



Birmingham Sunday School Pamphlet, 1838

WHAT'S IT ABOUT?

This is the front cover of a pamphlet given to each Sunday School pupil in Birmingham who celebrated an event led by Joseph Sturge (1793-1859), on 1 August 1838. He led a march from Birmingham Town Hall to Heneage Street to lay the foundation stone of Birmingham's Emancipation School. The school celebrated the abolition of the apprenticeship system, which had replaced slavery in the Caribbean. About 3,500 children from the Baptist, Lancastrian and Infant schools in Birmingham sang hymns on the occasion. A copy of the Memorial pamphlet along with details of the meeting in the Town Hall and speeches made can be found in the minutes of the Birmingham Anti-Slavery Society for 1838 at Birmingham City Archives.

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