society.

The Com. on Tracts was directed to ask the cooperation of the Ex. Com. of the Pa. A. S. Society.

A letter from Saml D. Burris was read. On motion of L. Mott the Cor. Sec. was requested to write a letter to the Hutchinson family to inform them that this Society deeply regrets their singing to H. Clay a song abounding in expressions of approbation & admiration.

Adjourned.

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At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Soc. held at the Anti Slavery Office April 11th 1848. In the absence of the President and the Vice Pres. Hannah Stickney was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last stated mtg and of the special mtg, were read - The latter adopted.



No official report was presented by the Com. to obtain a room for our mtgs. Janet Jackson reported the result of her inquiries on the subject. Her name was added to the Com. and the Com. continued till next month.

No report from the Com. on Tracts. On behalf of the Com. Sec. it was stated that a letter had been addressed to the Hutchinson family, in accordance with the request made at last mtg. The letter was read and approved.

Remarks were made by L. Mott on the importance of encouraging the dissemination of Free Produce principles and the manufacture of Free Goods.  
Adjourned.

At a stated mtg of the P. F. A. S. soc. held 5 Mo 1848, in S. M. Douglass' school room.

The President in the chair.

The minutes of the last mtg were read and adopted.

The Com. to obtain a room for our mtgs reported that they had not succeeded in obtaining one.

The Com. was discontinued.

As it appeared highly desirable to the Society that another room should be obtained for our next evg mtg, and also, that during the summer recess a place should be engaged for the mtgs of the coming year, Sarah Fugh volunteered to perform that service. And it was on motion Resolved, that she be authorized to engage any room which she shall judge suitable for the purpose mentioned.

The Com. on Tracts reported that they had fulfilled the object of their appointment, 10,000 copies of "Extracts from the Slave Laws," being deposited at the A. S. Office ready for distribution.



Resolved, that the Soc. pay the entire cost of printing the Tract (\$35) instead of making an appropriation of \$20. the sum voted at a special mtg last March.

Mary Grew was appointed to attend to the distribution of the Tracts.

Adjourned.

At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. S. Soc. held June 15th in the Fireman's Hall, cor of North & 5th Sts.

In the absence of the Pres. and Vice Pres. Anna M. Hopper was called to the chair.

The minutes of the last mtg were read and adopted.

On motion resolved that Sarah Pugh be requested to engage this Hall for our mtgs during the rest of the year.

The Com. on Tracts reported that measures are in progress for distributing thro' the city the Tract just published.

The treasurer reported about \$60 in the treasury and the annual subscriptions mostly unpaid.

On motion of Mary Grew it was unanimously resolved that \$25 be appropriated to the Executive Com. of the P. F. A. S. Soc.

Paulina Wright presented to the mtg observations made during a recent journey in Maryland and Kentucky, remarking that while the subject of Slavery does not excite much attention in the former state, it is a common topic of conversation at social gatherings in the latter. She gave a thrilling account of some of the circumstances attending the assassination of a master in Louisville by his slave - a man who, if he had figured in classic history, would have won the world's applause, but who ~~was~~ the U. S. of America was executed for the deed.

Mary Grew exhorted the members not to forget the slave, but while we are seeking our own comfort and pleasure during the summer holidays, to embrace opportunities to labor for him who is deprived of the blessings we enjoy.

Adjourned.



At a stated meeting of the P. F. A. Soc.  
held 9mo 14th 1848.

President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were  
read and adopted.

On behalf of the Com. for obtaining a  
room, Sarah Pugh, reported that she had  
been unable to engage for future meet-  
ings, the Hall in which our last  
meetings was held. The report gave  
rise to considerable discussion in  
the course of wh. collateral subjects  
were introduced.

No farther business being presented  
the meeting adjourned.



