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Massachusetts Anti Slavery Fair of 1840.

This seventh annual effort for the ~~promotion~~ <sup>extension</sup> of the principles of Freedom, has been <sup>not</sup> ~~the~~ ~~most~~ ~~brilliant~~ ~~and~~ ~~successful~~ - the most encouraging & strengthening of all. Whether we consider the ~~quantity~~ <sup>quantity</sup> of goods contributed, the amount of the sales, the ~~number~~ <sup>number</sup> of ~~persons~~ <sup>persons</sup> present from various parts of the country, & the ~~sympathy~~ <sup>sympathy</sup> ~~shown~~ <sup>shown</sup> by each other affection for each other, the ardent devotion & fidelity to the cause the most encouraging & strengthening - the most brilliant & successful of all.

The Marlborough hall presented a cheering sight to the eyes of those who love our cause. Five & thirty towns were ~~represented~~ <sup>represented</sup> on the occasion & ~~from~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ ~~vicinity~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~hall~~ liberal donations of articles, & from most of them came in person the very flower of the cause: <sup>as their representatives.</sup> men & women who have felt that to spend & be spent in the service of freedom is gain unspeakable. A ~~glance~~ <sup>glance</sup> of the Hall has been ~~afforded~~ <sup>afforded</sup> to give <sup>at a glance</sup> the absent friends, an idea of the arrangements <sup>on the occasion</sup>. At the head of the host stood Cranburket, <sup>unparalleled</sup> whether in the ~~beauty~~ <sup>beauty</sup> & variety of his offering. Local & <sup>comfortable</sup> shells - Spermatic Caskets - all manner of rich <sup>quilted</sup> goods - Sandwich island manufactures & cuponies all arranged & managed with a taste & exactitude that charmed every beholder. \$450. was the ~~amount~~ <sup>fair realization</sup>

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of her donation to the cause. Next came  
Proxbury & Salem - Haverhill & Lynn. & it  
would be difficult to say which ~~was~~ <sup>presented the</sup> most attractive  
features of usefulness & beauty to the purchaser. The  
~~then~~ three different models of cottages, on a ~~scale~~ <sup>of beautiful architectural</sup>  
scale of a quarter of an inch to a foot, were a great attrac-  
tion towards the ~~Sym~~ tables, where after having admired the  
ornamental the purchaser found every variety of Shooe  
& Morocco Morocco work, executed with a neatness which  
secured constant custom. The highly finished work basket  
of Salem, ~~the~~ <sup>the Spangles</sup> head-work of Haverhill, the fur & alk  
work of Proxbury added much to the beauty of the receipts  
of the Fair. There was hingham with its wooden ware  
& ~~knives~~ <sup>knives</sup> - there was Danbury with its unvarnished riddle-  
work - Foxborough & Wrentham with their straw  
Manufacture - Abington with its supplies for the  
wardrobe. Concord & Lexington came with light hands  
& heavy purses. Their market had been made before  
they came, & ~~was mainly~~ <sup>was mainly</sup> these funds were applied  
by their request to the Liberty bell. Plymouth came  
it strength \$104 was the valuation of its donation.  
& yet it had but just devoted 80 dollars to the  
promulgation anti Slavery principles at home. They  
were indeed abolitionists at Plymouth. Kingston  
was honoured by its liberality. Iron castings of toys  
utensils for dolls kitchens, tabourets & a vast variety  
of small articles tastefully arranged upon a Christmas  
tree, a shepherd <sup>boy</sup> with a flock of sheep aprons caps &  
hills without end drew a crowd around its table  
of a ~~box~~ <sup>box</sup> of butter from Mrs Phil & of Best sugar candy from the child  
here was nothing intolerant here. Every  
sect & ~~shun~~ <sup>shun</sup> sex & colour had united in this labour & ~~war~~ <sup>war</sup>  
hated in the pleasure. Here <sup>for instance</sup> was plenty of Confectionary

jellies, meat, & gay dress. Those who brought them  
felt free to do so, knowing that they only were res-  
ponsible & that no one who disapproved would need  
purchase, & holding themselves ready to hear every  
argument in favour of Grahamism & against  
superfluity which their more strict & abstemious  
neighbours might feel called to utter. These latter, could  
supply & purchase useful & necessary articles only & still  
enjoy the company & aid of ~~some~~ <sup>the</sup> friends ~~of the~~  
Anti Slavery Cause. ~~Physiological~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~debates~~, & a  
sumptuary debauch were given & received with  
equal good feeling. The ~~strong~~ <sup>strong</sup> union of heart upon  
the principles of Geneva ~~forbade~~ overcame all  
sectarian prejudices & all narrow minded intolerance  
& the overwhelming feeling was - ~~that~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~best~~ <sup>most</sup> ~~useful~~ <sup>valuable</sup> ~~for~~  
the ~~shorter~~ <sup>extinction</sup> of slavery. <sup>invidious</sup> ~~Women~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~heads~~ <sup>may</sup>  
differ, our hearts are one. <sup>Here</sup> ~~were~~ <sup>no</sup> ~~territorial~~ <sup>or</sup>  
national distinctions. <sup>There</sup> ~~floats~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~banner~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~England~~  
& Scotland, & yonder the magnificence of New York, at the  
Massachusetts Anti Slavery Fair. Under the bright  
Banner is arranged the valuable & valuable present of  
Elizabeth Pease of Darlington, to the Boston & Syrac  
Womens Societies. Abundant as was the supply,  
comprising general tea & breakfast services & every  
variety of single article, it was eagerly sought & as  
speedily disposed of. There also were <sup>many</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>the</sup>  
new styles of foreign articles selected for the fair  
By Menall & Ann Phillips, & by Isaac Hindlow  
& Abby Southwick. The Book Tables was a  
great attraction, & the thanks of the friends  
are due to Amelia Opie, Dr Channing  
Anne Knight & others for valuable presents  
instantly. Maple sugar candy was sent in by an unknown hand

of their works on the subject of Slavery  
The opportunity afforded by the Law for the  
introduction of Anti Slavery publications  
to the attention of persons who great number  
makes it a most valuable instrumentality in the  
cause. By conversation too, much was accomplished  
The Liberty Bell, the friends who have contributed  
to its publication will be glad to know, was  
extensively circulated. The authors names are  
affixed to all the articles but two; & those two  
were named from a belief that opinions or prin-  
ciples gain nothing from names to request  
that their own might not be affixed. The  
conclusion seems to us a mistaken one, but in  
this instance there will be no mistake. All  
the Massachusetts Abolitionists will recognize the  
tones of the Brog. ~~hard~~ of Connecticut, who will be  
a poet if he true <sup>the young</sup> ~~to be~~ a noble family is, ~~help for~~ <sup>all the good</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>here</sup>  
For the other names article on the London convention  
think "Methinks we do know the fine Roman hand"  
Is it not by Leary Byron, we are asked, by all  
who know of her interest in education & her school  
a hundred children at her own expense, one of  
whom is made more welcome than the rest because  
she would <sup>more</sup> ~~more~~ that she "mistakes him not for  
his complexion - the shadowed hue of the burnished  
sun." We cannot deny it to be from her, though  
we hold her request to publish it without her name  
as sacred, there being no time to request her to revoke

... it is necessary to mention the name to make



all - of knowing "when to push & when  
to parry" in the conduct of the days-work.  
Among the ~~best~~ curious articles which attracted  
much admiration were a <sup>miniature</sup> ship of war presented  
by Mr. Jones, a Lowell case <sup>& work of wood</sup> from Nantucket -  
Christmas-hags & boxes. Musical work-boxes  
The ~~front~~ <sup>face</sup> of the American Anti Slavery Society  
is most beautiful, <sup>the face is the emblematical</sup> the face is the "vignette design of the  
Standard - Liberty & Religion <sup>supported by</sup> ~~with the white banner~~  
~~of the American Society~~ bearing the Standard of the  
Society - "without compromise - without concealment!"  
On the tablet borne by religion are the words - "The  
truth shall make you free!" round the ~~front~~  
figures is the inscription -

The reverse is a quotation from the document written  
by Mr. Garrison ~~at~~ ~~the~~ and adopted by the founders  
of the ~~founders of the American Society~~ - "around  
this runs the inscription - " " The Hall &

It being Christmas week, the Hall was tastefully  
decorated with ever green. In the centre surrounded  
by Boston, Cambridgeport, Nantucket, New Bedford  
& Kingston, <sup>was placed</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>beautiful</sup> ~~an~~ Model of the ~~Warwick~~  
Vase, in Mass, standing on what seemed a white  
Marble slab, & rebrued against the upper end of  
the Hall. ~~As each table~~ The representatives  
of each town were grouped together under the old  
Armoial bearings of its name, which proved of  
signal use in preventing <sup>an erroneous</sup> confusion. Anti Slavery  
Mottos & scriptural injunctions, spoke from the  
walls tables. All the proceedings were in the spirit

of the day - the memorable 22<sup>nd</sup> of December -  
the 220<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims.  
Work-hags were presented in Memorial of  
the occasion, bearing a ~~beaut~~ copper plate  
engraving of the snowy reach of hills which met  
the eyes of our progenitors as they landed. In the  
distance is seen the May-Flower, & in the front are  
gathered the Fathers, under a temporary shelter  
which Massachusetts is seen approaching. The  
Shensien or Stauza beneath is from John Parson.

### Chatham Rock

There insert the lines from Lib. Bell  
Clevinger's fine bust of Garrison occupied  
the ~~lower~~ centre of the hall. ~~It~~  
Against the 1<sup>st</sup> pillar stood the St Catherine  
of Sicolo. the graceful & sweet though <sup>preparing</sup> melancholy  
repose of the countenance is in the highest style  
of art. The broad strong <sup>effective</sup> shadow, & the depth of  
the back-ground are the conception & execution  
of a master. ~~The picture was not wished of,~~  
~~but remains the property of the cause, to be~~  
~~held had perhaps probably been a fair~~  
~~dealer sale (with the fair) attended by a more~~  
~~attendance made available hereafter. The attendance~~  
of visitors was numerous & constant. Boston  
seemed pleased with <sup>the</sup> fair, & showed that it was  
so, by the amount of its purchases. The Hall  
was open four days, & the receipts averaged \$500

For day - in all Two thousand & one dollars  
 It would be difficult to describe the satisfaction  
 of the friends in making this gift of the season  
 to the Cause of Freedom. It has been suffering  
 for funds & is so still. But it is a joyful thing  
 to be able at last to pay the just dues of at least  
 some of those who ~~washed~~ went into the field more  
 than a year since, when the Cause was attacked  
 by Detraction in the dock of a ~~man~~, & appropriated  
 every cent of their collections to the payment  
 of the plea to the American Society, ~~that Society~~  
 the whole movement of which that Society ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~  
 the central point, is less an organization than  
 the symbol of righteousness & truth on the subject  
 of Freedom. Long may the movement deserve  
 to ~~be~~ exist in this visible shape, its ~~newspaper~~  
~~away~~ may be tricked out of its hands - its  
~~existence~~ dissolution be desperately attempted. Its  
 pecuniary resources cut off. But while its free  
 spirit lives, that spirit will burst forth right  
 & clear on every emergency & replace ~~supply~~ by  
 more & more strenuous exertion, <sup>the means for carrying on</sup> every ~~measure~~  
 measure in the cause. ~~The abolitionists~~  
~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~respect~~ ~~require~~ ~~except~~ ~~the~~ ~~requirement~~  
 to pay \$100.00 to the Liberator due for  
 50 copies of the Liberator; & the ~~part~~

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 The more appearance of a free season should be shown in the





The ~~social~~ social gathering of the  
Friends at the invitation of the Managers on  
Christmas evening formed a happy termination  
of the business & Lectures of the week. Two hundred  
& fifty happier faces have seldom met. There  
was no expense incurred to diminish the receipts  
of the Fair. The ~~so~~ plentiful & simple & elegant  
entertainment, <sup>with all its consequential arrangements</sup> was of the free gift & effected by  
the cheerful exertions of the friends of the cause  
in and around the city. There was no hire  
service. The friends of the cause delighted to serve  
each other. There was no distinction of colour;  
& beautiful it was to see the white man  
forget his <sup>narrow</sup> <sup>misgrace</sup> prejudices & the white man his wrongs  
& ~~both~~ <sup>whole</sup> ~~their~~ long alienated cause  
gathered round the same festive board in sweet  
& spiritual communion. Not since the  
introduction of the ~~system~~ of Slave Labour in  
our country <sup>has</sup> the race of proud pale Caucasians  
so repeated itself in the sight of the world of it.  
wings to Africa. The hour of the slave's freedom  
is nigh, when <sup>human</sup> <sup>sentiment</sup> <sup>is</sup> <sup>awakened</sup> to the fact  
is nigh, when ~~the land~~ <sup>recognizes</sup> the enslaved race  
as ~~men~~ <sup>the injured race</sup> from whom he  
springs are men & brethren. After  
Samuel J. May having directed the  
thoughts of the company to the <sup>of freedom</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>quest</sup> of all  
for every other good by an expression of gratitude &  
praise for the delightful circumstances under which  
it was gathered together Mr Garrison at the request  
of the Managers, took the presents chair & at

It ~~after the~~ conversation at the  
supper table. Conversation went on with animation  
till, an hour having elapsed, Mr Garrison rose  
to adjourn the meeting. Our feast he said is more  
a moral ~~than~~ intellectual one than merely one for  
the body. I have been requested to act as Chairman  
on this occasion, but I have consented with extreme  
reluctance, because it is the post of honour. On reflection  
however, I <sup>think</sup> need not feel reluctance on that account,  
because every post in such a cause as ours is a  
post of honour. Mr Garrison must report  
his own speech & must Mr. Coe

Ms.  
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