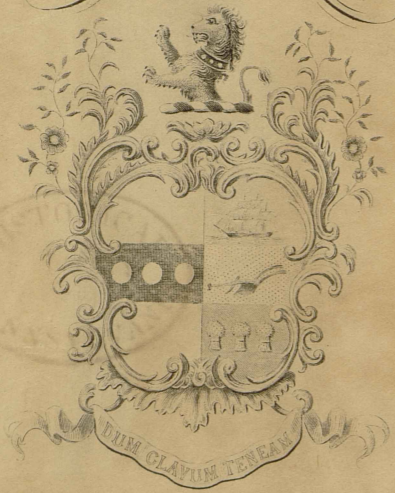
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PHILA. FEMALE ANTI-  
SLAVERY SOC. MINUTES,  
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THE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



OF  
PENNSYLVANIA

PRESENTED BY

Pennsylvania Abolition  
Society

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female  
Anti-Slavery Society held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1868

The President in the Chair,  
The Minutes of the last meeting were read  
and adopted.

There was no stated meeting of this Society  
last month in consequence of a violent storm  
on that day.

It was moved and adopted that Mary Gray  
prepare a Petition to Congress, asking that  
body to take measures for securing a Republican  
form of government in the several States.

The following Committee to nominate officers  
for this Society for the ensuing year was  
appointed, viz. Sidney Ann Lewis, Lottie  
Child and Mary Willbors.

Ellen M. Child Anna Hooper and  
G. M. Jones were appointed a committee to  
obtain a Hall for holding our Annual  
Meeting.

On motion adjourned

At the Annual Meeting of the Phila.  
Female Anti-Slavery Society held at  
725 Race St. 2mo 13th 1868.

Vice President in the chair assisted by  
Abbie Kimbes.

Annie Shoemaker was appointed Sec  
pro tem.

Abbie Kimbes opened the meeting with a  
few remarks relative to the absence of our  
President Lucretia Mott and expression  
of our deep sympathy in her great bereavement,  
a bereavement shared by this Society  
and the friends of freedom throughout the  
country.

Mary Grew read the following Petition to  
Congress which was adopted, and it was  
ordered to be signed by the President and Members  
and forwarded:

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

The Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society,  
respectfully petitions your Honorable Body, that  
you will protect the rights of the colored  
people of the Country, by taking measures  
to secure to every State in the Union a

Republican form of government.

The Treasurers Report was read and  
accepted

Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society in Account with  
ANNIE SHOEMAKER, Treasurer.

2d mo., 1867. DR.	
To Subscription to National Anti-Slavery Standard (50 copies) .....	\$150 00
" Donation to Pennsylvania Anti-Slavery Society.....	100 00
" Rent of room for Annual Meeting.....	2 00
" Rent of room for Stated Meetings.....	9 00
" Printing Annual Report.....	47 75
" Advertising Annual Meeting .....	3 40
" Expenses of Festival, 1st mo., 1867.....	8 00
2d mo., 1868. Balance in Treasury.....	318 06
Total.....	\$638 21

2d mo., 1867. CR.	
By Balance in Treasury.....	\$408 21
" Members' Subscriptions .....	71 00
" Contribution from M. L. D.....	4 00
" Festival of 1st mo., 1867.....	5 00
" *Festival of 11th mo., 1867.....	150 00
Total.....	\$638 21

\* The Festival was held under the joint auspices of the Pennsylvania  
Anti-Slavery Society and the Female Anti-Slavery Society; the greater  
part of the proceeds were given directly to the American Anti-Slavery  
Society.

The Annual Report was read and after  
a slight amendment was adopted.

Mary Grew and Margaret J. Burleigh  
were appointed to superintend the printing  
of the Annual Report.

Sarah Pugh and Ellen M. Child were  
appointed a committee on its distribution.

On motion it was resolved that \$100. be  
given to the American Anti-Slavery Society for the  
support of the A. S. Standard.

Sallie L. Child on behalf of the Nominating Committee, reports the names of the present officers. They were unanimously selected.

PRESIDENT,  
LUCRETIA MOTT.  
  
VICE-PRESIDENT,  
SIDNEY ANN LEWIS.

RECORDING SECRETARY,  
GULIELMA JONES.  
  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,  
MARY GREW.  
  
TREASURER,  
ANNIE SHOEMAKER.

BOARD OF MANAGERS,  
LUCRETIA MOTT,  
ANNA M. HOPPER,  
REBECCA S. HART,  
  
HANNAH L. STICKNEY,  
SARAH H. PEIRCE,  
ROSANNA THOMPSON.

At a Stated Meeting of the P. T. A. S. held March 12th 1867.

The Vice President in the chair. In the absence of the Secretary, M. J. Burleigh was appointed Sec. pro tem.

A feeling of quiet sadness seeming to pervade the meeting Mary Grew represented the importance of patient acquiescence in the changes which Time brings to us; after wh. S. Pugh read a portion of a letter from one of our English friends, lamenting the sorrow wh. has come to the president of our Society.

Ms. Grew reported that she had forwarded the Petition to Congress read last month.

The Com. on Publication stated that copies of the Annual Report were ready for distribution.

After an examination of the list of receivers of gratuitous copies of N. A. Standard, the meeting adjourned.

M. J. Burleigh Sec. pro tem.

At a State Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held 4th mo 9th 1868.

The Vice President - in the chair. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Sarah Pugh reported having attended to the distribution of the Annual Report. Mary Grew suggested the importance of making early arrangement for our annual Festival and requests the members to consider the best methods of making it attractive.

It was announced that a pamphlet would soon be published containing a brief sketch of the life of James Mott by Mary Grew and tributes to his memory from other persons. Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the P. F. A. S. Soc.  
held May 14th 1868.

The Vice-President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mr. J. Burleigh acted as Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The Annual Mtg of the Am. A. S. Society being in session in N. Y. and a number of our members attending it, our meeting was unusually small. No business being presented the meeting adjourned.

Mr. J. Burleigh, Sec pro tem.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society held 6th mo 11th 1868.

The President in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

On motion the following Committee was appointed to make arrangements for holding a Festival some time during the coming winter.

Mrs. Mary Grew, Charlotte Pierce, Sarah Pierce, Ellen M. Child, Anna M. Hooper, Mary Ann

J. Burleigh, Gulielma M. Jones, Sallie Child, Lethe Danforth, Harriet Purvis, Harriet Purvis jr & Hannah Wildman.

It was suggested that Fannie Kemble be invited to read for the benefit of the Festival which suggestion was left to the Committee.

Mary Grew read a letter from Matilda Saxton giving some interesting account of the Freedmen in Georgia.

Our friend Richard D. Webb from Dublin being with us, made some remarks on the Anti-Slavery Cause.

Rachel Torowson spoke of the wants of the Freedmen and of her interest in their behalf.

After some remarks by the President the Society adjourned.

G. M. S. P. Jones,  
Sec.

At a stated meeting of the Philad<sup>a</sup>  
Female Anti-Slavery Society held 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1868.

The President in the chair.

In the absence of the Secretary Annie Shoemaker  
acted as secretary pro tem.

\* On the part of the Festival Com. Anna M.  
Hopper reported that they had held one meeting  
but nothing was done but talk over plans &c.

It was decided that nothing could be done until  
later in the season; the com. adjourned to be called  
together by the chairman.

Suzette Mott spoke of the accounts from  
Georgia, Texas and other parts of the South showing  
a terrible state of affairs there.

Anna M. Hopper wished to interest persons on  
behalf of the school for the Orphans of colored sol-  
diers of Penn. situated at Whitehall. It is difficult  
to get appropriations from the state, and they need  
assistance; clothing has been much wanted.

Adjourned

Annie Shoemaker Sec. pro tem.

\* The minutes of the last meeting were read and  
adopted.

At a stated Meeting of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Female  
Anti-Slavery Society held 10<sup>th</sup> mo 8<sup>th</sup> 1868.

President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were  
read and adopted.

Mary Grew reported that the Festival  
Committee had made some progress in  
their arrangements - and that Wendell  
Phillips will speak here on the 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec  
in Concert Hall.

It was reported that subscriptions to  
the Anti-Slavery Standard are  
increasing.

On motion adjourned  
G. M. Jones Sec.

At a stated Meeting of the Philad<sup>a</sup> Female  
Anti-Slavery Society, held 11<sup>th</sup> mo. 12<sup>th</sup>  
1868; President in the chair.

The Secretary being absent Mary Grew  
was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Mary Grew reported the progress made  
by the Committee on the Festival.

Margaret J. Burleigh stated she had  
received a letter from Benben Tomlinson.

recently elected a member of the South Carolina Legislature, giving some account of the perils from which he has escaped.

Mrs. Purvis made a similar report of the perils of Union men in the South; and the dangers to which her son had been exposed, in company with Mr. Tomlinson, & Dr. Randolph, who was recently murdered by rebels.

On motion of Mary Grew, it was resolved that this Society memorialize our National & State Legislatures in behalf of suffrage without distinction of color.

Statements were made ~~xxx~~ showing the improved tone of the daily press of this city.

The prospect of the abolition of slavery in <sup>the</sup> Spanish dominions was discussed briefly, and the Meeting adjourned.

12. Mo. 10. 1868

No Meeting of the Soc<sup>y</sup> was held; the Annual Meeting of the Penn<sup>a</sup>. A. S. Soc<sup>y</sup> being in session on that day.

At a Stated Meeting of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society held 1<sup>st</sup> Mo. 14<sup>th</sup> 1869.

President in the Chair.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The President made some remarks on the future prospect of our government.

Mary Grew opened for the consideration of this Society - Petitions to Congress and to our State Legislature asking for an amendment to the Constitution and for Suffrage without distinction of color. These Petitions were adopted and signed by the officers of the Society. Invention Matt and Sarah Ruff were appointed a committee to present the Petition to Congress.

The following Committee was appointed to nominate officers for this Society for the ensuing year. viz Sarah Ruff, Rebecca Best and Margaretta Foster.

Anna Kopper was appointed to secure a Hall for our Annual Meeting.

Mary Grew spoke of the success of the



meeting recently held at New Town the  
net proceeds being over \$60. The festival  
with the meeting, which had been held  
the previous week had yielded about  
\$700.

On motion adjourned

At the Annual Meeting of the Phila. Female  
Anti-Slavery Society held at the Assembly  
Buildings 2 Nov 11 1869.

The President in the Chair.

After a few remarks by the President the  
minutes of the last meeting were  
read and adopted.

The Corresponding Secretary read the  
Annual Report which was on motion  
adopted.

Addresses were made by Alfred H. Love  
Edward M. Davis & Lucette Mott.

The following Com. was appointed to take  
charge of printing the Annual Report viz  
Mary Ann, Margaret J. Burleigh &  
Annie Shoemaker.

The following Report was presented by

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the Nominating Com. "The Nominating Committee  
considering our Anti-Slavery work so near  
its close, present the names of the same  
Officers and Board of Managers who have  
served the Society so faithfully for many  
years. Our President and Vice President  
were with us at the formation of the  
Female Anti-Slavery Society, thirty-five  
years ago. And they are still proud  
to be with us now that our work seems  
drawing to its close.

On behalf of the Com.

Margaretta Foster  
This Report was accepted and the same  
Officers are continued.

It was moved and adopted that  
this Society take the usual number  
of the Anti-Slavery Standard

On Motion

Adjourned.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female  
Anti-Slavery Society held 3mo 11th 1869.

The President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were  
read and adopted.

It was on motion adopted that  
Susan Fuhr and Ellen M. Child be  
appointed a Committee on distribution  
of the Annual Report.

E. M. Davis made some interesting  
remarks on the political movements of  
the Illinois Legislature.

Lucetta West spoke and urged that we  
be as hopeful as possible.

Adjourned.

G. M. S. P. Jones  
Sec.

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At a Stated Meeting of the Phila.  
Female Anti-Slavery Society held  
4mo 8th 1869.

The Vice President in the Chair.  
The Minutes of the last meeting  
were read and adopted.

M. J. Burleigh informed the  
Society that the Annual Report  
had been distributed.

A deplorable account of the sufferings  
in South Carolina was given by a  
member of the Society who had  
recently returned from that State.

It was announced by May Grew  
that the Pa Legislature has ratified  
the <sup>15th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution.

May Grew suggested that as many  
members as can, attend the Anniversary  
of the American Society - as this  
will probably be its last.

On motion

Adjourned

Gulielma M. S. P. Jones  
Sec.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society - held 6 mo 10<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Vice President in the chair  
There was no meeting of this Society - in the 5<sup>th</sup> mo last there being no members present except the Vice President Sydney Ann Lewis.  
The minutes of the meeting held in the 4<sup>th</sup> mo were read and adopted.

Mary Grew gave some account of the recent meetings of the American Anti-Slavery Society, held in New York which were a success pecuniarily and in interest, and also of the Boston Meeting which she said was largely attended. The greeting of Wendell Phillips by a Boston audience was very pleasant to witness.

On motion  
adjourned.

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At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society - held 9 mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1869.

The Vice President in the chair.  
Only six members were present.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.  
There being no business the Society adjourned.

Margaretta Foster  
Sec. pro. tem.

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-Slavery Society - held 10 mo 14<sup>th</sup> 1869.

The President in the chair.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.  
It was announced that the Annual Meeting of the State Society will be held about the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, and that there will be another Festival in Boston. It was not thought best for us to hold one.  
The American Society will send \$2000 and it was decided that Pa. ought to raise \$500. It was suggested

that we ask through Alfred Lord the Old  
Pa. Abolition Society, to contribute to our  
Fund which had been done and they  
had voted us \$200.

On motion adjourned

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-  
Slavery Society held 11 Mo 11<sup>th</sup> 1869

The President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were  
read and adopted.

Mary Grew announced that the Annual  
Meeting of the State Society - will be held  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst at the Assembly Building.

The Condition of the people in the South  
and the prejudice which still exists there  
were the subject of remarks by Lucretia  
Mott and others. An appealing  
account was also given of the sufferings  
of the poor people of Washington.

Mary Grew hoped that our members  
would make an extra effort in their  
contributions now that our labor was  
drawing to a close

adjourned

J. M. Lovelee

At a State Meeting of the Phila. Female  
Anti-Slavery Society held 13<sup>th</sup> 1870.

The President in the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting  
were read and adopted.

There was no meeting of this Society  
in the 12 mo last.

Margaret Burleigh moved the  
postponement of the Annual Report  
which was adopted.

The following named persons were  
appointed to nominate Officers for  
this Society - viz Sydney Gunn, Lewis  
Mary Hillborn & Mary Stickers.

Lucretia Mott said they had been  
relief sent to the suffering poor of  
Washington.

A very interesting letter from Josephine  
Guffey was read, which gave a graphic  
account of the suffering which had  
ensued in Washington and thanking  
those who had so generously contributed  
to their aid

On motion

adjourned

J. M. Lovelee

Sec

At the Annual Meeting of the Phila.  
 Female Anti-Slavery Society held  
 2 mo 10th 1870.

The Vice President in the Chair.  
 The minutes of the last meeting  
 read and adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was presented  
 read and accepted and is as follows;  
 Phila Female A. S. Society in account  
 with Annie Shoemaker Treasurer, &c

2 mo/69	To Rent of Room for Annual Meeting	5.00
"	" Subscription to N. A. S. Standard (50 copies)	150.00
"	" Advertising Annual Meeting	3.93
"	" Printing Annual Report	43.50
"	" Postage on Reports	1.00
"	" Rent of Room for Stated Meeting	9.00
2 mo/70	Balance in Treasury	81.55
		<u>\$ 292.98</u>

2 mo/69	By Balance in Treasury	230.98
"	" Members Subscriptions	62.00
		<u>\$ 292.98</u>

Mary Grew announced that the 15th  
 Amendment had been adopted

At a Stated Meeting of the Phila. Female  
 Anti-Slavery Society held 3 mo 10th 1870.  
 President in the Chair.

Members present Lucretia Matt,  
 Sydney Ann Lewis, Sarah Peuple,  
 Margaretta Foster, Lydia Lillingham  
 Anna M. Skupper, Clementina Ann  
 Annie Shoemaker, Mary Hillborn  
 Margaret J. Burleigh & Gulliver M. Jones.

The minutes of the last meeting were  
 read and adopted

It was on motion resolved that  
 the money left in the treasury at  
 the breaking up of this Society be  
 appropriated to sending the Standard  
 to the districts <sup>& others</sup> in the South. Mary  
 Grew and Margaret J. Burleigh were  
 appointed a committee to attend to having  
 them sent.

The President announced that the  
 upcoming Annual Meeting will be  
 held on the afternoon of the 24th inst.

S. M. Jones and Ellen M. Child were  
 appointed a com. to obtain a Hall.

A list of articles belonging to the Society was  
upheld and suitable disposition made  
of them.

Many interesting incidents connected with  
the organization and history of this  
Society, were related by different members.

On motion of Mary Green it was resolved  
that an invitation be extended to Elizabeth  
Gay, Sarah C. McKim and others, to attend  
the adjourned session of our Annual Meeting  
to be held on the 24th inst, at which time  
the Society proposes to disband.

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Proceedings of the Thirty-Sixth Annual  
Meeting of the Phila. Female Anti-  
Slavery Society.

The Society met according to adjournment  
in the Assembly Buildings on the 24th of  
3 mo 1870.

The President Lucretia Mott opened  
the meeting with a few appropriate remarks.  
She said that at this, the last meeting,  
an address to the people Assembly  
might be expected; but her heart was  
so full that there was room only for  
a feeling of thankfulness. Remembering  
the time when this Society was formed  
she rejoiced to see among the persons  
assembled, some who had assisted in its  
organization & others who had joined  
at a time when their names were  
therefore cast out as evil. In our most  
anguine moments we never there  
expected to see the Consignation now  
attained. Truly the Lord had triumphed  
gloriously, & in view of all that had been  
accomplished she could only say "Now  
lettest thou thy servant depart in peace."

for mine eyes "and the Salvation".

The Cor. Sec. stated that as directed by the Society, she had sent an invitation to two of our former members, now residents in other States, to be present with us on this occasion, and also to Rev Saml. J. May who assisted at the organization of this Society.

It was announced that the entire series of the minute-books of this Society were on the table, for the inspection of any of the members who might wish to examine them.

The Secretary read a letter from the Historical Society of Penna. requesting that this Society will present the books in its library and other publications, to that Association to be preserved in their Anti-Slavery Department. The letter was referred to the Committee appointed at our last meeting, to dispose of the property of this Society.

The Minutes of the Meeting which organized this Society 12<sup>th</sup> Mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1833, were read by the Secretary.

The Annual Report was then read by the Corresponding Sec., after which several persons

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addressed the Meeting. Lucretia Mott remarked, with reference to the course pursued by the Anti-Slavery Society, that they had always relied upon appeals to the moral sense and the intelligence of the people, never counselling the overthrow of Slavery by violence. This example, she trusted might be useful in succeeding enterprises of similar kind.

Robert Purvis spoke of past experiences of the Abolitionists in this City, and alluded to the fact that the Hall in which we were now assembled had been opened to us in the days when other buildings were closed against us, and that here we found shelter when our hair was yanked from Concord Hall.

E. M. Davis also entertained the audience with reminiscences of the earlier days of our Enterprise.

Aaron M. Powell congratulated the Soc. on the accomplishment of the specific purpose of its organization, and also spoke of the need which still exists for vigilant defence of the Freedmen's rights.

as clearly shown by the despotic and  
rebellious spirit yet ripe in the South.

On motion, the Annual Report was  
adopted and ordered to be published.

Mary Green Marbury, Burleigh  
and Sarah Pugh were appointed a  
Committee on publication; and Sarah  
Pugh and Ellen M. Childs a Committee  
to attend to the circulation of the Report.

A Resolution was offered tendering  
the thanks of the Society to the Cor. Sec.  
for her long-continued and self-sacrificing  
services in the cause of freedom. After  
some discussion the following Resolution  
was offered as a substitute, and  
unanimously adopted:

"Resolved: That the efficient and  
unwearied services of our Corresponding  
Secretary, Mary Green during almost  
the whole period of the existence of our  
Society; attested by the thirty-four  
successive Reports so faithfully and  
succinctly written, marking the annual  
progress of the Anti-Slavery movement  
are <sup>most</sup> highly appreciated and merit

the warmest and most grateful  
acknowledgements of the Society."

Responding to this Resolution, Mary  
Green said: + + + +

The business of the Society was  
now finished, and the following  
Resolutions were offered by Maryanne  
Totten, one of the founders of the Socy;  
and being unanimously adopted,  
the Society ceased to exist.

Whereas, The Amended Constitution of the United  
States declares that neither slavery nor involuntary ser-  
vitude, except as a punishment for crime, whereof the party  
shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United  
States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction:

And that all persons born or naturalized in the United  
States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens  
of the United States and of the State wherein they reside:  
And that no State shall make or enforce any law which shall  
abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United  
States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, lib-  
erty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to  
any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the  
laws:

And that the right of citizens of the United States to  
vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States,  
or by any State, on account of race, color, or previous con-  
dition of servitude; and

Whereas, The object for which this Association was  
organized is thus accomplished, therefore

Resolved, That the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery  
Society, grateful for the part allotted to it in this great  
work, and rejoicing in the victory which has concluded the  
long conflict between Slavery and Freedom in America,  
does now and hereby disband.

The preamble and resolution were unanimously  
adopted. The meeting then adjourned.

GULIELMA M. S. P. JONES, Recording Secretary.

+++ Mrs. Green's speech may be found  
in the last Annual Report



