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AT MERCANTILE HALL,

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low. In the presence of mutiny and delirium, she took his vacant post, preserved order, and carried her cargo safe to its destined port. Looking in the face of Mr. Greeley, she said, "Lo! my dear Horace, it is done: now say, what shall woman do next?" [Cheers.]

Mrs. CAROLINE H. DALL then dismissed the assembly.

NOTE.—The Publishing Committee do not willingly print the above report of one of the ablest and most eloquent speeches ever delivered in Boston. Mr. PHILLIPS never writes his speeches. He is now too far distant to be consulted. Two very young reporters — after a week's hard practice, and three hours' excessive heat — wrote these heads down, without the most distant idea of publication. All the Committee can do is to rejoice that the accident did not happen to a young speaker, but to one whose reputation is established, and whose immortality certain.

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