

change in public opinion - the dissemination among the people of right sentiments and feelings, respecting the evil that should be abolished. -

The last evening of the Convention was, on the whole, the best. The large audience remained throughout the session, and seemed reluctant rather than impatient to depart. -

You will be glad to hear that, at the suggestion, I believe, of our indispensable fellow labourer, Susan B. Anthony, it was voted to hold a meeting similar to the one just closed, annually in Albany, on the week succeeding the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Anti Slavery Society. It is to commence on the morning of Thursday, and continue through that, and the two or three succeeding days as may be found expedient. This is obviously a wise arrangement, as it will enable yourself, Mr Phillips and others so to order your other engagements as to ensure your attendance on the Albany Convention.

Yours truly

Samuel J. May

Mr William L. Garrison

Your absence and Mr Phillips' brief stay made me apprehensive, that the second day of the Convention would be less interesting and useful than the first. But Mr Remond and Mr Powell spoke several times and uniformly with power. And in the evening Rev A. D. Hays of Albany unexpectedly gave us a speech of great ability on "the forces of freedom that are opposed to the forces of slavery in this country and the world," showing that Liberty must triumph. There ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> much, in what he said, to encourage us. Still I felt, especially after hearing Aaron M. Powell's able reply, that the effect of his speech might be to lighten too much our sense of responsibility for the continuance of Slavery. We ought to labor, as if the emancipation of the enslaved depended upon our exertions, although it be true, that God in his providence is wielding mighty agencies against every form of oppression. For it should be ever borne in mind, that his mightiest instrumentality in the reformation of communities, is a

pressed very earnestly and ably upon  
the consideration of our auditors by  
Mr Phillips, Mr Remond, Mr Powell  
and Miss Anthony. And all present,  
who dissented in any respect or near  
were from our doctrines, or methods,  
were repeatedly invited to speak,  
were assured of a respectful hear-  
ing and an explicit reply, if one should  
be deemed necessary. Several gentle-  
men, especially one, who is a member  
of the General Assembly, accepted our  
invitation, and pressed the common  
objections to your and Mr Phillips' the-  
ory and practice of not voting. This gave  
rise to a spirited, but brief discussion,  
which enlivened the evening, and  
furnished an occasion for the fuller  
explanation and enforcement of  
that theory.

Your letter was read at the open-  
ing of the first evening session, and  
was, as your word is apt to be, the  
key note of the speeches. It will be  
published with the report of our  
proceedings in the Standard of  
next week.

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My Dear Friend, —

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Your absence from the Convention at Albany was deeply regretted by all. To some, who had never seen you, it was a sore disappointment. However we had a good time. The number in attendance at every session was respectable; and at each of the evening sessions it was large. A pretty full report of our proceedings, prepared by a very intelligent and lovely young lady, will be published in the Anti Slavery Standard next week; so that I need <sup>not</sup> attempt in this any detail.

In the Resolutions — some of which will not be new to you — we endeavored to set before the minds of the people the present political and religious aspects of our nation, as they appear to us at this time. They were