



PILGRIM HALL
MUSEUM

BUILT IN 1824

1839/1840 Documents

ORDER OF EXERCISES
AT THE
ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
PLYMOUTH COUNTY ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.
JULY 4, 1839.

H Y M N — FROM THE LIBERATOR.

<p>Philanthropists, awake, And gird your armor on; Your liberties are now at stake— Arise ye, ere they're gone!</p> <p>The demon Slavery, Is stalking through the land; Ye who would from his grasp be free, Oppose him, heart and hand.</p> <p>Is God be all your trust, Whose promise cannot fail; And soon He'll trample in the dust, All who your cause assail.</p>	<p>He'll give the slave release From his long night of pain; And, brooding o'er us, heavenly Peace Shall hold her gentle reign.</p> <p>Proud Tyranny no more Shall tread, with iron heel, On God's despoiled and colored poor— But all as brethren feel.</p> <p>Up, ye, then, in your might; Truly ye are Freedom's ear; Till, no here, now broods Oppression's night, Shine brightly Freedom's star.</p>
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P R A Y E R.

DECLARATION OF THE AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY CONVENTION.

H Y M N — By GEORGE RUSSELL.

<p>What mean those shouts from yonder gathering crowd? And why those empty boasts of liberty? Should an exulting nation boast aloud Of Freedom? No! 'tis base hypocrisy!</p> <p>Go, loose the chains from off thy brother's neck! Go, raise thy voice from their degraded case! Or stop thy cannon's roar, for Freedom's sake! Your shame is echoed with each thundering blast.</p> <p>What mean those streaming flags—with stripes and stars, So proudly waving in the summer's sky?</p>	<p>Speak thy a nation free! Those loud hurrahs That rise, o'er from the midst of slavery!</p> <p>Are they not mockery in Jehovah's sight? Does He behold them with approving smile? "Hurrahs" for freedom! and that freedom's light Shall not from millions on Columbia's coil!</p> <p>My country! hide thy head for very shame! A byword and a hissing thou, to kings: Thy boasted Liberty is but a name, While Slavery's shielded by thine Eagle's wings.</p>
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ADDRESS, BY WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON.

H Y M N — By G. B. CHEEVER.

<p>Who are the free? The sons of God, That hate oppression, strife, and blood; Who are the slaves? The men that sell God's image for the gains of hell!</p> <p>They scourge the frame, the sinews bind; They trample on th' immortal mind: Earth can excuse the guilt no more, And God retires on th' avenging hour.</p>	<p>Proclaim his truth, spread forth his laws; Strike at the sin his word rebuffs: Break every yoke, the slave release, Let chains, and stripes, and bondage cease.</p> <p>Thus shall the world resemble heaven; Oppression lock to hell, be driven; And LOVE shall bind, in sweet accord, ALL NATIONS, RANCHED OF THE LORD!</p>
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CONTRIBUTION.

CHOICE OF OFFICERS AND ANNUAL BUSINESS.

ADJOURNMENT.

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H Y M N — By ANN G. CHAPMAN.

<p>Oh, Father, give us power and love, A sound and perfect mind, That we may firmly do thy will, And thy sure blessing find.</p> <p>We here devote ourselves to Thee, To spread the cause of truth; Old age and vigorous manhood join With bold and fearless youth.</p> <p>We thus would hasten on the day Of freedom and of peace;</p>	<p>When swords shall into ploughshares turn, And war and slavery cease—</p> <p>The time when man shall feel for man A brother's fervent love, And ask not, whether black or white, The child of God above.</p> <p>We know not where the future leads,— What may our trials be, But calmly still would follow on, Guided by light from Thee.</p>
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P R A Y E R.

RESOLUTIONS AND SPEECHES.

B E N E D I C T I O N.

on receiving the first number of the year
Proposed by the members of the Society
Notice

The adjourned meeting of the Antislavery
Society will be held in the 2^d District school
house on Friday evening 26th instant,

It is hoped that all who feel interested in
the subject of abolition will attend,

P. Ponds

June 22^d 1840

J. G. Hoovey Secy