March 1, 1837. At a Convention of delegates from Willimansett, Springfield, Ludlow & N. Wilbraham Anti-Slavery Societies, together with individual abolitionists from various towns in the county, A. T. Merrill was called to the chair.

Prayer was then opened by Rev. Dr. Davenport. On motion of J. Foster it was voted, that a committee be appointed by the chair to nominate officers for the Convention.

J. Davenport
J. A. Merrill
E. Hawke
J. Foster
E. Scott

The committee reported,
J. A. Merrill for President.
J. Foster
J. Collins

They were elected.

On motion—voted that the secretaries take the names of the delegates, & any other persons who wish to be considered members of the convention.

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At a meeting of the Hampden County Anti-Slavery Society, on Tuesday the 9th of June 1839, at the meeting house of first Parish in Springfield—
Hon. Abel Bliss, Pres. of the society, called the meeting to order.

On motion of Dr. Osgood, the meeting was opened by prayer, by Rev. O. Scott.

On motion of Dr. Osgood a Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the prosecution of the business of the society—and

Rev. Orange Scott
Dr. Samuel Osgood and
Henry P. Stanton

were chosen Committee.

The nominating Committee report the following persons as officers of the Society for the year ensuing.

Chas. Chapman, Sec'y.
Edward Booth, Treas.

E. Chapman, Luther Bliss, Dr. Jefferson Church
Dr. J. B. Bassett, and Abell Mead—Directors.
Whereas every slave has an unquestionable moral and political right to escape from the power of his oppression, and whereas every principle of religion, and every noble principle of the human heart, call upon us to sympathize with the fugitive from slavery, and whereas God has commanded expressly for-bidden us to deliver them up to their master. Therefore resolved that we will aid them by all lawful means, and that we commend them to the sympathies and prayers of the benevolent throughout our land.

Resolved that we recommend to the Ohio Anti-Slavery Society, at its next annual meeting, so to amend its constitution, as to have its business transacted, and its officers elected by delegates only from its auxiliaries, and so to regulate the ratio, that they may all have an equitable representation, and voice in all its business transactions.

Whereas slavery is a moral and political evil, created and upheld by legislation, and sanctioned by public opinion and the church, and whereas in order to abolish it, this state of public opinion must be changed, and this
Resolved that it is the duty of every church member to pray, and labor as a christian and moral agent, of every minister to preach and of every freeman to vote for its over-

Whereas Win. H. Harrison, during his whole po-

itical life, has been the uniform, and faithful

supporter of slavery, and whereas Martin Van

Burton has pledged his official power and in-

fluence, to uphold and strengthen the system-

Therefore

Resolved that no abolitionist or man, who

values inalienable human rights more than

power, can give his vote for either of these

men for the office of President of the US

without good evidence of a fundamental

change in their former views, and practices

on this subject.

Resolved that those individuals, who stand alof

from us, and our views, professedly on the

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