

Journal of the Hantsden Co. Anti-Slavery Convention

March 1. 1837. At a convention of delegates from Willimansett, Springfield, Ludlow & S. Wilbraham Anti-Slavery Societies, together with individual abolitionists from various towns in the county, A. S. Merrill was called to the chair.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. Dr. Osgood. On motion of J. Porter - it was voted, that a committee be appointed by the chair to name & nominate officers for the convention.

S. Osgood	} That committee.
J. A. Merrill	
D. Hawks	
J. Porter	
E. Scott	

The committee reported,

J. A. Merrill for President.

J. Porter

J. Collins { Secretaries.

They were elected. — —

On motion - voted that the secretaries take the names of the delegates, & any other persons who wish to be considered members of the convention.

Delegates from Springfield, — — —

Journal of the H C A S Society

At a meeting of the Hampden County Anti Slavery Society, on Tuesday, the 9th of Jan 1820, at the meeting house of first Parish in Springfield -

Hon Abel Blip, Pres^t of the society, called the meeting to order -

On motion of Dr Esgood the meeting was opened by prayer, by Rev O Scott -

On motion of Dr Esgood a Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the prosecution of the business of the Society - and

Rev Orange Scott
Dr Samuel Esgood and
Henry B Stanton
were chosen Committee -

The nominating Committee report the following persons as officers of the Society for the year ensuing

Rev Hon Abel Blip Pres^t
Chauncy Chapin Sec^y
Edwin Booth Treas^r

E Chapman, Luther Blip, Dr Jefferson Church
Dr J S Bassett, and Adah Merrick - Directors

Whereas every slave has an unquestionable moral and political right to escape from the power of his oppressor, and whereas every principle of religion, and every nobler principle of the human heart, call upon us to sympathize with the fugitive from slavery, and whereas God has commanded expressly forbidden us to deliver them up to their masters - Therefore Resolved that we will aid them by all lawful means, and that we commend them to the sympathies and prayers of the benevolent throughout our land -

Resolved that we do commend to the Anti-Slavery Society, at its next annual meeting, so to amend its constitution, as to have its business transacted, and its officers elected by delegates only from its auxiliaries, and so to regulate the ratio, that they may all have an equitable representation, and voice in all its business transaction -

Whereas slavery is a moral and political evil, created and upheld by legislation, and sanctioned by public opinion and the church, and whereas in order to abolish it, this state of public opinion must be changed, and this

legislation repealed, and whereas the church
is the source of moral power, and the freeman
the source of political power, therefore

Resolved that it is the duty of every church
member to pray, and labor as a christian
and moral agent, of every minister to preach
and of every freeman to vote for its over-
-throw-

Whereas Wm A Harrison, during his whole po-
-litical life, has been the uniform, and faithful
supporter of slavery, and whereas Martin Van-
-Buren has pledged his official power and in-
-fluence, to uphold and strengthen the system.
Therefore

Resolved that no abolitionist or man, who
values inalienable human rights more than
power, can give his vote for either of them
men for the office of President of the U.S
without good evidence of a fundamental
change in their former views, and practices
on this subject.

Resolved that those individuals, who stand aloof
from us, and our cause, professedly on the