given rights. Genius of America!--How art thou fallen, oh Lucifer, son of
the morning! how art thou fallen!

In view of these things, it is self-evident, and above demonstration
that we, as a people, have every incentive to labor for the redress of
wrongs. On our native soil, consecrated to freedom, civil liberties are
denied us, and we are by compulsion subject to an atrocious and criminal
system of political tutelage deleterious to the interest of the entire col-
ored race, and antagonistical to the political axioms of this Republic.

Intuitively then, we search for the panacea for the manifold ills which
we suffer. One, and only one, exists; and when each individual among us
realizes the absolute impossibility for him to perform any work of superero-
gation in the common cause, the appliances will prove its own efficacy; it
is embodied in one potent word--ACTION. Let unanimity of action characterize
us; let us reject the absurd phantasy of non-intervention; let us leave con-
servatism behind, and substitute a radical, utilitarian spirit; let us culti-
vate our moral and mental faculties, and labor to effect a general diffusion
of knowledge, remembering that "ascendancy naturally and properly belongs to
intellectual superiority." Let "Excelsior" be our watchword; it is the in-
spiration of all great deeds, and by the universal adoption of this policy,
we will soon stand triumphantly above that ignorance and weakness, of which
slavery is the inevitable concomitant--will soon reach that apex of civiliza-
tion and consequent power to which every earnest, impassioned soul aspires.

Continued and strenuous effort is the basis of all greatness, moral,
intellectual, and civil. "Work, man," says Carlyle, 10 "work! work! thou hast
all eternity to rest in."

To you, gentlemen, as representatives of the oppressed thousands of
Ohio, we look hopefully. This convening is far from being nugatory or un-
important. "Agitation of thought is the beginning of truth," and, futher,
more, by pursuing such a line of policy as you in your wisdom may deem ex-
pedient, tending toward that paramount object, the results may transcend
those attending similar assemblies which have preceded it. True, you are
numerically small; but the race is not always gained by the swift, nor the
battle by the strong, and it has become a truisim that greatness is the legiti-
mate result of labor, diligence, and perseverance.

It was a Spartan mother's farewell to her son, "Brong home your shield
or be brought upon it." To you we would say, be true, be courageous, be
steadfast in the discharge of your duty. The citadel of Error must yield to
the unshinking phalanx of truth. In our fireside circles, in the seclusion
of our closets, we kneel in tearful supplication in your behalf. As Christian
wives, mothers and daughters, we invoke the blessing of the King, Eternal and
Immortal, "who sitteth upon the circle of the earth, who made the heavens with
all their host," to rest upon you, and we pledge ourselves to exert our influ-
ence unceasingly in the cause of Liberty and Humanity.

Again we say, be courageous; be steadfast; unfurl your banner to the
breeze--let its folds float proudly over you, bearing the glorious inscrip-
tion, broad and brilliant as the material universe: "God and Liberty!"

Sara G. Staley,
In behalf of the Delaware Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society.

The Committee on petitions reported the following:

We, the undersigned, citizens of _______ county, respectfully but ear-
nestly petition your honorable body, lst. To immediately take the necessary
constitutional steps to so alter or amend the Constitution of this State as
to strike out the word "white" in the first Section of the fifth Article.
2d. To so alter or amend the first Section of the ninth Article of the Consti-
tution as to strike out the word "white" in that Article. 3d. Also, to repeal
all laws and parts of laws which make distinctions on account of color.

The Committee on Finance reported the following receipts and expendi-
tures: