



Preamble

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness;” and,

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that these rights may the more affectually ^ secured to each individual. He has forbidden us to exercise authority over one another but commanded us to do unto others as we would that they should do unto us; that man, disregarding this law of his Creator; and in violation of these inalienable rights, has usurped authority over his fellow man, and draged him down from the high estate in which he was created, to a level with the beasts that perish; -- and that, in these United States, nearly three million of our own countrymen, bound to us by the ties of common brotherhood, are reduced to the most abject slavery and degradation; shut out from the blessings of education, denied the right to their own persons, and compeled to submit to the most unmitigated sufferings which the avarice or proprious of their oppressors may inflict

And holding it to be equally self-evident that slave holding under all possible circumstances is a heinous crime against God and humanity and that it is the duty of every individual to labor unceasingly, in all christian ways for the immediate and unconditional over through of a system so pregnant with evil, both to the oppressed, and to the oppressor.

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Art. 3. It shall aim at dissipating the prejudices existing in the community against the free people of color, and to encourage them in making efforts for their moral and intellectual improvement.

Art. 4. The officers of the Soc. shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors who to gather shall constitute a Board of Managers - they shall be elected annually.

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Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Board of Managers to ^{call} special meetings of the soc. at such times as they think proper. They shall also be intrusted with the disposal of its funds, and shall take the general management of its affairs; they shall adopt means to promote the object for which it was formed instituted, and make a report of their transactions to the soc. at its annual meeting.

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Lydia S. Dennett ^{requested} ~~asked leave~~ to be excused from acting as Secretary of the soc., which request was granted; where upon N. A. Foster ^{was} elected to ~~that~~ office, and Lydia S. Dennett chosen Director in place of N. A. Foster, who resigned in accepting the office of Secretary.

Oliver Dennett informed the soc. that C. C. Burleigh might be expected in the city during the week and would lecture upon the subject of Slavery.

On motion Oliver Dennett, N. Winslow and Whittier were chosen a com. to provide a suitable place for C. C. Burleigh to ^{hold} lecture in, on Thursday next afternoon and eve.

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Voted to adj. to

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Voted to adj. N. A. Foster Sec

March 24, 1844 The Soc met at Oliver Dennetts at 6 o'clock this eve. agreeable to previous adj. - The Pres. in the chair - the proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Sec and ~~also up~~ and after the reading of a portion of scripture, the following resolution ^{was} then lying on the table was called, which was discussed by Messrs Morrill, Place Whittier ^{and} Mrs. Morrill, and Mrs Dennet and unanimously adopted.

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A letter was read by the secretary from Wm Lloyd Garrison in reply to one which had been addressed to him requesting ~~him~~ the Massachusetts friends to supply us with a lecturer for the month of April. ~~This request~~

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April 7th 1844

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Sec. Pro tem.

April 14, 1844. The Soc met at Oliver Dennett's according to adjournment, - The President in the chair - After the reading of the proceedings of the last meeting the following resolution was taken up and after an animated discussion was unanimously adopted.

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Voted to adj to this place next Sunday 3 o'clock.
N. A. Foster, Sec.

April 21, 1844. Met at Oliver Dennett's - The President in the chair - The proceedings of the last meeting were read and also several articles from the Liberator. A general conversation arose on the question of ^{the} annexation of Texas to the Union and on other subjects relating to slavery. It was also proposed to send a delegate to

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Voted to adj to this place next Sunday 3 o'clock.

N. A. Foster, Sec.

April 21, 1844. Met at Oliver Dennett's ~ The President in the chair ~ The proceedings of the last meetings were read and also several articles from the Liberator. A
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general conversation arose on the question of ^ annexation of of Texas to the Union and on other subjects relating to slavery. It was also proposed to send a delegate to

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In fine, prayer is a matter in which one's self alone is concerned - an act to be performed in ^{the} secret presence of God alone. So taught and so acted the Saviour. Some remarks were made by a few in opposition to this view of prayer. One brother was very anxious that the meeting should be opened with prayer. He was informed that the meeting was perfectly free for anyone to pray sing or speak as he or she might be disposed. ~~Our~~ The brother felt moved to express his thoughts in prayer.

Voted to adjourn

E. R. Place
Secy

May 5th 1845

Board meeting at Mr. Dennett's

The business before the board was to consider the propriety of making arrangements to retain Mr. Moody among us, for a few weeks. A committee of two (Messrs. Foster & Place) was appointed to confer with Mr. Moody, to ascertain his feelings and wishes about remaining. They found him anxious to abide with us, but his prospect of employment would not warrant his doing so. He was very averse to receiving any assistance from his Anti-slavery friends. But they felt the great importance of securing his valuable aid at the present momentous crisis of the cause in this city. The committee made to Mr.

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July 1st 1845

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July 4th 1845

The annual meeting of the P. A. S. S. was holden at Clark's Hall this day. A report of the proceedings of the society for the past year was read by the society, after some discussion, it was recommitted for revision, to be presented at the next meeting. A committee of two Messrs Dennet & Foster, were chosen to procure the place for a meeting some ^{evening} next week, and to give due notice of the same. Voted to ^{lay over} ~~adjourn~~ all unfinished business to the next meeting. ^{to the evening which may be appointed by the committee.} Voted to adjourn.

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But in this country, are three millions of human beings, who are robbed of every right and made articles of merchandize. The people who proclaim to the world that all men are created free and equal, make slaves and brute beasts of one sixth of their whole number! A people who declare Liberty to be the birthright of all, strike down the manhood, crush the intellect and eclipse ^{the souls} of three millions of immortal beings!

We behold this blood-cemented institution, defying in our very midst the genius of Liberty, and bringing a reproach upon the cause of human rights the world over. We behold it recognized, cherished and protected by the federal government, claiming for itself all the sacredness and homage which is accorded to Liberty, its natural and eternal enemy. We behold it allied with and countenanced by the great political parties of

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The Preamble and constitution as reported, were amended, and accepted, and signed by the following persons,

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The Committee appointed to see
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Sunday Report

That they have seen the Mayor
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Also voted, that the tickets for the remainder of the course, be fifty cents.

Adjourned.

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Also Voted that the Secretary be instructed to transmit a copy of the doings of this meeting, to the ladies of the sewing circle, at an early day.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, - But few of the members were in attendance and it was thought best, not to proceed to the choice of officers.

Voted that when we adjourn, it be to the house of Newel A. Foster, on Monday evening, Aug. 11th

Adjourned,

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Voted that the thanks of the Society, be presented to our ex-president, for the faithful and efficient manner, in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

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