

THE COLORED REGIMENT.

A meeting in favor of the 54th Massachusetts Regiment (colored volunteers) was held at the Oak Street Baptist church, West Philadelphia, on Monday evening, 13th inst. Able and efficient addresses were delivered by Mr. George E. Stephens, Lieutenant David Colley, Prof. A. M. Green, and others; after which seven of the most promising young men in the place stepped forward, and signed their names as volunteers for the war. Prof. Green offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were passed unanimously:—

Whereas, it can no longer be doubted or denied, but on the contrary, is admitted by all rational and unprejudiced minds, that the principles involved in the present war, for and against the Union, are Freedom vs. Slavery, Right vs. Wrong, Light vs. Darkness, Truth vs. Error, and the immutability of God against the subtlety and unholy ambition of the Devil; and whereas, men are but instruments in the hands of God, used for the purpose of displaying his omnipotence, and the immutability of those principles of which he is the author; and whereas, we believe there can be no neutrals in such a contest, but that all must be participants on one side or the other in the common conflict; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the duty of colored men everywhere to respond to the efforts of the present administration, in endeavoring by every possible means to wrest from the hands of rebellious slaveholders a full, complete, and gloriously triumphant victory for freedom and equal rights guaranteed under the glorious Declaration of Independence, and the recent interpretations of the Constitution by the party now in power, and executing the laws of our own national government.

Resolved, That it is the duty of all those, who (from circumstances or condition, physically or otherwise) are incompetent to enter the ranks, or report for duty on the field, to throw their arms and their influence around those noble young men, who have cheerfully given up everything for the cause of their country and the elevation of their race, to the standard at least of a military equality with the whites; and that, in keeping with that duty, we recommend to others, and use every exertion ourselves, to render the moral, mental, and sanitary condition of our colored soldiers as good as our means and circumstances will allow.

Resolved, That circulars properly setting forth this object, or the publication of these resolutions through the public prints, be authorized by this meeting.

(Signed,) C. M. RODGERS, *President*.
M. GRAY, *Secretary*.