

Convention in Butler County.

We received, some time since, a copy of the *Hamilton Intelligencer*, containing the following record. These proceedings were not sent us for publication, for it was known that we had not then completed our arrangement for a new Paper, but we re-publish them, gladly. They will read well at any time.

Pursuant to notice, a Convention of the colored people of Butler County was held in Oxford, on the 7th inst., for the purpose of appointing a delegate to the State Convention to meet in Columbus, on the 19th day of January, 1853. The meeting was organized by appointing Alfred J. Anderson, chairman, and Andrew Sampson, secretary.

A committee of five was then chosen to prepare business, and they submitted the following as expressive of the sentiments and objects of the Convention.

WHEREAS, The signs of the times show clearly that a crisis in the history of the colored race in this country, is rapidly approaching—that to remain passive and disinterested spectators, withholding our co-operation and support, while the strife at issue is relative to our own rights and our own interests, is to acknowledge, in the fullest sense our unfitness to enjoy any of the rights and privileges we claim.

Resolved, That we will on all proper occasions and to the fullest extent of our limited abilities, do all we can to promote the emancipation of our enslaved brethren and our own political equality.

2d, *Resolved*, That for the successful accomplishment of these ends, we must be consistent advocates of the principles here published, and that we think our State Conventions should not in advance pledge the colored people to the performance of more than it can reasonably be expected they will accomplish, regarding, as we do such pledges, highly injurious, and should, therefore, be discontinued.

3d, *Resolved*, That this meeting, holding American slavery to be degrading to humanity and contrary to every principle of justice and mercy, and opposed to the true spirit and principles of Christianity.

4th, *Resolved*, That we, therefore, highly commend those churches and associations that have come out in favor of a pure gospel and a pure ministry, and have interdicted all fellowship with slavery or its supporters.

5th, *Resolved*, that slavery is a sin against God and a crime against man, which no human enactment nor usage can make right, and that Christianity, humanity and patriotism alike demand its abolition.

6th, *Resolved*, That while we are in favor of a free-will emigration to countries where larger liberties await us, we denounce any system of measures, resulting in our oppression here, for the sole purpose of forcing us to consent to go to Africa.

7th, *Resolved*, That we regard the expatriation of the free colored people from the land of their birth to the shores of Africa, as flagrantly unjust, and believe the main object of the colonization society to be the perpetuation of slavery, and it meets, therefore, our unqualified disapprobation.

8th, *Resolved*, That the Supreme Court of the United States having pronounced, that birth gives citizenship, we claim under that decision to be native-born citizens of this country, and should enjoy all the rights and immunities of such.

9th, *Resolved*, That we consider the land owned by able colored men, as the best means we can employ to accomplish our desires, and that the same should receive the support of every intelligent colored person in the State of Ohio.

The 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8th sections of the report were discussed with spirit and ability, by S. D. Fox, B. Yancy, J. S. Lewis, A. Proctor and others. The whole report was finally concurred in, after which A. Proctor was elected as delegate to the State Convention.

After the transaction of other business of little importance, adjourned.

A. J. ANDERSON, Ch'm
ANDREW SAMPSON, Sec'y.