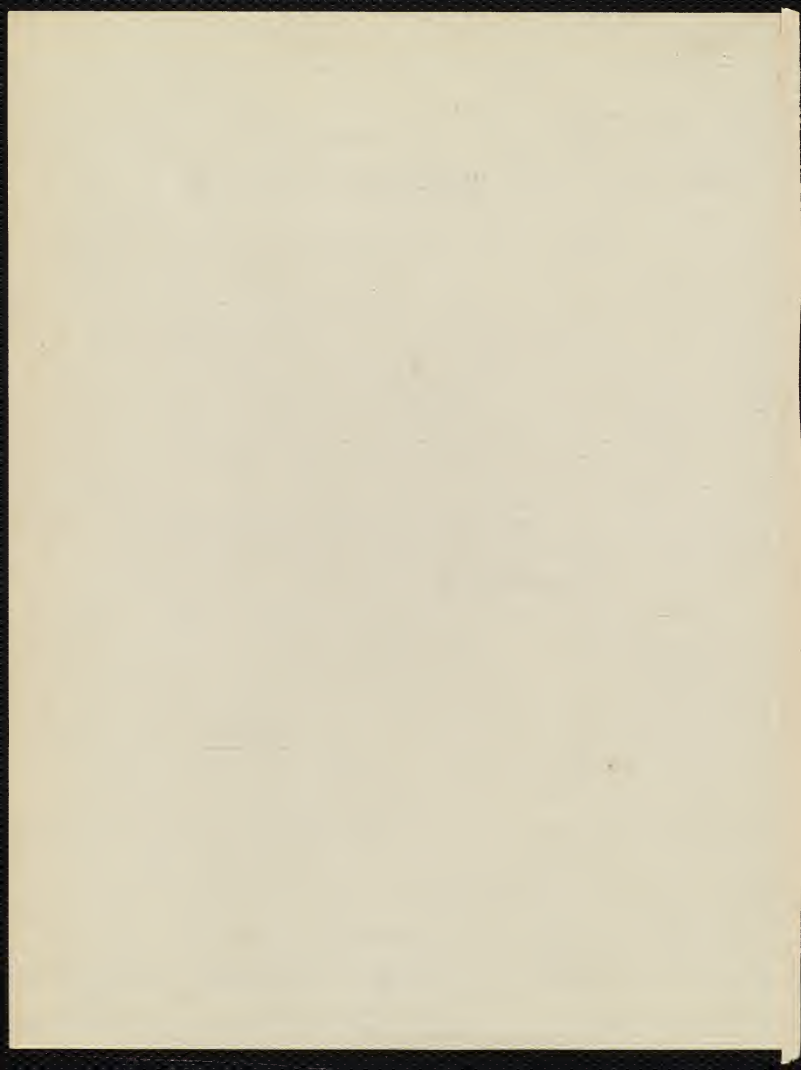


to be depended on as a means for abolishing slavery?" up for [ discussion ] in the debating society in the theological dept. The room was [ ] students, several gentlemen from the city, &c., &c. [ ] on our side and two on the other. I [ ] attended the meeting and defended the negative of the question on the following grounds: 1st, that the design of the Soc. was to [ ]. 2nd. Assuming that this was the design, the scheme was im-[ ]. 3rd. It will be a useless expense and an injury to the country to deport so much valuable bone and muscle. 4th. That even were it practicable it would be unjust. We have no right to do evil that good may come. Each of these propositions was clearly proved. Rev. L. Bacon then addressed the meeting for nearly an hour. His speech was elegant, mouthy, and a great throwing of dust, totally irrelevant to the question. Knowing that he was present, and designing to close his mouth, I read from the first part [ of your ] "Thoughts" an extract from his article in the Chr. Spec., which [ he acknowledged ], but said that you had twisted it as all his [ ] pronounced the book utterly unworthy of confidence. He did not attempt to answer [ ] Taylor president. The question is continued [ ] Bro. Cleaveland will blow Bacon up "sky high." Bro. [ Jocelyn goes ] to New York to attend a meeting about Dennison's paper, the Emancipator. We are now all ready to form an efficient anti-slavery society here. I have learned also that Mr. Cleaveland's brother, who holds the office of Pres. or V. Pres. in the N.Y. Young Men's Col. Soc., has been brought over to the faith and will resign his office. It [ will make ] a stir amongst them there. I shall not finish till [ ] meeting next week; but for fear I should forget [ ] mention what numbers of the Liberator I want [ ] Vol. II, Nos. 14, 18, 19, 21, 39, and of Vol. III [ ] proper



account of the ann. meeting and my [ ] anxiously for the Report. 21st. Last evening our debate was continued. Bro. Cleaveland, Homes, Bro. Jocelyn and myself spoke on the [ ] side, C. and J. with great power and effect. The Colonizationists brought out their big guns, with their negro thieving wadding and expediency for shot. They expended all their ammunition, belied you and impeached your book, but all to no effect, for mark the result: when the question was decided from the Chair, it was admitted that we ought not to depend on the Col. Soc. chiefly for the abolition of slavery. The vote of the Soc. was, for the Col. Soc. 18, and for our side 10, which we may account a gain of 8 to us and as a loss of 10 to them. Besides, there were many heretofore Colonizationists who did not feel prepared to vote at all, so much were they shaken by the arguments brought up. In consultation it is thought not to be best for friend Buffum to come here until [ ] of our Soc. We expect to number about [ ] of them men of influence. I forgot to mention that [ Arthur ? ] Tappan came up from New York and made a speech. He did very well, too, and had considerable influence.

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God bless you and prosper you.

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