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RESOLUTIONS EXTRACTED FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

Resolved, That this Society recommend that all its auxiliaries, as far as convenient, hold public meetings on each 4th of July; that meetings of the friends of the cause be held throughout our country on that day, and that we earnestly request that collections be then taken up in aid of the funds of the American Anti-Slavery Society.

Resolved, That the Secretary for Domestic Correspondence be directed to prepare a Circular and forward the same with a copy of the above resolution to all the Auxiliary Societies, and such friends of the cause as may be deemed expedient.

Resolved, That the great objects of this Society require funds during the current year to the amount of at least \$20,000.

Rev. A. A. Phelps

{ Anti-Slavery Office, 130 Nassau-street,
 { New-York, May 28, 1834.

DEAR SIR,

We address you with confidence as a sincere friend of the oppressed and a firm and practical believer in the doctrine, that a man cannot have a right of property in the bones and sinews and soul of his brother man.

We entreat you to bear in mind that there are in the United States not less than 2,200,000 slaves—held as articles of property. Is it not plain, that if the facts of their condition and the immutable claims of justice and mercy in regard to them were brought to bear upon every conscience in the community, this pretended right of property would be relinquished? The truth is the instrument by which the world is to be renovated. It is adequate to overthrow any system of iniquity. Were the cause of the slave taken hold of with the energy and power which its importance demands, a flood of light would be poured upon the public mind which would as surely and speedily break the yokes and sever the fetters, as the returning sun melts the snows and frosts of winter. We doubt not that a sum less than has been expended by many of our Societies in propagating the Gospel, at home and abroad, would set every slave free, and thus remove from before the Saviour's chariot an obstacle which has most sadly checked its onward course.

If there is any reason in this view of the subject, we doubt not that you will only wonder at the lowliness of the Society's aims, in fixing upon \$20,000 as necessary to meet the exigencies of the current year. The Executive Committee in apportioning this sum according to their best judgment have supposed that you would fall to the share of the State of

We cheerfully leave it to your conscience, Dear Sir, to decide how much responsibility in regard to this sum will rest upon you. Taking it for granted that you will discharge this responsibility as well by inducing others to do so, as by giving yourself, we beg leave to suggest two favorable opportunities for raising money, besides that of an immediate personal application to friends within your influence, which we beg that you will by no means omit.

1. THE FOURTH OF JULY. That day has long enough been abused by the mockery of our false professions and hypocritical boasts. Shall not abolitionists assemble on the coming fourth of July and manifest their zeal by a liberal contribution? The Society has instructed the Committee earnestly to request that this be done, and that the proceeds be remitted without delay to the Society's treasury.

2. THE LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH. Prayer without faith is empty noise—and "faith without works is dead." Why should not the groans of millions ascending night and day, call forth from the followers of the compassionate Redeemer at least a monthly concert of prayer which shall be sealed with large contributions?

In making this application for funds we do not, like many other Societies, expect small pittances merely, which can be spared without being felt. This cause now rests on a few,—and but a small portion of that few are wealthy. The Society is already under engagements for agents, printing, &c. to the amount of \$10,000 for the current year. In the opinion of the most judicious, these engagements could at once be increased fourfold to the greatest advantage to the cause. We therefore beseech every friend of the oppressed to throw his whole energies into this channel—to let other men take care of other objects, and to impart funds to this, upon the conviction that a dollar now will do more good than two dollars next year. Let it be understood that our sole object is to shed light upon American oppression and break the dreadful spell which has bound up the moral energies of the humane and benevolent, and thus to raise our down-trodden brethren from the dust. If the experience of the past is trustworthy, we shall sow to reap an hundred fold.

With the kindest regard, your brethren in behalf of the oppressed,

John Rankin
Lewis Tappan
Ed. Wright Jr. } Committee.

Remittances to be addressed to the Treasurer, WILLIAM GREEN, Jr., No. 7 ~~Augustine~~ New-York.

City Hall Place.

1	Coun.	\$1000	R. Shand	\$1000
-	Wm.	1000	V. Hump	1000
	Msp.	3000	N. J.	1000
	Mine	1000	P. W.	3000
			Ohio	1000
			New York	1000
				the residue.

that from that abused Court he should lift up
his voice to the American Church in tones of effectual
remonstrance - "The heathen are not to be converted
by a money getting colony" - "Prejudice can
not drive out its victims for the conversion
& sanctification of the world". But it does
seem to me that if Bro. Dickinson's health
will admit of it, he is admirably calculated
for an agency here; and at the present
time the call seems to me to be louder here
than on any heathen shore. You will of
course have an opportunity to enter into his
designs & mingle your soul with his,

& to you I leave the matter & to the blessed
Spirit, who will bring all things to con-
spire for the furtherance of his glorious cause.

You have seen the rumor about Bir-
ney in the Evangelist? Shall we not be
ashamed of our - faith? The news, for
it is on substantial authority made me feel
that my zeal is miserably unworthy of
the holy principles for which I am permitted
to labor. We ought to expect that God will
free our brethren just as soon as we can reach
the mass of our population with the command
"Break every yoke". Yours ever
E. Wright jr.

Anti-Slavery Office New York
June 10. 1834

Dear Bro. Phelps.

Your favor from N. Haven
was rec'd. & the suggestions in it to some extent
complied with. Just at that time however the
state of my family was such as finally to derange
the business of the office. Thanks to a kind

Providence we are now safely through - I
directed my boy to ~~send~~ ^{put up for} you a bundle
containing 50 copies of the A. S. Rep.

He put them up in three bundles, & as the boat
was just going I suffered them to go so. They
were directed to Boston care of Geo. & Knapp -

I have just rec'd a line from Bro. Dick
in one of Norwich expressing great solicitude
that you sh. fulfil your engagement there
the Sabbath after the 4th of July. He tells me
- I believe - that he has offered his ~~services~~
to the A. B. C. F. M. as a missionary to Africa to
be stationed at Cape Palmas. If the Lord has
indeed called him to this, I think it must be
[back]

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Rev. A. A. Phelps

Care of Garrison and Knapp

Boston



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