

ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

For the Observer and Telegraph.

Mr. Editor:

In compliance with a resolution, passed by the Anti-slavery Society of the W. Reserve College, you are presented with the Constitution of that Society and with a resolution passed by the same, with the request that they may be published in the Observer & Telegraph.

CONSTITUTION.

We the undersigned, holding that every person of sane mind has a right to immediate freedom from personal bondage of whatever kind, unless imposed by the sentence of the law, for the commission of some crime; and that man in no case consistently with reason, religion and the eternal and immutable principles of justice, can be the property of man, deem it a duty to unite our efforts in behalf of our colored brethren, who are unrighteously oppressed and enslaved.

And although we are compelled to believe that they have an hundred fold more provocation to rise in arms, than our Fathers had in 1776, yet we will neither advocate or use any means for securing to them their unalienable rights and justly claimed privileges, except such as are sanctioned by the precepts and example of Jesus Christ.

With such views, we agree to form ourselves into a society, to be governed by the rules specified in the following Constitution.

Art. 1. This Society shall be called the Western Reserve College Anti-slavery Society.

" 2. The object of this Society shall be to endeavor by all means sanctioned by humanity and religion, to effect the abolition of slavery—to improve the character and condition of the colored people—to reform and correct public opinion in relation to their situation and rights, and to obtain for them in this their native country, equal civil and political rights and privileges, with the whites.

" 3. Any person who is a member of College, may become a member of this Society by signing this Constitution, and paying one dollar annually to the funds.

" 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be chosen annually by ballot.

" 5. The President shall preside in all meetings of the Society and in his absence, the Vice President.

" 6. The Treasurer shall hold all the Society's funds, and pay out no monies, except at their order, and report annually the state of the Treasury.

" 7. The Secretary shall notify all meetings of the Society, keep the records of the same, and with the assistance of the President and Vice President conduct all the correspondence.

" 8. The Society shall meet the first Saturday after the commencement of each College term, and at such other times as the officers shall designate.

" 9. The meetings of the Society shall be opened and closed with prayer.

" 10. Two thirds of the members present at the first meeting of each college term, may alter this Constitution.

After the Society was organized, the following Resolution was passed unanimously, and voted to be appended to the Constitution.

Resolved, That this Society consider all means of influencing the colored population to leave this country, on the assertion that the prejudices against them are sufficient grounds for so doing, as wrong, unscriptural and ill-adapted to effect the abolition of slavery.