

Rev. C. T. Torrey

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Dear Brother Phelps, I find I have not enclosed the paper containing Root's terms, as I intended in the letter sent by Mr Safford. Enclosed you find it. (Yesterday we had a pleasant meeting here, gentlemen only were invited to sit and deliberate. The day was devoted to elementary discussion. We had a good old fashioned A. S. meeting. "No war, nor battle's sound" disturbed the harmony of feeling. Though exceedingly fatigued I lectured to a good house in the evening - and this evening also, I have addressed a small assembly, and received a contribution to our funds. Tomorrow I expect to address the Christians of Pittsfield, on their duties to the lowly slaves. Strange that a Christian in free America should need to be addressed on the subject. A few symptoms of mobocracy have disfigured this beautiful village. Last evening some wild youth, a few of them southerners, shouted & yelled around the house & howled a howl to supply us with music. The ringleaders were disguised, but one was detected by the Sheriff, and if he escapes the penalty of the law, it will be a matter of special forbearance.

This evening the mobites were abroad again,
some of them present. They made a very slight
disturbance, which was checked, by an appeal
to the authority of the Law - one of them showed
his love for the cause of - Non-Resistance, in a
new form - by throwing cents at me, as I stood
in the pulpit - two of which I have preserved.
I thanked the hopeful youth for the contribution,
told the value of a cent to the cause, as it
indicated the origin of the Elmore Correspondence,
& promised, that, by God's blessing, these coppers
should not be lost to the cause of humanity -
I would willingly be pelted till doomsday,
by money for the cause of the poor. ¶

If you think the above worth sending
to the Ab. send it. The Abolitionists here
except 2 or 3 perfectionists, all go with
us - Monday I lecture in Dalton & expect
to form a Society auxiliary to ours there
in the evening - Tuesday I go to Wil-
liamstown
yours. C. T. Overy

P.S. St Clair & myself ordered 200 of Thomas & Kimball
& 200 of Slavery as it is. for Boies & Hunt, to be
used in this Co. I have since ordered 100 more of
Nedd's Book & 650 Almanacs. Nearly the whole
will be disposed of before I leave the County. I have
already disposed of 10 dollars worth & bargain
to dispose of more. ~~C. P. P.~~ They are all ordered
on account of our Society. C. P. P.

About midnight these hopeful youths showed
themselves, by demolishing - in part, the steps
of the shop of a prominent Abolitionist, and the steps
of the Baptist Church, in which the meetings were
held - one of the motives, is supposed to be a son of a
Florida Patriarch, whose slaves were rather suddenly
emancipated by the "poor heathen" Indians, who
were unhappily not aware that the patri-
archal system was sanctioned by the Bible!
They had never read professor Stuart's letter: Mr Editor,
woud you translate it into Seminole, and print
an edition at my expense to enlighten these
poor degraded savages? P. P.

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