

AT THE
SECOND ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY OF CANADA,

HELD IN THE SAINT LAWRENCE HALL,

ON WEDNESDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1853.

THE REV. MICHAEL WILLIS, D. D.,

IN THE CHAIR—

An abstract of the Report of the Society for the past year was read by the Secretary, and the following resolutions unanimously passed :—

On the motion of the Rev. R. BURNS, D. D., (Free Church,) seconded by the Rev. Mr. SANSON, (Episcopal,) it was

RESOLVED—

1. That as the history of American Slavery from year to year, affords cumulative evidence of its sinfulness and destructive influence upon religion, morality, and social order, all who uphold and extend it, or seek to palliate its guilt, are acting in defiance of the laws of God, and the best interests of their country, and of the human race.

On the motion of the Rev. JOHN ROAF, (Congregational,) seconded by the Rev. S. R. WARD, it was

RESOLVED—

2. That, whereas the Fugitive Slave Bill, which authorizes seizure without process—trial without jury—and consignment to Southern prison-houses upon *ex parte* testimony, converting every citizen into a slave-catcher, is declared a "Finality," by the United States Congress, with a Democratic President, and a Constitution which declares "that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by THEIR CREATOR with certain inalienable rights: that among these are *life*, LIBERTY, and the pursuit of happiness;" we repeat our detestation of this infamous Act, as well as our abhorrence of those *coercive* laws lately passed by several State Governments, which leave no alternative to the colored man, between Slavery and Expatriation from the land of his birth.