

Report

The committee on expenditures beg leave to report:

For lights for public meetings,	\$1.50
Sexton's services, 3 days at \$1,	3.00
Quills and paper,	37½
	<u>\$4.87½</u>

Moved, That William H. Topp pay the above bills.

The business committee reported the following resolutions: On motion,

Resolved, That while we deem it our imperious duty to co-operate with our friends in all lawful measures for the promotion of every great work, and especially for the cause of human rights, we maintain it to be important, also in view of our peculiar circumstances, and of the importance to our cause of embodying the unbiassed sentiments of our people, that we assemble together, as occasion may require, in public conventions.

On motion,

Resolved, That a National Convention of our people is a movement of great magnitude, inasmuch as it imports to embody the representatives of 500,000 of the people scattered throughout our extended country; a movement, therefore, to be entered upon, not hastily, but only after mature, extensive and harmonious deliberation by the whole people; therefore, we disapprove of the national moral reform convention, to be held by call in New Haven, on the 10th September, because entered upon too hastily--too limited and indefinite in its objects--and located by no means to accommodate the majority of our spreading people.¹⁶

On motion,

Resolved, That this convention exceedingly deprecate any system of general emigration offered to our people, as calculated to throw us into a state of restlessness, to break up all those settled habits which would otherwise attach us to the soil, and to furnish our enemies with arguments to urge our removal from the land of our birth.

The above resolution gave rise to somewhat of a debate, owing to the opposition of Messrs. Charles L. Reason and Alexander Crummell, who contended that it was introduced in opposition to the object of the convention, as set forth in its call. They were overruled, however, and the resolution adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That this country is our country; its liberties and privileges were purchased by the exertions and blood of our fathers, as much as by the exertions and blood of other men; the language of the people is our language; their education our education; the free institutions they love, we love; the soil to which they are wedded, we are wedded; their hopes are our hopes; their God is our God; we were born among them; our lot is to live among them, and be of them; where they die, we will die; and where they are buried, there will we be buried also.

On motion,

Resolved, That a publishing committee of four of the city of New York, be appointed to publish the proceedings of this convention in the most convenient manner, and the earliest possible day.

Mr. Wm. H. Topp, from the committee on expenditures, reported a balance of \$27.00, expenses deducted, now in his hands, which was, by motion, placed in the hands of Mr. Charles B. Ray, as chairman of the publishing committee.

Mr. Alexander Crummell having made some becoming remarks on the unanimity of feeling that had pervaded the meetings, which he in a great measure attributed to the calm judgment and dignity of the presiding officer--moved, that the thanks of the convention be presented to our worthy President, Mr. Austin Stewart, for the patient and dignified manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this convention, and that the members rise as they respond to the motion.

The motion was affirmed unanimously, the whole house standing.

The President made a reply, the members again rising, in which he said that he was really thankful that it was his happiness to take part in the doings of a body which had assembled for so great an object; he was pleased