

ANTI-SLAVERY CONVENTION AT FRAM- INGHAM.

Agreeably to public notice, an Anti-Slavery Convention was held at Framingham, in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, April 29th.

The Rev. J. C. Webster was chosen chairman, and Joshua Leavitt, secretary. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Tarbox. Mr. Leavitt, Dr. Knight, and Mr. Marshall were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions. Address by Lewis Clarke.

In the afternoon, a number of singers from Holliston attended, and by their skilful performance of several pieces added much to the interest of the occasion. The Committee reported sundry resolutions, some of which they presented for the purpose of calling forth discussion, if discussion was desired—otherwise to be laid on the table.

An address was made by Mr. Leavitt, on the moral and legal means of abolishing slavery. A discussion arose on the compatibility of holding office under the constitution of the United States with anti-slavery principles, participated in by Messrs. Marshall, Leavitt, Cummings, and others.

The first three resolutions were read, and inquiry made whether any person present wished them to be discussed. No one appearing, they were laid on the table. An interesting discussion took place, by Messrs. Leavitt, Clarke, Marshall, Webster, Tarbox, Cummings, and others, on the subject of giving Bibles to the slaves. The remaining resolutions were then adopted, and the Convention adjourned.

1. *Resolved*, That the abolition movements for the last few years have tended to rivet more tightly the chains of the slave.

Laid on the Table.

2. *Resolved*, That if all the Anti-Slavery Societies would disband themselves, the Liberty party dissolve into its original elements, the thirty or forty abolition newspapers stop, the lecturers retire from the field, the monthly concerts of prayer for the enslaved cease to send up their requests to heaven, the women no longer plague our national and state legislatures with their petitions, and the church be left in peace, slavery would abolish itself, from the nature of things, through the evils it would produce at the South and in the country.

Laid on the Table.

3. *Resolved*, That the Liberty party have helped to place slaveholders in power, and thereby greatly strengthened the cause of slavery in the country.

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4. *Resolved*, That slavery in this country is a crime, a calamity, a common curse—that it ought to be abolished and can be abolished—that it will be abolished whenever the people say so—that it cannot be abolished except by the will of the people, and that the legitimate object of the Anti-Slavery movement is to bring the people to resolve that slavery shall be abolished.

5. *Resolved*, That the abolition of slavery can only be effected by moral and legal means—moral means bearing upon the individual and bringing him to emancipate his slaves voluntarily; and legal means compelling emancipation by authority of law; and all our efforts should be directed to these two results.

6. *Resolved*, That all the instrumentalities and influences which are adapted to either of these effects ought to be faithfully employed, by those who have the power, in the best way to act upon the public mind, and bring about a general determination to abolish slavery.

7. *Resolved*, That the whole influence of Christianity ought to be put forth, by those who administer it, whether by the pulpit, the press, the discipline of the church, or the benevolent operations of the day, as best calculated to promote emancipation.

8. *Resolved*, That to vote for slaveholders, or for the apologists or supporters of slavery, is morally wrong.

9. *Resolved*, That slaves have a sacred right to the Bible, both to fulfil the command to search the scriptures, and because the circulation of the scriptures would soon make them free.

10. *Resolved*, That a general application ought to be made to the American Bible Society, by its officers and friends, to take measures for circulating Bibles among the slaves, and that a distinct fund for that purpose should be established, called "THE SLAVES' BIBLE FUND."

11. *Resolved*, That the brutalizing effect of slavery is seen in the unrelenting vengeance of the slaveholders against the Rev. Charles T. Torrey, as shown by their refusal to release him after it became apparent that continued imprisonment would destroy his life.

12. *Resolved*, That, unless the slaveholders shall carry their vengeance beyond the grave, it is our wish that the mortal remains of Mr. Torrey, after his expected decease, may repose in the soil of his native Commonwealth at Mount Auburn, with a suitable monument, to be erected by general subscription, in testimony that Massachusetts honors the memory of him whom Maryland has hunted to death as a felon.

13. *Resolved*, That to deny the sinfulness of the alleged right of property in man, involved in the relation of master and slave, is to deny the essential distinction between a man and a brute.