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Description: Invitation to Samuel Fessenden from William Lloyd Garrison to the 30th anniversary meeting of the American Anti-Slavery Society.

THE THIRD DECADE.

[SPECIAL INVITATION.]

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The AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY will commemorate the Thirtieth Anniversary of its formation, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, Dec. 3 and 4, 1863, at CONCERT HALL, in the City of PHILADELPHIA, commencing at 10 o'clock, A.M., of each day. Its object, as originally announced, and uncompromisingly adhered to for the last thirty years, was and is the immediate and entire abolition of Slavery in the United States, by all those instrumentalities sanctioned by law, humanity, and religion; and thus, "to deliver our land from its deadliest curse, and to wipe out the foulest stain which rests upon our national escutcheon." Its measures were proclaimed to be, and ever have been, "such only as the opposition of moral purity to moral corruption, the destruction of error by the potency of truth, the overthrow of prejudice by the power of love, and THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY BY THE SPIRIT OF REPENTANCE."

At its approaching celebration, the Society will have the sublime privilege to announce, as the result, primarily, of its disinterested, patriotic, and christian labors, — the emancipation of THREE MILLIONS THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND SLAVES, by the fiat of the American Government, on the 1st of January last.

It is not only to revive the remembrance of the long thirty year warfare with the terrible forces of Slavery, and to acknowledge the hand of a wonder-working Providence in guiding the way of the little Anti-Slavery army through great moral darkness and many perils, that we now invite this meeting, but also to renew, in the name of humanity, of conscience, and of pure and undefiled religion, the demand for the entire and speedy extinction of Slavery in every part of our country.

Your attendance at this Commemorative Meeting, in Philadelphia, on the 3rd and 4th of December next, is respectfully solicited and cordially desired.

In behalf of the Executive Committee,

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