and confirm? Has not the ministry of his successors been essentially the same? Our fathers were wise enough to let his influence live, aye more, to nourish it! Far was it from them to devote his pulpit to a purpose which he thought unbefitting its sacredness, as his children have done, even in stealth, with that of him who now occupies his

I repeat I would not invest the christian ministry with civil power, or give them any undue influence or authority. Still it is an institution of God's appointment, and within its legitimate sphere cannot be innocently assailed. Let the radical spirit of the age bear that in mind! Let me admonish you, with all the fervor of the love I bear you, look well to your position when you think to lay rough hands on the 'anointed of the Lord!' Is not that cause suspicious whose advocates trifle with things holy?

In the end, let me advise you to withdraw from the companionship of those wild men, to say the least of them, by which your judgment has been so far perverted! Let me tell you that they will arbitration of the convention of delegates hereinnever succeed. I rejoice to know that even with you the great mass of intelligence and worth is against them. They ought not to succeed. Their measures are senseless, fitted to defeat the end at which they aim. They may divide the union, but give liberty to the slave they cannot. Nay, they rivet together their chains of bondage. I could weep tears of bitterest sorrow over the effect of abolitionism upon African freedom!

Your 'eloquent lecturer'—who not satisfied with the trouble he has given his own church, was willing to walk into the pulpit of another denomination over the head of its rightful occupant—like others of his kind doubtless declaimed vehemently against African colonization. I cannot, therefore, close without saying, I have investigated this subject long and thoroughly, am favourably situated for discovering its true tendency, and my full conviction is, that this cause is inferior to no one of the benevolent institutions upon which philanthropists and christians are bestowing their prayers and benefactions. The Lord give it success! Yours in the love of the gospel.

Convention of Societies

HAVING COLONIES ON THE COAST OF AFRICA At a meeting of committees from societies having colonies on the coast of Africa, held in the

sons were present, viz: From the New York City Colonization Society .-Dr. Alexander Proudfit, and A. G. Phelps, Esq. From the Maryland State Colonization Society .-

Messrs. R. R. Gurley, Seaton, and Wilkeson. From the Pennsylvania Colonization Society .-Messrs. Joel Jones, John Bell, Thos. Buchanan, Stephen Caldwell, Lewis P. Gebhard, and Robert

B. Davidson. Dr. Proudfit was called to the chair, and Messrs. Latrobe and Davidson appointed secretaries.

Rev. R. R. Gurley. After which, Mr. Buchanan stated the object of the meeting to be-to devise a plan for uniting the colonies in Africa under one general government.

Judge Wilkeson then offered the following re- sons are so admitted. solution, viz:-

Resolved, That to promote the best interests of under a general government.

After considerable discussion and several subto each society represented.

stitute, viz:-

for the several colonies in Liberia.

The foregoing resolution being withdrawn, Mr. | satisfactorily made out. Maryland in the negative, Mr. Latrobe's resolu- of justice and citizens individually.

adopt the measures proposed. should be held a convention of delegates from the trade, or of delivering goods, wares, or merchan- A paper was handed to Mr. Gurley containing the tempt of the colored race, in his malignity toward cial concerns of the colonies and their mutual in- to sell or land any part of her cargo until such most fully; and in the most frank and candid court of Heaven to serve the devil in-one who tercourse and harmony.

2. Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the chair of members from each society here repredicted by the chair of members from each society here repredicted by the chair of members from each society here repredicted by the people into the support the chair of members from each society here repredicted by the people into the support the chair of members from each society here repredicted by the people into the support interesting view which was presented of the prinder. ral plan for the commercial concerns of the colonies | landed or sold shall exceed five hundred dollars. | left a most favourable impression of the cause, on | things, and desperately wicked.' and their mutual intercourse and harmony.

to furnish to each of the said societies a copy of cessary for the master of the wessel to deliver to by what immediately followed. A discussion was | in his presentment reprobated the free discussion such general plan as they may agree upon—with the collector, or other proposed, to be conducted by the Rhetorical So- of the subject of slavery, libelled the characters a day and place named by said committee-at | manifests in writing, verified by affirmation, and | ciety of this institution, on the following resolu- | of our truest friends, justified in effect, riot and which each society shall be invited to send dele- signed by him, containing a list of his whole tion; that the Colonization Society, is deserving arson, and presented the rebuilding of Pennsylgates to a convention-for the purpose of discus- cargo, with the name or names of the people of the purpose of discus- cargo, with the name or names of the people of the people of the people of the purpose of discus- cargo, with the name or names of the people of the sing and adopting the plan aforesaid, either as ports, place or places, where goods in such mani- United States.' I need not say, that this resolu- pendence,' as a nuisance, instead of being welreported or amended by said convention.

ed the committee under the foregoing resolutions. From New York .- Dr. Proudfit.

> Pennsylvania .-- Mr. Buchanan. Maryland.—Mr. Latrobe.

Mr. Latrobe then moved to adjourn—for the posed. The motion was lost. Judge Wilkeson called up Mr. Gurley's resolu-

tion which had been withdrawn. Mr. Phelps moved to adjourn sine die. Lost. The question was taken on Mr. Gurley's resolu- | shall have been complied with.

tion and carried-the Maryland delegation declining to vote.

Mr. Buchanan moved a re-consideration of Mr. legislature may have imposed. Gurley's resolution in order that the Maryland delegates might be permitted to retire, as they and regulations consistent with the provisions of conclusion to express my ardent desire that all subject, now countenance the false pretensions of could not unite in any plan for a general govern- these articles, as it may deem proper.

ROBT. B. DAVIDSON, Secretaries.

Articles of Association

Between and among the Colonies of Liberia, being | adopted by at least two, and they shall be consi-

1. The style of the Association shall be the Associated Colonies of Liberia in West Africa. 2. Any colony composed of free coloured persons from the United States of America, may become a member of this association if its legislative authority adopt these articles, and notify the fact to the legislative authorities of the older

members of the association. 3. There shall be perpetual peace and friendship between and among the associated colonies of Liberia in West Africa. Each of them for itself renounces the right of making war upon each or any of the others. Any differences which may arise between them shall be referred to the after spoken of, or of all or some of the associated colonies, and the award made by such arbitrators shall be final, and the faith of each of the associated

colonies is hereby pledged to abide by the same. 4. The associated colonies of Liberia in West Africa shall have a common flag, which shall be that now used by the colonies in Liberia and Maryland in Liberia, until the convention of delegates hereinafter mentioned shall otherwise provide.

5. The associated colonies hereby adopt the decimal currency of the United States of America as the currency of the said associated colonies and each of them.

6. Fugitives from justice in any of the associated colonies, shall be given up by any other of them upon the demand of the principal executive authority of one colony upon the principal executive authority of another, accompanied by a proof of the crime and of the identity of the criminal. The executive of each colony shall have authority to issue a warrant for the arrest of any such fugitive. No person shall be accounted a fugitive from justice, unless at the time of committing the offence he was personally and actually within the jurisdiction of the colony, whose laws he is charged with violating—a mere constructive presence shall not be sufficient.

7. Full faith and credit shall be given in each office of the Pennsylvania Colonization Society, of the aforesaid colonies, as well in courts of jus-September 25th, 1838, the following named per- | tice as elsewhere, to the legislative and judicial records of each of the other colonies, which, when produced on evidence, shall have the same effect in any other colony as in the colony in which it may originate. The proof of a record Messrs. J. H. B. Latrobe, Stuart, and Wm. Crane. | shall be a copy of it attested by the proper officer, From the American Colonization Society .- | to which shall be attached a certificate from the good for the slaves, or effected the liberation of governor or chief magistrate of the colony that any, (except possibly by enticing them away from the said certificate is in due form of law, and by their masters,) denounced an enormous evil, and the proper officer.

8. The citizens of each of the associated colonies shall have in each of the other associated colonies all the rights of citizens, except the right of suffrage and such other rights as are necessarily | students at Andover, the future clergymen of the The meeting was opened with prayer by the connected with residence. They shall also have the privilege of becoming residents of any of the colonies at their pleasure, and shall be admitted to the rights of resident citizens upon the easiest terms upon which the most favoured class of per-

> 9. Slavery and involuntary servitude, except in each and all of the associated colonies.

stitutes being offered for the above resolution, the in each and all of the associated colonies. They cently transpired in this place. The results of an our regard for the American Anti-Slavery Society meeting determined that the votes should be taken | each hereby yield to each of the others, the right | examination into the excellency and practicability | and its auxiliaries, which makes no compromise of the individuals present, and two votes allowed of search for ascertaining whether a vessel is of colonization which we have been permitted to with slavery, denounce that prejudice seeks our engaged in the slave trade, and of capturing and | witness here, must be in a high degree gratifying to | banishment to Africa, and claim for us equal rights The first vote in order was on Mr. Gurley's sub- condemning as prize any such vessel belonging to its friends, for it furnishes a clear illustration of and privileges with others on this our native soil. any of the citizens of any of the associated colo- what I am fully convinced is true; that all that is | Resolved, That we recognize in the Rev. R. R. Resolved, That a more perfect union of the nies, which may be so engaged, together with her necessary, to secure the most favourable regard | Gurley, General Agent and Secretary of the Amefriends of African colonization, in their counsel whole cargo. The presence of a slave on board and warm support of the intelligent and christian | rican Colonization Society, the most guilty and and measures in this country is most desirable, and any such vessel shall not be necessary to consti- community in favour of colonization, is the more prominent of all our persecutors—the man who, that it is expedient to adopt a general government | tute or prove her a slave-trader, if the proof of the general diffusion of facts, showing the great good | as editor of the African Repository, and as the intention to take slaves on board can be otherwise | which must flow to the coloured race from its | writer of the annual reports of the Society, is re-

hour a motion was made to adjourn until Wednes- | these articles, adopts the admiralty and maritime | evening, and exhibited the cause in so luminous | him as double-tongued, two-faced, callous-hearted. day morning at 9 o'clock, which was lost-several law, as understood and practised in the courts of and satisfactory a manner, as to secure the highest | hostile to our continuance in the land of our natiof the members being obliged to leave town. Mr. the United States of America, as well in prize regard of the audience for his enlightened bene- vity, the friend and coadjutor of those who trade Latrobe's resolutions were then adopted unani- causes, or other, as its admiralty process to the volence and christian philanthropy. On the next in slaves and souls of men, a northern man with mously—the Washington members not voting— enforcement of the revenue laws, and the laws for day, Messrs. Cresson and Gurley met the students southern principles, and a wolf in sheep's clothing.

on the ground that they were not authorized to the suppression of the slave trade. 1. Resolved, That it is expedient that there any of the associated colonies, for the purpose of opponents of colonization might wish to propose. we discern one who is unsurpassed in his conseveral societies having colonies on the coast of dise, shall be entered upon the books of the cus- most common objections which are urged against our abolition friends, in his deceitfulness and Africa, to consider a general plan for the commer- tom-house of such port, and it shall not be lawful the Society, to all of which Mr. Gurley replied cunning-one who has stolen the livery of the entry has been made, and the duties hereinafter manner. Indeed the freeness and eloquence with wears a Quaker garb, in order that he may the

3. Resolved, That such committee be directed sions of the last preceding article, it shall be ne- interest was excited on this subject was evinced man of the grand jury of Philadelphia, recently fests, as mentioned, shall have been respectively | tion was ably supported, both by the eloquence of | comed into New England pulpits as a friend of The following named persons were then appoint | taken on board, and the port or ports, place or argument and the convincing power of facts. The Africa, rather deserves to be put in close confineplaces, for which the same are respectively des- first meeting was adjourned, and on the second, ment, as the enemy of mankind. such vessel, and the nation to which she belongs, audience, the debate was arrested, though the and flag under which she sails, and the name of interest was still high. Washington .- Judge Wilkeson and Mr. all consignees of any part of the cargo resident | On calling for the ayes and nays, the resolution | while they are in league with our domestic slavewithin such colony.

purpose of letting the Maryland members retire— vessel to sail from any of the ports of the asso- conducted in a most christian spirit, and that there | holders: that they deplore the condition of the as they could unite no further in the plans pro- ciated colonies, without obtaining from the col- is reason to believe that its influences in favour natives of Africa, whom they have not seen. lector or other proper officer, a clearance in the of our cause will long continue. I have adverted while they calumniate and persecute the free following—(insert usual form of clearance in the to this discussion only because I supposed you colored citizens of the United States, whom they United States.) No such clearance shall be would be gratified to know the fact of which it have seen but dare not confront face to face; that granted until the requisitions of the revenue laws affords proof—that there are so many in this insti- they are the friends of religion while they main-

landed or sold in any of the associated colonies, African race, and that they will doubtless hereaf- | effrontery, and a gross insult to the Deity, and to Mr. Gurley then moved to adjourn sine die. Lost. | shall pay duties after such rates as the colonial | ter stand up as its firm supporters.

laws have been violated.

19. These articles shall be binding on each colony which adopted them, provided they are Colonies of free coloured persons from the United | dered as the supreme law of the land in every | of colour in Boston.—It is well known that many States of America on the western coast of Africa. place in which they are binding. The mode of of the most intelligent free coloured persons in

legislature in each colony.

colonies without the unanimous assent of all. held from time to time for the purpose of revising | Sierra Leone, and the Rev. PETER WILLIAMS, these articles, in which each of the colonies shall a coloured preacher of distinction in the Episcohave an equal voice, or one vote, to be entrusted | cal church in New York, in a discourse on his to so many delegates as its supreme legislature | death, commended his efforts as full of benevomay think proper. The convention shall not lence to the coloured race. It is true, some of meet oftener than once in three years, or seldomer | this class early opposed the Society, but the oppothan once in four years. Each convention shall sition was never general or strong any where, we by a plurality of colonial voices or votes, fix the | believe, until aroused by the abolitionists. We time and place of the next meeting. It may also have no doubt they will shortly be as much in decide by a majority of votes, differences between | favour of the scheme as they are at present opthe colonies referred to it. It shall have no other posed to it. A coloured congregation in Hartauthority except to propose alterations in these ford, Connecticut, recently listened to our statearticles to the legislatures of the several colonies, | ments on the subject, with candour and liberality. associated colonies, and not before, shall be bind- subject before the coloured people of Boston, and ing on them all, and until so adopted shall be hear their objections to the scheme. Engagebinding on none.

colony, may from time to time suspend within its own jurisdiction, the operation of the thirteenth and fourteenth article aforesaid, until such time as this article may be abrogated in the manner prescribed in the twenty-first article.

23. The terms legislative authority and supreme legislature throughout the articles, are to be understood as applying in the first instance to the society or board in the United States, which exercises legislative powers over any colony; and whenever such society, or board, renounces its authority, and it passes over to a legislative body in Africa, then and not before, to such local legislature.

(From the Christian Statesman.) African Colonization.

The following letter from a member of the Theological Seminary at Andover, to the Rev. Dr. Proudfit, corresponding secretary of the New York | scheme in this region. A full and punctual at-Colonization Society, will be read with satisfaction,—we were going to say by every friend of the coloured race. But the present day is prolific in solecisms and absurdities, and accordingly we find many who regard the only institution in this country which has yet accomplished any thing the gentleman who has done most for the promotion of its interest, declared to be the 'guiltiest man in the nation.' We are however rejoiced to on Wednesday evening, the 12th of December, find that so large a portion of the theological were the following. country,—are staid enough to resist the tide of our enslaved brethren at the South, to bleeding denunciation which of late has rolled in upon the Africa, to the cause of justice and humanity uni-Society and its objects, and bold enough to do it justice.—Jour. of Com.

THELOGICAL SEMINARY, ANDOVER,

21st Dec. 1838. involuntary servitude for a limited time as the which you regard any information which bears truly diabolical in its designs. Liberia, it is expedient to unite the several colonies | punishment of crimes, shall be forever unlawful | favourably on the great and benevolent object to which your labours are devoted, I am induced to | deprecate and abhor that Society, as our bitterest 10. The slave trade shall be forever unlawful furnish you with a short account of what has re- foe and the giant protector of the slave-system, is

and students of the various institutions of this periodicals. tions gave rise to considerable debate, and at a late | 12. Each of the associated colonies by adopting place. The Rev. Mr. Gurley was present on one | Resolved, That we are constrained to regard of the Seminary, at their request, for the purpose | Resolved, That in Elliot Cresson, who is now 13. Every vessel arriving at any port, within of answering any question which the friends or in this region attempting to deceive the people, sented, which shall be instructed to prepare a gene- and also the vessel, if the amount of the Colonization Society, scribed by our Saviour, is 'deceitful above all 14. In order to make an entry under the provi- the minds of those who were present. That much | Resolved, That the lawless man, who, as foretined, and the name, description and tonnage of after a very animated discussion before a large

was carried by a decided and handsome majority. | traders; that they are opposed to slavery, while 15. It shall not be lawful for any merchant I need not add, that the discussion throughout was | they court the society and companionship of slavetution whose feelings are identified with the glo- tain that it is not in the power of religion to sub-16. All goods, wares and merchandise, imported, rious cause which promises so much good to the due American prejudice; all this is amazing

17. Each colony may enact such revenue laws with so long a communication, and permit me in standing all the light that has been shed upon the your efforts in behalf of our degraded fellow-men | the Colonization Society, are without excuse, and ment. The motion prevailed, and without taking 18. All persons and vessels violating the reve- may be successful, and that the blessing of a mer- merit the condemnation of every friend of liberty.

dispel? or vice, that he did not try to do it away? the question again on Mr. Gurley's resolutions, on or virtue, that he did not endeavour to encourage motion of Mr. Latrobe, the convention adjourned. be arrested or attached and proceeded against in tending to elevate the African race, and to hasten the courts of any of the other colonies, in the time of their deliverance, and the day when same manner as in those of the colony whose Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands unto God.

With great respect, I remain your sincere friend.

LOOK ON THIS .- Opinions of free people adoption shall be by the action of the supreme | this country, were at the origin of the society, its warm and decided friends. Captain PAUL CUF-20. No change shall be made in these articles, | FEE, a most respectable free coloured man of or any of them, or in any of the laws, or obliga- New England, before the origin of the Society, tions which they impose, by any of the associated | made two voyages to Africa, and one to England, and expended much money to aid his coloured 21. There shall be a convention of delegates | brethren in New England to remove and settle in which when adopted by the legislatures of all the It is not true that we were unwilling to bring the ments elsewhere did not allow us to remain after 22. The supreme legislative authority in each | their wishes to that effect were expressed to us.

> How the Meeting was got up .- The Liberator of the 7th of December, contained the following notice:

Coloured citizens of Boston-Take notice.-The coloured citizens of Boston and vicinity, are invited to assemble—one and all—at the infant school room, in the basement story of the Belknap-street meeting-house, on Wednesday evening next, at seven o'clock, for the purpose of bearing their testimony afresh against that mischievous and unrighteous association, the American Colonization Society, the deadliest foe of the coloured race, and the main prop of the diabolical slave system; and also to express their righteous indignation in view of the recent attempts of R. R. Gurley, the artful and implacable agent of that Society, to excite new interest in the colonization tendance is requested.

JOHN T. HILTON, JOHN E. SCARLETT, S. R. ALEXANDER, DANIEL HANSON, JOHN ROBINSON, COFFIN PITTS, LEONARD BLACK.

Boston, December 7, 1838.

Among the resolutions adopted at this meeting

Resolved, That we owe it to our self-respect, to versally, once more in our united capacity, and in the most solemn manner, to enter our protest against the American Colonization Society, as purely selfish in its origin, basely desceptive in Respected Friend-Knowing the pleasure with its pretences, utterly corrupt in its principles, and

Resolved, That just in proportion as we fear,

sponsible for all the apologies in behalf of slavery. Latrobe's substitute was next in order—a motion 11. Each of the associated colonies by adopt- A short time since, Mr. Cresson, of Philadel- all the slanders heaped upon us as free coloured was made to lay it on the table, but was lost. | ing these articles, recognizes the law of nations as | phia, visited this place, and gave several lectures | citizens, all the atrocious sentiments which jus-New York and Pennsylvania both being divided, understood by the civilized nations of Europe and on colonization. These were well attended, and tify our proscription while we remain in this and Washington voting in the affirmative, and America, as binding upon its courts listened to with great interest, both by the citizens | country, which have disfigured the pages of those

Resolved, That Elliot Cresson is that man. Resolved, That for these men to pretend that they desire to suppress the foreign slave-trade,

the human understanding. And now, dear sir, pardon me for troubling you | Resolved, That those clergymen who, notwith-