

entitled me to all the privileges of either library, and proffered to present my name at the next meeting. was accordingly, on Monday evening, October 28th, duly elected a corresponding member, and, on payment of the usual fee, received my certificate next day.

The Essex Institute includes among its members a large number of literary and professional gentlemen, several historians and genealogists, and many gentlemen of wealth, learning, and literary tastes. The special object of its organization was to collect interesting historical material and relics, genealogical materials, etc., particularly such as pertain to Essex County. It publishes a periodical devoted to the history of the county and genealogies of its inhabitants, etc. It also arranges courses of lectures on various topics, concerts, and similar entertainments, all of a high order of merit.

Immediately in the rear of Plummer Hall stands the first church built by a regular lyorganized religious society in New England. It is a small frame structure, 21 by 17 feet in size, with a small gallery across the end opposite the pulpit. Crude in design, primitive in construction, this little building carries the beholder back to the hallowed scenes of early Puritan life and hardship, when poverty and humility, instead of the present pride and extravagance, prevailed in New England. The Institute purchased the building as a relic, and removed it to its present location. It now contains a great many other relics in the shape of articles of furniture, etc., having a historical interest, which the Institute has collected. Roger Williams and other noted early Puritan ministers have preached in it.

While in Boston and Salem I came in contact with many gentlemen of the better class some of them representatives of the higher circles of society, but scarcely one of them seemed in the least desirous of learning anything about "Mormonism," though I have been treated with uniform courtesy by all. A haughty indifference to religion characterizes one class, and an unswerving adherence to traditionary creeds is manifested by the rest of the people I have met, so that there is not much encouragement for missionary enterprise among them.

The political canvass just closed by the election of Talbot, for governor and the defeat of Butler has been one of the most exciting and bitter ever witnessed in the State. On the evening of November 3rd, two days before the election, Dennis Kearney addressed a large concourse of people on the Boston common. After haranguing them for about an hour he read an angry preamble and then the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That we, the workingmen of Massachusetts, representing the great majority of the people, determined to protect liberty and the rights of man, though we shall waste knee-deep in blood, do organize ourselves into an army of the people for mutual protection and defence.

"Resolved, That any manufacturer, capitalist or minion of the money power who attempts to influence his employees, or those under him, to vote against General Butler, shall be suspended by the neck until he is dead.

"Resolved, That the hour has come when extreme measures must be resorted to, and that as the majority of the voters of the State are known to be in favor of the election as governor of the friend of the people, Gen. Butler, if our candidate is defeated, we, the working men of Boston and of the State of Massachusetts, knowing that he can only be defeated by unlawful means, shall then unfurl the red flag of revolution, kill and destroy the millions of capital and free the people from tyranny, as the fathers did in 1776.

"Resolved, That we now organize into a police force to protect the ballot-box and the rights of our fellow-men, and that we stand ready on election day to take the life of any man, be he United States supervisor or other officer, who attempts to bar voters from exercising the rights of suffrage.

"Resolved, That as we the workingmen, are in the majority, we shall install our candidate despite the frauds attempted by our enemies, though the streets run with blood and hell itself boil over.

"And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.

Kearney spoke nearly an hour upon these resolutions, but there was no argument, no recommendation but fire and murder, and nothing but denunciation and insane instigation of passions, coupled with vanity and boasting. The reader can easily construct for himself a report of the speech by imagining the most blasphemous words and expressions possible to a man with a full vocabulary, mingled with denunciation of capital and employers, and with rabid threats of conflagration, the knife and the bullet.

When it came to the adoption of the resolutions, Kearney called on all to vote by raised hands. Near the stand most of the hands went up; further back, not half. When he was satisfied, "Hands down," he said. "Now hold up your right hands while I swear you in as each man a committee of one to enforce the resolutions. 'I solemnly swear,' repeat it after me; 'I solemnly

swear.'" "I solemnly swear," responded those who had not thought Kearney was going too far, and refused to be sworn in (for comparatively few were crazy enough to take the oath); "before Almighty God," "before Almighty God;" "that on the coming election day," "that on the coming election day;" "I will risk my life," "I will risk my life;" "to perpetuate the freedom of the ballot-box," "to perpetuate the freedom of the ballot-box." Then he further aroused them to abide by their oath and put down the thieving vamps and bloated capitalists who were oppressing them.

Think of such proceedings and sentiments heartily concurred in by hundreds of people on Boston common in the heart of the "modern Athens!" In fact there is every indication that the cry of dull times now so universal will cease, and that, in the language of Elder Orson Hyde, "times will shortly be about as lively as they can well be made."

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A doctor went out West to practice his profession. An old friend met him on the street and asked him how he got along in business. "First-rate," he replied. "I've had one case." "What was that?" "It was a birth," replied the doctor. "How did you succeed with that?" "Well, the woman died, and the child died; but I think I can save the old man yet."

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