and on taking the question it was decided in the negative.

Resolved, That the letters addressed to the convention; (omitting the P. S. to Mr. Ray's letter,) by Theodore S. Wright and Charles B. Ray be published with the minutes. Adopted.

New York, Sep. 18, 1844.

To the President and Members of the Convention of Colored Citizens, assembled in Schenectady.

As a representative elect of the city of New York to your respectable convocation, and it being impossible under existing circumstances for me to be present, I feel called upon to represent myself by letter and as a memento of the importance in which I view the convention, as well as to explain the reasons of my absence. The relation which I sustain to the Union Missionary Society as one of its officers and whose Annual Meeting takes place in this city to-morrow, and before which important matters are to be brought and requiring the presence of those who have the management of the Society for the last two years. Again, but for this consideration such is the present state of my health, that I doubt whether it would be prudent for me to be present to take part in your deliberations, taking the view that I do of the important questions that may and probably should come before that now, more in my view than at any previous time, very important body. Dear Brethren, we are just now upon the eve of an election for President and Vice President of the Nation, as well as for Governor, and Lieut. Governor, and the Legislature of the State, with two of the three parties, at least regarding it as the important contest and between them both, great interests are at stake and both nearly balanced; while the third, probably holds as good, and in some places more, than the balance of power, the two great parties in some places courting the third and in others doing what they can to annihilate it. The two great parties have governed this country from the first period of its existence to this hour, and are responsible for every thing that exists in this government by Legislature. They are then to-day responsible for Slavery with all its abominations, and for all the disabilities in every form under which, we the colored people, labor. They are both at present; the supporters of Slavery at the South, and always will be, while they are so nearly balanced; nor will they withdraw their support from slavery until compelled by some other political party.