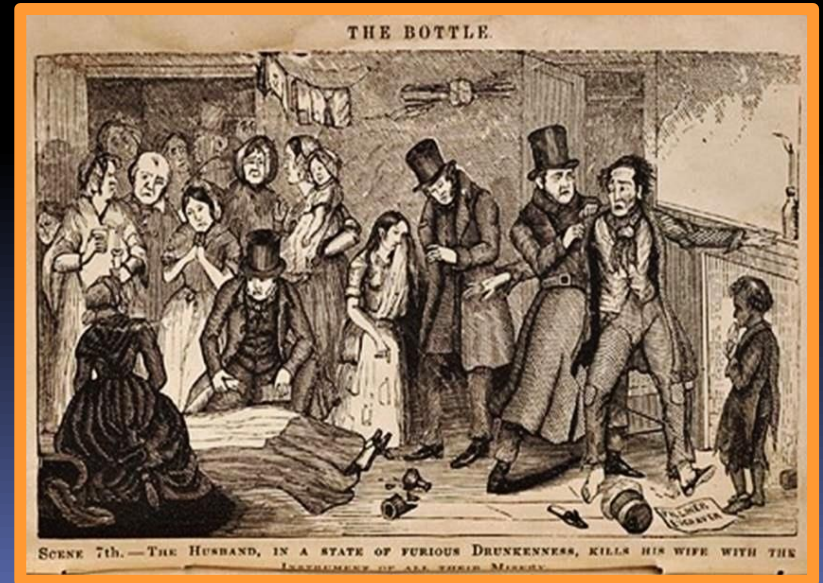


Antebellum Reform Movements



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➤ “Reform”

- Positive change
- Improve Society

Antebellum Reform Movements

- Motives (why)
- Types/areas of reform (what)
 - Social
 - Religious
- Methods of reform (how)

Antebellum Reform Movements

➤ Motives – why here, why now?

- Rapid growth
- Rapid growth of cities
- Changing social order/mobility
- Geographic mobility
- Need for order in uncertain world

Antebellum Reform Movements

➤ Motives – why here, why now?

- Unhappy with present
- Need to assess future
- Desire to improve society
- American “exceptionalism”

Religious Reform

➤ “Second Great Awakening”



➤ “Camp Meeting”



"And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land, and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods." End of 24-25

CAMP MEETING.

"The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." Isaiah 35:1

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Second Great Awakening

➤ South

- religious

➤ North

- Emphasis on social reform

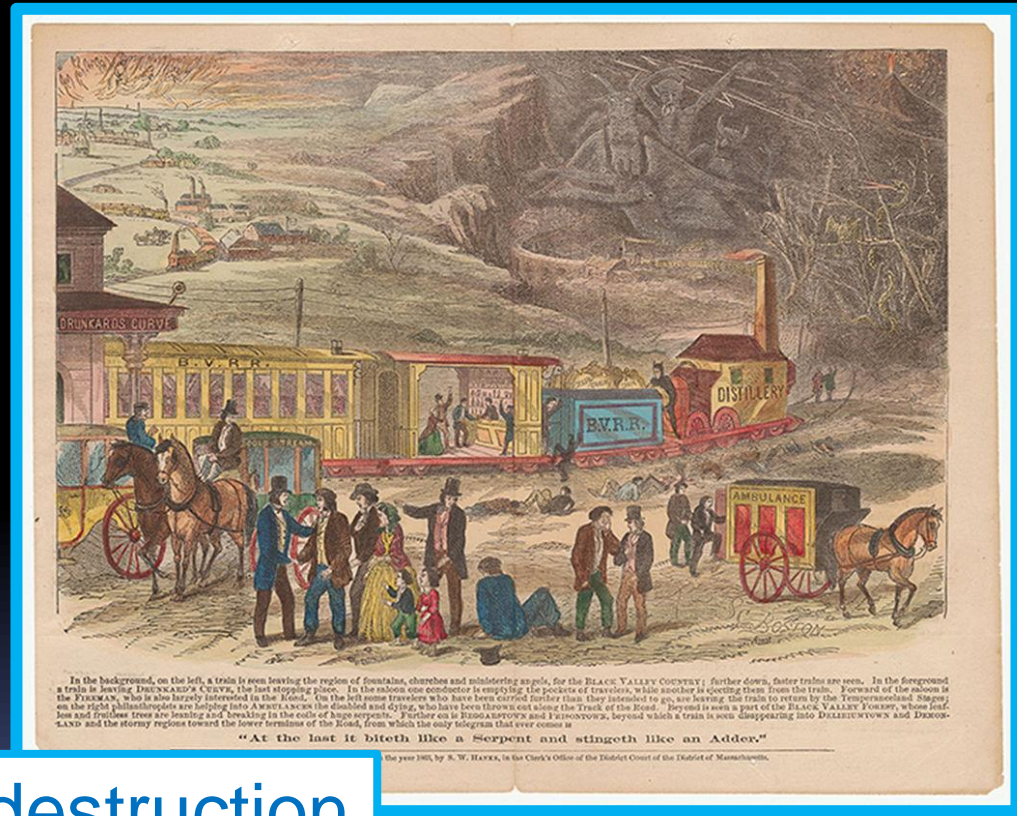
Social Reforms

- What are they reforming?
 - “Sins”
 - “Moral and social evils”

Social Reforms

➤ Temperance Movement

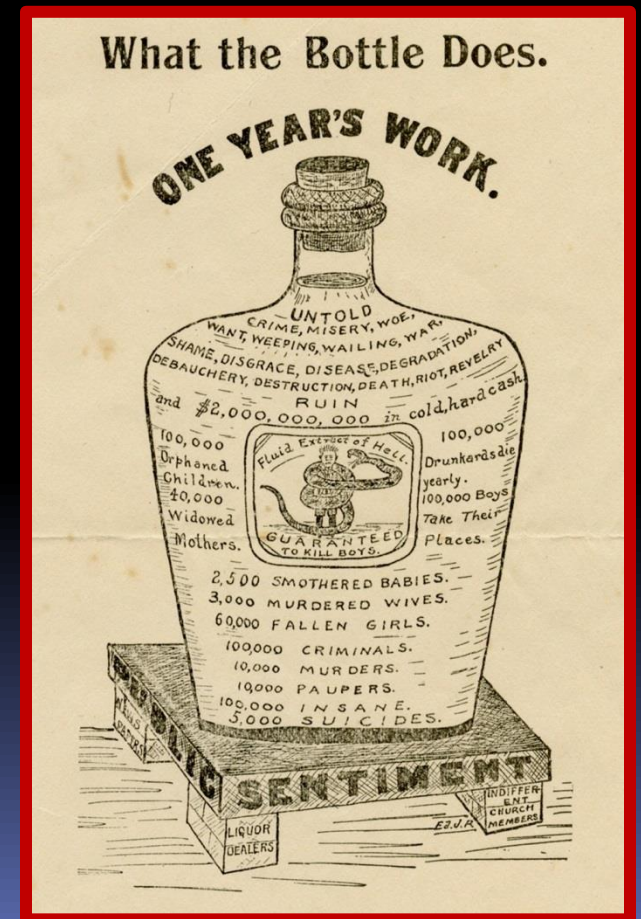
- “Demon rum”



Train ride to destruction

Social Reforms

- Gambling
- “Immoral acts” (e.g., prostitution)
- Crime
- Destruction of the family



Social Reforms

➤ Abolition

ANTI-SLAVERY MEETINGS!

A Quarterly Meeting of the Worcester County South Division Anti-Slavery Society, to be attended by

STEPHEN S. & A. K. FOSTER
CHARLES LENOX REMOND,
AND
SAMUEL MAY, Jr.

Will be held as follows: In the
METHODIST CHURCH, at Millville,
Saturday Evening, July 1st,
AT 7½ O'CLOCK.

AT BLACKSTONE TOWN HALL
SUNDAY, July 2d A. M. and P. M.
Commencing at 10 o'clock.

And again in the **METHODIST CHURCH at MILLVILLE,** Sunday Evening at 5 o'clock. The public are invited to attend.

NO SLAVERY! FOURTH OF JULY!

The Managers of the
Mass. ANTI-SLAVERY SOCY
Invite, without distinction of party or sect, ALL who are ready and mean to be known as on LIBERTY'S side, in the great struggle which is now upon us, to meet in convention at the
GROVE - FRAMINGHAM,

On the approaching **FOURTH OF JULY,** there to pass the day in no idle glorying in our country's liberties, but in deep humiliation for her Degradation and Shame, and in resolute purpose—God being our leader—in rescue old Massachusetts at least from being bound forever to the car of Slavery.

SPECIAL TRAINS

Will be run on that day, **TO THE GROVE,** from Boston, Worcester, and Milford, leaving each place at 9 25 A. M.

RETURNING—Leave the Grove about 5 1-2 P. M. FARE, by all these Trains, to the Grove and back,

FIFTY CENTS.

The beauty of the Grove, and the completeness and excellence of its accommodations, are well known.

EMINENT SPEAKERS,

From different quarters of the State, will be present.



“Moral evil”

Slavery/Abolition

- Gradual vs. Immediate
- Compensation
- Social implications/”disruption”

American Colonization Society

- “colonizing” African Americans in Africa



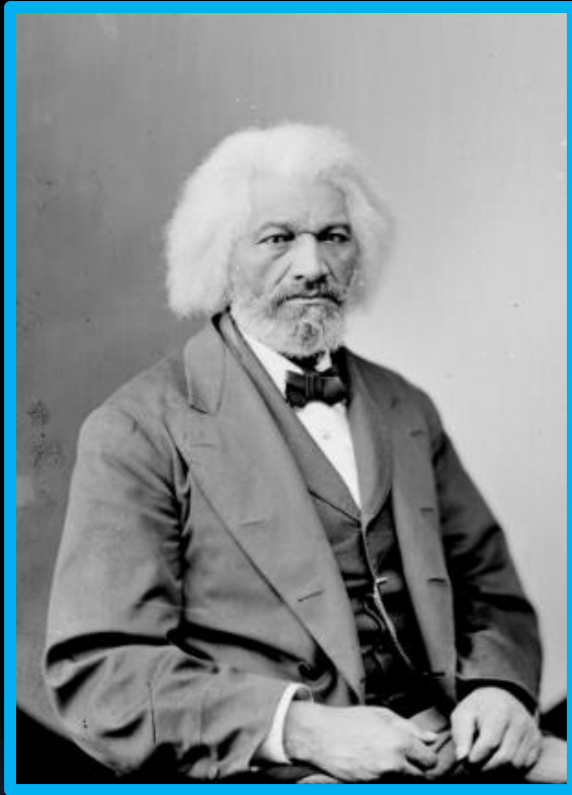
American Colonization Society

- Liberia – est. 1821

Monrovia



Racial Equality & Emancipation



Frederick Douglass



William Lloyd Garrison

The Liberator

Women's Rights

➤ “feme covert”

- “Coverture”
- Legal doctrine
- Married woman subservient to husband
- Could not own property
- Could not sign legal document
- Could not enter into a contract

Woman suffrage



Elizabeth Cady Stanton



Lucretia Mott

Woman suffrage

➤ Seneca Falls - 1848

- a convention “to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman”
- Organized by female Quakers



Seneca Falls

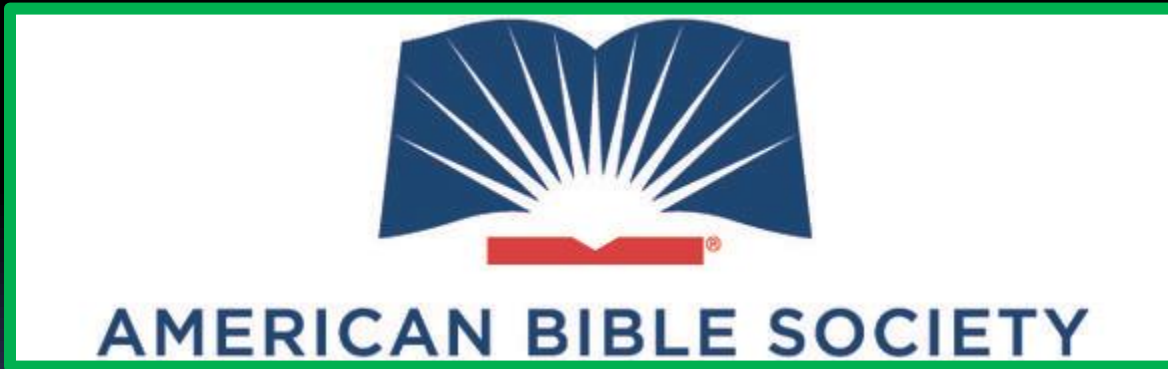
➤ “Declaration of Sentiments”

“When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one portion of the family of man to assume among the people of the earth a position different from that which they have hitherto occupied, but one to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes that impel them to such a course.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men and women are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed.”

Methods of Reform

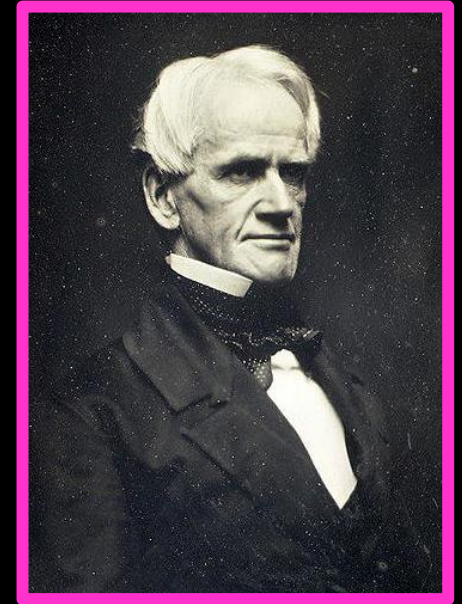
- Collective action
 - Voluntary associations
 - Benevolent organizations



Methods of Reform

➤ Education/schools

- Universal
- Non-sectarian
- Free



Horace Mann

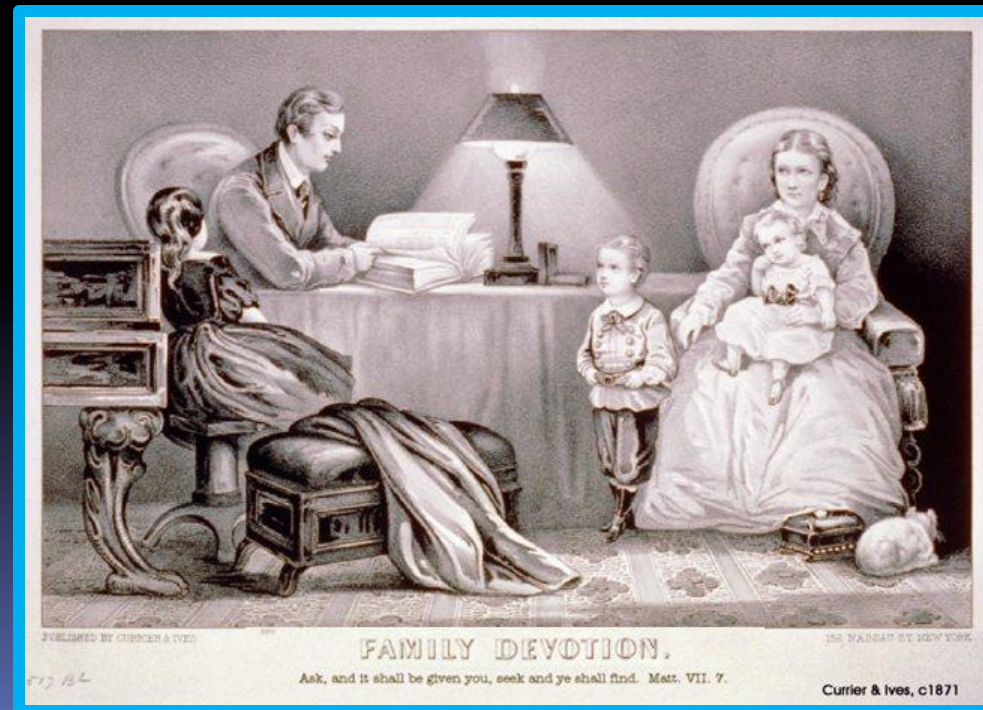
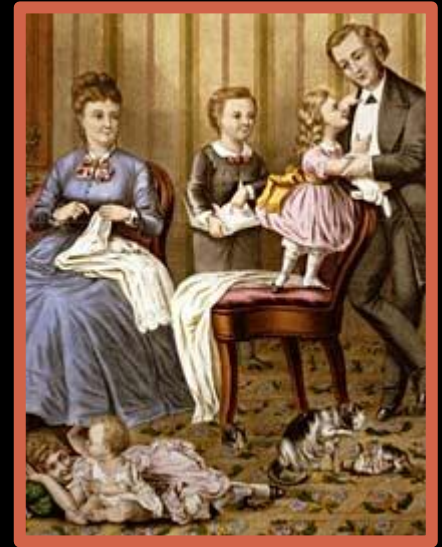


Catharine Beecher

“Common school”
(public school) movement

Methods of Reform

- In the home
- Role of women
 - “Cult of True Womanhood”
 - “Cult of Domesticity”



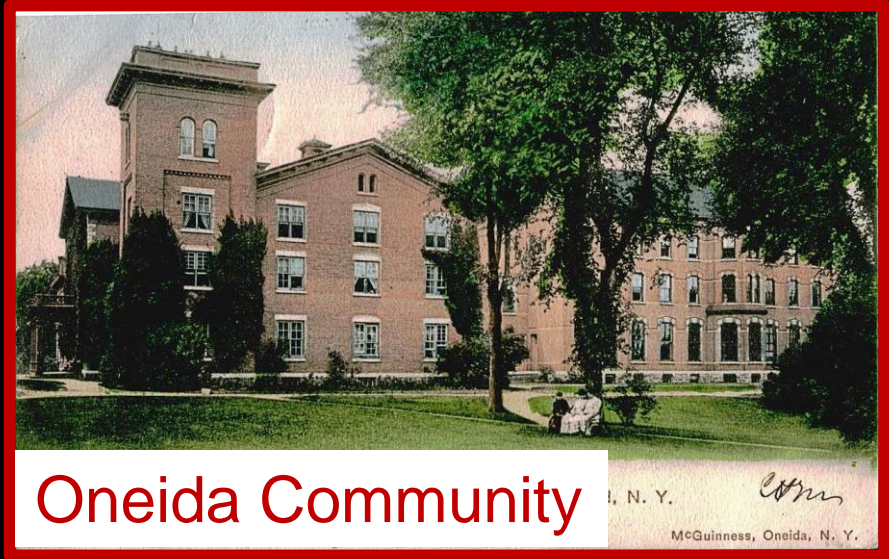
Methods of Reform

➤ Utopias

- Communal living
- Seeking perfection



Brook Farm



Methods of Reform

➤ Spiritualism

- Seeking knowledge from spirits

8 million followers
by 1900

