P R O C E E D I N G S.

Pursuant to the preceding call, issued to the Colored Citizens of this State, through the "Colored American," urging them to assemble at Albany in convention on the 18th of August, to consider their political condition, and to adopt measures for their enfranchisement, the Hamilton street Baptist Church was thrown open at an early hour on Tuesday morning of the above date, and soon became the scene of the most spirited and soul-stirring meetings that have ever enlisted the feelings or engaged the energies of our people in this or any other State.

At ten o'clock, about 40 delegates were assembled.

The Convention was called to order by the Rev. Theodore S. Wright, of New York, who moved the appointment of Mr. Charles B. Ray, N. Y., as Chairman pro tem.

On motion of Alexander Crummell, N. Y., Messrs. Charles S. Morton, of Albany, and Frederick Olney, of New York, were appointed Secretaries.

Mr. Ray, in taking the chair, remarked:

"In taking the chair, gentlemen, to organize the Convention, I congratulate you, in forming, this morning, the first assemblage of our people of this State, (and perhaps of any other) in the capacity of a State Convention, to take into consideration the political disabilities under which our people of this Commonwealth are laboring.

"Our assembling together this morning, gentlemen, for the object before us, is practical evidence of the march of mind and improvement among us, and the deep and increasing interest felt in our political, moral, and social elevation.

"We assemble together, gentlemen, for purposes the most noble and becoming. The objects before us lay at the foundation of our rights as men, and of our usefulness as citizens of the State in which we live, and they can but be concurred in and approved of, by men of honest and virtuous principles, of all classes and parties. We are here this morning, under great obligation. Great responsibilities rest upon us. We represent the people generally with whom we are identified, and are the delegated body of fifty thousand of our