as on individuals, to have all their deliberations and movements guided and governed by [illegible].

A general discussion here sprung up in regard to a plan of political organization.

The roll was then read. The name of Miss Barbary Anna Stewart was stricken out from the roll, several gentlemen objecting to it on the ground that this is not a Woman's Rights Convention.

A resolution providing that a committee of three should be appointed to draft a Constitution for a Suffrage Society was passed.

The Chair appointed Frederick Douglass of Rochester, J. C. Gibbs, of Troy, and Dr. Ray, of Williamsburgh, said committee.

Messrs. Joseph Bell, of Hudson, R. A. Griffin, of Poughkeepsie, and Mr. Bowen, of Rome, made some interesting remarks, which were well received by the Convention. The latter gentleman gave an exceedingly graphic account of his experience while a slave and since his deliverance from bondage. He closed by saying that he was going to claim all the rights the State of New York granted and as many more as he could get.

Mr. Bell, from the Committee on Lecturers, reported the names as Lecturers to labor in the respective Districts assigned as follows:

Mr. Wm. J. Watkins for the counties west of and including Wayne, Seneca, Tompkins and Tioga.

Rev. J. W. Loguen for the counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Broome, Chenango, Onondaga, Oswego, Oneida, Madison, Otsego, Sullivan, Delaware, Schoharie, Montgomery and Schenectady.


Mr. Stephen Myers for the counties of Albany, Rensselaer, Greene, Columbia, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester.


Report read, accepted, and, after discussion, adopted.

Dr. Ray, from the committee on plan of political organization, made a report which was read, accepted and laid on the table.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 7 P.M.

Evening Session—7 o'clock

The Convention met. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Mathews.

The following resolutions, laid upon the table at the afternoon session, were taken up and adopted:

Resolved, That the right of suffrage with us is a primary right—fundamental in our political creed, and that we will in no contingency support any man for civil office who is not in favor—and known to be in favor—of extending to the colored citizens of this State the complete right of suffrage.

Resolved, That this Convention strongly recommend to the colored citizens to withhold their support directly and indirectly from all public journals that make it a point to misrepresent us as a people before the country and the world but to use all means in their power to aid in circulating such papers as are ready and willing to do us justice—to extenuate nothing nor set down aught in malice against us—but give us a fair field and no favors.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Bell, and laid on the table, was taken up, read by Mr. Bell, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention, while maintaining the Republican doctrine of equal rights of all men, adhere to the principles and opinions heretofore enunciated, and present the following: Slavery being the cause of our degradation in this country, hence of our political disfranchisement in this State, we hereby reaffirm our adherence to anti-slavery principles and that as slavery is a social, moral, political and religious evil, it should be immediately abolished. Our political rights being next in importance, we hereby pledge ourselves to use untiring efforts to effect a restoration of our political rights in this State, and never to cease until our end is accomplished.

Mr. Stephen Myers offered the following:

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the twenty-seventh Senatorial district to nominate Frederick Douglass of Rochester, for the office of State