

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

New England Women in Council—Woman's Suffrage and Free Cuba—Senator Sumner Excoriated.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 30, 1869.

A two days' session of the New Hampshire Woman's Suffrage Association commenced in Eagle Hall to-day, Mrs. Nathaniel White, of Concord, President. There were, at the commencement, about fifty persons present, but subsequently increased to about one hundred, among whom were a number of the Shaker family.

The records of the Convention held last year were read. The treasurer's report shows that the receipts of the year were \$232 95; the expenditures, \$125 63.

While a committee to appoint permanent officers were engaged Mrs. Julia Howe, of Boston, addressed the audience. She set forth in a well-written speech the principles for the advancement of which they had met and a history of woman's suffrage, the first meeting being held in Worcester, Mass., twenty years ago. The speaker was very severe on Senator Sumner's position on the Cuban question and made a stirring appeal in behalf of the Cubans, which was received with applause.

Mrs. HOWE said:—"Charles Sumner, the enemy of caste, the strenuous advocate of human freedom, in his speech at Worcester struck down the pleading hands of Cuba and said 'there was not the technical symbol of belligerency; let her perish;' and I stand here to say that when he did this he was untrue to the flag whose virtue ennobled his first triumph. That flag is dishonored when it salutes despotism instead of returning a friendly greeting to the challenge of freedom. Free America, leagued with despotic Spain against the Cuban struggle for independence, was a union most unholy. The press of the country has teemed of late with strictures upon a marriage complicated with death and divorce; but what was that marriage in comparison with the abhorred union, whose dowry was blood and fire, with thirty Spanish gunboats? The ghost of Captain Kidd laughed as they steamed out of New York harbor, and the scattered timbers of the Mayflower groaned."

Mrs. NATHANIEL WHITE, was chosen president, and a large number of vice presidents and other officers were elected for another year.

At the afternoon exercises there were biblical arguments for woman's suffrage, commencing with the first chapter of Genesis, by Rev. Mr. Savage, of Franklin.

Mrs. JULIA WARD HOWE followed with an ample argument in favor of suffrage, making the most able address delivered, and was succeeded by Rev. Mr. Babcock, of Wilmot.

The evening exercises were opened by the reading of a poem by Mrs. Howe, "The New Flag," which was well received. Mrs. Stratton, of Worcester; Lucy Stone Blackwell and Mrs. P. A. Handford followed.