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NATIONAL ANTI-SLAVERY BAZAAR

VOL. I.



NO. II.

THE OLD CRADLE OF LIBERTY.

GAZETTE.

ANTI-SLAVERY FAIR,

TO BE HELD IN

FANEUIL HALL,

AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

The committee of the thirteenth National Anti-Slavery Bazaar, have the pleasure of announcing that it will open IN FANEUIL HALL, on Tuesday morning, December 22nd, the anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers of New-England. Our principles are identical with theirs: our enterprise is but the continuation of their grand undertaking. The place which they took in their age, we call upon all their descendants to unite with us in taking at the present time. We entreat all who love their country to aid us in delivering it from the curse and shame of slavery. This is only to be done by convincing each individual who composes the nation, that it is a sin and ought immediately to be abandoned. To this end, books and newspapers must be published, lectures sustained, and a multitude of incidental expenses incurred in the prosecution of the work. We therefore entreat every lover of Freedom and of Man whom this page meets, to ask himself—'What can I do to further this noble undertaking?' Perhaps there is scarcely an individual who cannot by enquiry and co-operation with others, effect much in his vicinity. Surely a friend of right and justice, whether man or woman, will be fuse to listen to a few

HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS.

In the first place, It is an arduous undertaking to decorate Faneuil Hall for the occasion, attractively, and at the same time without expense. As we have not half the time to give to that purpose which we had last year, it is of great consequence to have the materials in complete readiness, and ON THE SPOT SEASONABLY. The wreaths of running-pine (several hundred yards could be advantageously used in the execution of the plan already drawn,) ought all to be in Boston on the preceding Friday, the 18th, in order to allow Saturday and Monday for the work of preparation, and that will be the least possible time in which it can, under the circumstances, be accomplished.

The friends of the cause who live in towns where pine and red-cedar trees can be had for the cutting, or through the generosity of the owners of woodland, are informed that in no way could their aid be more effectual than in sending to Boston, on Friday the 18th December, Evergreen trees of a size suited to stand against the pillars, and hide the unsightly spaces in the Hall. Barrel-hoops, trimmed thickly, (but not over-carefully,) with the running-pine, are also needed in great numbers. N. B. The wreaths and hoops should be sent in ready for use, as there will be hardly time to put them up.

Friends desirous to co-operate, are entreated to write to us immediately on receiving this, informing us exactly what we may depend on from them, that by comparing and replying to their letters, we may save time, TROUBLE and MONEY, while we

equalize the burden, by assuming our full share of it. The friends in Walpole and in Lynn have already given us their assurance of a definite proportion of the wreathed hoops, necessary to make the mullions and tracery of the plan. We hope to hear immediately from the devoted friends of the cause in other towns, because *early* action will spare themselves much of the fatigue and suffering from the cold weather which attend all such exertions later in the season, while it will greatly encourage our labors in town.

N. B. We have no adequate place of storage in Boston, and therefore beg the friends to retain their contributions of greenery till Friday the 18th, and to send them WITHOUT FAIL on that day; as a longer delay would occasion an irreparable loss of time.

☞ Those friends, either in the city or country, who intend to give the cause the service of their personal aid, during the two days, in fitting up the decorations, are requested to let us know as soon as convenient, and in proportion to our love of the cause, will be our sense of personal obligation to them. ☞ A strong force will be needed, from eight o'clock on Saturday and Monday mornings, through both days and evenings, as the time is short, the hall large, and the Gothic screen-work bulky.

It would be very easy, but fatal to our purpose, to hire hands; and we therefore feel that we can rely on the aid of all who appreciate that purpose, to unite with us in saving expense, in this, and every other way, especially as the unavoidable expenses will be unusually heavy this year.

REFRESHMENT TABLE.

This has always been one of the most profitable departments of the Fair, and we earnestly commend it to the liberality of the well-wishers of the cause, both in the city and the country. *Every kind* of produce and refreshment, (except wine, &c.,) will be acceptable.

☞ It will be remembered that by far the largest number of our committee live at so inconvenient a distance from the Hall, that it was found necessary to have a Ladies'-dining room there, for the accommodation of those whose services as Sales-women were indispensable. Those friends who are always so generous in supplying this apartment, are informed that all concerned are most considerate and conscientious in the use of this room, feeling that none but those whose presence is absolutely necessary to the success of the occasion, ought to occupy it; and, therefore, we feel that we may unhesitatingly again ask for the simple provisions which were so kindly sent in, last year. At the same time, we renew our assurances to the friends, whom we expect from a distance to take charge of the tables in person, that no exertion on our part shall be spared for their comfort and accommodation.

THE LIBERTY BELL.

The eighth number of this excellent Annual, which has been perhaps *the* most gainful operation in connection with the Fair, is to be published on the first morning. It is in contemplation to publish a larger edition than usual, if the funds permit; but, as yet, only half the sum requisite has been subscribed, owing to an unavoidable delay in commencing this year's operations. But as the publication has so good a claim on all who wish to swell the receipts of the Fair, as well as on all who have seen how effectual a medium of union it is between different parts of the world in the same great cause, and how valuable an auxiliary in promoting that cause in quarters where greater instrumentalities are of less avail, it is not doubted that the statement of the immediate need of funds, will ensure a pecuniary response.

TO FRIENDS HAVING IT IN THEIR POWER TO MAKE DONATIONS OF AMERICAN BLEACHED COTTONS:

Twenty pieces of this material are needed for the preparations, decorations, &c.; which, after having served this purpose, will either be wrought up and sold at the charity-table of next year's Bazaar, or disposed of at the close of this, as shall be found advisable. Those friends who have a desire at once to aid the cause, and to see what a well-executed plan can effect in beautifying Faneuil Hall, are entreated to unite in supplying this want of the occasion.

CHARITY TABLE.

Ladies in the practice of supplying the destitute with plain Clothing at the season of Christmas and New Year, are informed that it is intended to have a Table at what they may furnish themselves with garments suited to their purpose.

MINISTERS OF ALL DENOMINATIONS INTERESTED IN THE CAUSE,

Are earnestly entreated to help this work of Christianity, by promoting the formation of social circles in their respected parishes, to prepare in each, a Table for the Bazaar; as it is the experience of ministers who have hitherto done so, that the way has thus been open for a successful Anti-Slavery Work, through the more powerful instrumentalities of the pulpit and the lecture-room.

ARTISTS, MERCHANTS, MECHANICS AND MANUFACTURERS,

Have it in their power to do much for the cause, by contributions of materials to be worked up, or specimens of their skill, industry and genius.

TO EDITORS OF NEWSPAPERS.

The object of this Fair being entirely disconnected from sectarian and party purposes—and political, only as philanthropy needs must be so in going down

to the depths of social wrong, below all nominal partisan distinctions, and every American being as deeply concerned in it as ourselves, we feel in consequence that we may rightfully and honorably CLAIM OF EVERY AMERICAN IN THE EXERCISE OF THE EDITORIAL FUNCTIONS, to give one insertion, (with a favorable notice of its purpose,) to the following short

ADDRESS OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE

THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ANTI-SLAVERY
BAZAAR.

The undersigned, in announcing their intention to hold the 13th National A. S. Bazaar in Faneuil Hall, at the close of the year, feel that they may confidently ask the co-operation of all who love right, liberty and humanity.

If past labor, when almost unaided, has been so successful as recent events prove it to have been, in awakening the consciences, informing the minds, and moving the hearts of the people, what may not be hoped from the union of many in the fulfilment of the same great duty?

The funds raised will be expended as heretofore, in sustaining anti-slavery agents and periodicals, and the effect must necessarily be so to act upon the public heart and conscience that the individual, the State, and the nation may be ready in every coming emergency, to abjure all participation in the sin of slavery.

Ladies intending to take tables are requested to give early notice, that the arrangements of the Hall may be seasonably planned. Donations of money and articles will be gladly received by all the members of the Committee. Information having been already received of the diligence and devotedness of friends in Europe, in the preparation of rare and beautiful articles for the occasion, it only remains for the Committee to hope that their own countrymen and countrywomen will not justify the reproach we bear as a people by being found less high-minded, less just and less humane than their foreign coadjutors. The cry of a single slave can now arouse our whole State. It is to find a voice for those who are perishing unheard, the suffering and forgotten millions, for whom there can be no escape but through what of devotedness and fidelity to right may be enkindled in the land, that this effort is made. We trust we do not ask for aid in vain.

*Maria Weston Chapman,
Ann T. G. Phillips,
Mary G. Chapman,
Susan C. Cabot,
Eliza Lee Follen,
Helen E. Garrison,
Sarah S. Russell,
Sarah B. Shaw,
Mary May,*

*Catherine Sargent,
M. A. W. Johnson,
Caroline Weston,
Anna R. Philbrick,
Mary Young,
Harriet M. Jackson,
Evelina S. A. Smith,
Eliza F. Merriam,
Caroline F. Williams*

*Anne Warren Weston,
Maria Lowell,
Sarah H. Southwick,
Henrietta Sargent,
Frances Mary Robbins,
Louisa Loring,
Hannah Tufts,*

*Abby Southwick,
Mary Willey,
Marian Curtis,
Ann R. Bramhall,
Lydia Parker,
Harriett T. White.*

Editors and publishers inserting the Address, are respectfully requested to forward a copy to the Committee.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

May this year be expected of a very much greater beauty than have ever before been exhibited. The interest of our English Contributors has been greatly stimulated, and their number increased, by the formation of THE ANTI SLAVERY LEAGUE, which is Auxiliary to the American A. S. Society. Exquisite Drawings, Paintings, Works of Art of various kinds, Autographs, Curiosities, Articles of ladies' and children's Dress, and, in fine, specimens of the rare and beautiful in every species of manufacture, particularly those of London and Paris, invite the attention of the city and surrounding country.— Persons who do not visit the Bazaar on the opening day, early, (doors open at ten o'clock, A. M.) will probably lose the opportunity of inspecting the most beautiful objects, as all such are eagerly sought for, and it is our rule not to retain articles on the tables for exhibition, after they have been purchased.

Elegant writing-materials will be for sale at the back table, on the right of the platform, where the drawings will also be found.

No articles are received on commission, and therefore those desirous of aiding the cause, as well as of benefiting themselves by seizing an unequalled opportunity for selecting elegant articles, need not hesitate to make large purchases.

WORKING PARTIES

In aid of the Fair were set on foot last year in many places, at the suggestion of the 'Bazaar Gazette.' It is hoped that suggestion will be still more generally received. Let them also be reading-parties;—tea-parties;—conversation parties;—occasions of festivity, and means of social improvement. Their numbers may thus be multiplied and their benefits increased.

THE EVENINGS OF THE FAIR.

Some of these will be made interesting by the speeches of eloquent advocates of the cause, among whom it is hoped will be Garrison, H. C. Wright, and many of the more recent advocates, who comprehend the mighty additional influence that the fact of speaking from the Anti-Slavery platform gives their words. Bands or choirs volunteering their aid, will most essentially serve the cause; and we beg all disposed to do so, to communicate with us.

TO THE FRIENDS OF FREEDOM AT THE
SOUTH.

A Table will be arranged in Faneuil Hall this year, for the sale of all donations and contributions from persons born or residing in the Slave-States. We know that there are many such; and though the knowledge of this arrangement may not reach them in season to secure a large co-operation with us for the present occasion, we trust it will prepare the way against next year, and be the beginning of a true union between the North and the South,—a union of heart in the promotion of right; such as would have always existed, but for Slavery,—such as never can exist between the supporters of slavery and the friends of Freedom.

It is earnestly requested that all articles contributed may have the prices affixed to them.

All our personal friends, and all the friends of freedom and humanity near and far, are affectionately invited to share with us the duties and the joys of this occasion. We greatly desire the satisfaction of their presence during the progress of the Bazaar of 1846-7.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

A slaveholder at the South received a tract of two pages, through the post office;—read it, was convinced, and emancipated his slaves. The tract was printed with the money raised at THIS FAIR.

A clergyman at the North, had an Anti-Slavery paper sent to him. He read it, was pleased with it—subscribed for it, sent it to a leading politician, who, following in part its counsels, revolutionized the party policy of his State. The paper was sustained by MONEY RAISED AT THIS FAIR.

A petition for the abolition of Slavery was sent to Congress. It was discussed—the discussion was printed in the administration papers, and scattered thickly over the land: Thought, agitation, conviction, conversion ensued, in multitudes of instances—the whole public mind advanced a step. The form of petition which put the whole in motion, was printed and circulated by MONEY RAISED AT THIS FAIR.

A corps of Anti-Slavery agents went into New-Hampshire, and held one hundred Conventions. The next year, the Pro-Slavery Democratic party was scattered. The agents, so far as money was needed, were sustained by the MONEY RAISED AT THIS FAIR.

We might give instances to fill a volume of the beneficial effects of MONEY RAISED AT THIS FAIR.

From the Liberty Bell.
THE SLAVE MOTHER.

BY MARIA LOWELL.

Her new-born child she holdeth, but feels within her heart
It is not her's, but his who can outbid her in the mart;
And, through the gloomy midnight, her prayer goes up on high,—
'God grant my little helpless one in helplessness may die!

If she must live to womanhood, oh may she never know,
Uncheered by mother's happiness, the depth of mother's woe;
And may I lie within my grave, before that day I see,
When she sits, as I am sitting, with a slave-child on her knee!

The little arms steal upward, and then upon her breast
She feels the brown and velvet hands that never are at rest;
No sense of joy they waken, but thrills of bitter pain,—
She thinks of him who counteth o'er the gold those hands shall gain.

Then on her face she looketh, but not as mother proud,
And seeth how her features, as from out a dusky cloud,
Are tenderly unfolding, far softer than her own,
And how, upon the rounded cheek, a fairer light is thrown;
And she trembles in her agony, and on her prophet heart
There drops a gloomy shadow down, that never will depart;
She cannot look upon that face, where, in the child's pure bloom,
Is writ, with such dread certainty, the woman's loathsome doom.

She cannot bear to know her child must be as she hath been,
Yet she sees but one deliverance from infamy and sin,
And so she cries at midnight, with exceeding bitter cry,
'God grant my little helpless one in helplessness may die!'