

But little other business was attended to excepting that which bore directly upon the main question which brought us together, viz., the extension of the elective franchise to us, as to other men.¹¹ Some collateral matters were attended to.

The third party measure came up in a resolution presented by the business committee, after some discussion by them, which, had it been adopted, would have committed the Convention to that measure.¹² But was, after some warm discussions, withdrawn. The third party as some call it, had in the Convention warm friends, and some of its ablest men; it had also some dissenters, and also some not opposed, but opposed to identifying the Convention with that measure. We think the measure might have been carried through if it had been thought advisable. But as we had assembled to adopt measures, to obtain the right to vote, and not to strike upon a measure, as to how we should exercise a right, we did not possess, we thought, therefore, that it was work extraordinary, over much, for a body of disfranchised men to adopt a measure which identified them with a voting party, and to carry out which, voting was necessary, when we had not those votes to exercise. Under these circumstances in part the resolution was withdrawn.

We repeat what we have already stated, that the talent, the improvement, the religion and the interest felt among our people were represented at the Convention. We anxiously wanted one good opportunity in the state, to get the unbiased and uninfluenced embodied views, and feelings of our people before the community, as in the Providence of God we now shall. We were strongly opposed, although defeat was impossible, by the *National Anti-Slavery Standard*,¹³ if whose measures had succeeded, would in the opinion of many have proved exceedingly detrimental to our people of the state and through them to our people at large. For one in writing from Albany to this city says, "that the Convention will advance the colored people of the state twenty years," we will allow one half, and say ten.

The Convention can but have a happy and lasting influence upon our people in Albany. Never had they before, a measure with which they felt themselves so identified, and which awaked up to such an extent their interest. And those of them who had it in their power, were exceedingly hospitable, and their kindness will long be remembered by the delegates.

Our paper formed no part of the proceedings of the Convention, a number wanted to bring it forward, but we prevented. It however occupied a prominent part of two of the public meetings and there were found on its side warmer and more friends then we looked for. It goes well in this state, and with a steady hand, will be made to go better.

We have written more than we should, had we not been disappointed in receiving a *synopsis* of the proceedings from the Secretary, who, absent from home, has been unable to furnish us with an abridgment. The whole proceedings will be published in this paper, and in pamphlet form at an early day.

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FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ALBANY CONVENTION OF COLORED CITIZENS

An abstract of the proceedings of the Convention appeared in this paper soon after the Convention was held. We now give our readers everything in the proceedings of that important body, which has not already appeared, excepting rules of order, and some other incidental matter, &c. The whole would have appeared sooner, but as it was intended to publish the minutes in pamphlet form, it was thought best to wait until they had so appeared, and the pamphlets nearly disposed of. Those of our readers who have not done themselves the great favor by purchasing the pamphlet, will here be put in possession of the proceedings.--*Ed. Col. Am.*

After the President had taken his seat, and declared the Convention open for regular business, it was, on motion of Charles B. Ray,

Resolved, That all persons favorable to the call for this Convention, and who have come under that call to deliberate in the doings of these meetings, be requested to hand in their names to the standing committee, as delegates to this Convention.