

Abolitionists of Ontario



Fugitives and Freeman

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WHAT COLORED MEN ARE DOING IN CANADA.

While a few disaffected individuals - among our colored brethren in one or two little county towns, self styled the colored people of Canada, are "fretting and fuming," the people - "the sure enough people," are busy at work honestly trying to support themselves by day labor, trades, - "turning a penny in trade," or farming. Our farmers are planting, clearing, tending crop, sympathizing with distress at home and praying for the slave in chains, and God's blessing upon the poor.

The Raleigh Plains are being settled by earnest men - industry keeps up a musical buzzing throughout the country and in town the working bees are preparing to store away. Men and women are gardening and planting who never dreamed of the necessity before, all seemingly

intent upon keeping out the unwelcome intrusions of two formidable enemies, a cold Winter and superannuated beggars.

Last Winter we were blest with "revivals" among black and white, which are good enough in their place, but very little if anything else, with no abatement of intolerance, ignorance, mendacity, nor any other of the evils that should, would and will flee when the right spirit is abroad - taking more forethought, already two new singing schools are open under Mr. Johnson and Mr. Day, and we may safely predict some stirring lectures and other literary efforts to alternate with the other winter meetings and thereby improve the head and heart as well as the heels of the community.

- MA. S. C.

"Self-reliance is the True Road to Independence"

Superannuated: obsolete, outdated, ineffective.

Mendeancy: the state of being a beggar, of asking for charity.

Mendacity: the state of being a liar, of habitually telling falsehoods.

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