

## WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 30.—A two days' session of the New Hampshire Woman Suffrage Association commenced in Eagle Hall to-day, Mrs. Nathaniel White of Concord President. There was, at the commencement, about 50 persons present, but subsequently increased to about 100, among which were a number of Shakers. The Treasurer's report shows that the receipts of the year were \$112 94; expenditures, \$125 43. Among the distinguished persons present were Mrs. Binford of Hingham, Mrs. Lucy Stone, Mrs. Dr. Hathaway, and Mrs. Dr. Hunt of Manchester. Mrs. Julia Howe of Boston delivered an address, 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., 20 years ago. The lady 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. The Rev. Mr. Babcock of Lancaster followed Mrs. Howe. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, in her address, 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 symbols of belligerency; let her perish!' And I stand to say that, when he did this, he was untrue to the flag whose virtue enabled 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 Capt. Aid 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 list 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 the 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 the 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.