

as well as our anti-slavery annual meetings for the two years past, transacted in two days, speaking I should think within proper limits.

This evening was taken up with a public meeting in which the subject of education, and prejudice were the principal subjects. E. P. Rodgers, our worthy President, Wm. P. Johnson, and others speaking upon the first, and H. H. Garnet upon the last--one of his happiest efforts.

Our Convention has been conducted thus far in a most excellent spirit; the great harmony that has prevailed is almost without parallel, and yet all our discussions are characterized with the deepest feeling, the great interest manifested indicates that we are in the way of our duty. We have upwards of one hundred delegates upon our list. To-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, is a season set apart for an hour of prayer on behalf of the Convention. It is now late and I must close.

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NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

We were nearly all of last week attending our State Convention, which commenced its session in Albany on Tuesday morning, the 18th inst., and closed on Thursday evening, at 6 o'clock. Our readers will therefore excuse the errors which appeared in our last. We had two sessions per day, from nine until twelve, and from two until six o'clock. The evenings were occupied in public meetings, in public speeches from different speakers, and upon various subjects, embodying our moral and political duties.

There were present on Wednesday, as we were informed by the roll committee, upwards of one hundred and forty delegates from different parts of the State, from Flushing on Long Island, to Buffalo. If the Convention was a fair representation of our people in the State, then we are a more talented, a better educated, more improved and elevated people than we had any anticipation we were, and we have always been very sanguine that we were a noble people. For in point of talent, wisdom and piety, it was second to none perhaps we have ever attended. Another feature in the Convention--it was made up of a large majority of young men, though there were enough old men present to give it weight and stability, the business being principally done by the former.

We have never attended a Convention, or any meeting for public business, where there seemed to be so much deep feeling and intense interest in the subjects that come before them, accompanied with so much harmony of feeling, esteem and love for each other, and conducted with such a spirit of kindness, as were all the discussions of this Convention. Not an angry debate had we, and all the questions that came before us, whether we agreed or disagreed upon all points, were settled amicably and yet without compromise. The spectators, numerous as they were, both of male and female, from Troy and other places, as well as of Albany, and in attendance morning, afternoon and evening, manifested no less interest than the delegates themselves, and were ready to applaud debates, which excited their deep interest. We had in attendance also, upon all our meetings, morning, afternoon and evening, many of the leading men in Albany of the Whig political party, and of public matters, who gave us the most respectful attention, and looked on with grave and dignified respect, and appeared as though they were in the presence of those who know whereof they affirmed, and well what they were about, and the effect as one of their own class said to us, cannot but be salutary upon their minds.

The business of the Convention was of a respectable and noble character, as well as conducted in the kindest spirit, as the proceedings when published will show. The principal points at which we arrived were, first an address to our people upon their duties in relation to our rights. An address to the people of the State in general, in relation to our rights and their duties and interests as connected, and the appointment of a central committee, located in Albany and Troy, and of county committees throughout the State, with power to appoint town committees, and to fill vacancies, the special duties of which, are to attend to the matter of petitioning, and to other matters in connection with our rights.