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#### Our Colored Fellow-Traveler.

In the last number of THE LIBERAL we had the recollections of a colored person born in a free State. In this a sketch will be given of one whose birth occurred in a slave State, whose experience may remind some of our readers of incidents in Mrs. Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

American Negro slavery happily no longer exists, but the records of its "inhumanity to man" will echo down the ages to the end of time.

A number of years ago the writer on a visit to a relative in one of our northern townships, went by stage from the township of Osprey to the town of Collingwood. It was on a beautiful summer day. The road was splendid, and the stage, an open conveyance, was well filled with passengers. Among us was a well dressed, intellectual looking, white headed, colored man of pleasing manners, who entertained the company by his sage and oftentimes witty remarks.

To relieve the tedium of the journey one of the passengers suggested that he give us his history, to which he assented. On my arrival home I transmitted the narrative from memory to manuscript. Recently with other old papers I was about to consign it to the flames, but on second thought spared it for a little longer lease of life. It may help to fill a leisure moment. My only apology for offering it to THE LIBERAL is that of the amateur author, "It has not hitherto appeared in print."

The story will be given in our fellow-passengers' own words. An autobiography in four chapters.

"I was born in the State of Vermont. I did not know my parents. My earliest recollections are of a family of the name of Page, who took care of me and treated me kindly. My guardian was a rigid Presbyterian and was, I believe, a good man. When I could not go to church, Mr. Page's mother would take me into her room and teach me by word of mouth many things that are in the Bible, such as, who was the first man, who was the wisest man, giving me at the same time much good advice. A gentleman who lived near by also took much notice of me, and often invited me to his home, but the young ladies, his daughters, would not suffer me to come near the house, because I was not as white as they were.

"A man of the name of Gould, of York State, used to come occasionally on a visit to the Page family, and as it was my duty to wait on visitors, I was frequently with him, and little chats often took place between us. Gould frequently asked me if I would like to live with him. At first I refused, but by continued kindness and gifts of candies, oranges, etc., I began to listen to him, and finally consented to go. When we arrived at his place I found that it was a hotel. He used me very kindly for several days. Being of a good natured disposition, I generally contrived to please those on whom I waited, and grew rather fond of the landlord. One day, soon after I began to feel at home in my new quarters my old master came on a visit to Gould. He was not long there before I became the subject of their conversation. Gould asked Page if he would turn me over to him. Page said that he would do nothing without my consent. I was called in and on considerable coaxing on the part of Gould I was induced to agree to it. The writings were drawn up and signed. In other words, I was sold.

"From that day to me Gould was an entirely different man. He did not abuse me, but I had to put up with much hardships from my master's family. He set the example of ill-treatment and they followed it. This however did not last the whole time that I was at the hotel. A circumstance arose which lessened the rigor with which I was treated to some extent. Gould had several children, some very young and one grown up to manhood. He had also an adopted son called Lyman Holly who turned out a wild reckless young fellow. Sometime before I went to live at the hotel Lyman had become connected with a company of smugglers who carried on unlawful operations between the States and Canada a short time before the war of 1812. The authorities of the American government had determined to put a stop to the business. A party of the smugglers were discovered and hotly pursued. Among them was Lyman Holly. A toll-gate keeper seeing a number of men on horseback approaching rapidly and suspecting them to be outlaws in retreat shut the gate. The smugglers came on with a dash breaking open the gate. In the melee the gate keeper was shot and with his dying breath uttered the name of Lyman Holly. The murderer meantime escaped. Detectives were sent in all directions but the search was unsuccessful.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### Dominion Day at Home.

For a number of years past until this year Dominion Day had been remarkably quiet in Richmond Hill. There being no celebration here of any kind the citizens were free to visit neighboring towns and villages and go where their inclinations led them. This year, however, the lacrosse team were forced to play a scheduled match for the York District championship with the stars of St. Catharines on Dominion Day, and therefore many of our villages spent the day at home. The sports opened with a football match between The Langstaff Rangers and the home team. As the game was late in starting only half time was played, the Hill team winning by 2 goals to 0.

The lacrosse match which followed was one of the best ever witnessed here, and that is saying a great deal, as some of the finest teams in the province have crossed sticks with the home men. The teams lined up as follows:

St. Catharines—Goal, W. Watson; point, H. McNulty; cover point, W. Harding; defence field, W. Harris, F. Timmons, H. Ecclestone; centre, J. Cameron; home field, F. Bowman, F. Dixon, G. Lowe; outside home, G. Devlin; inside home, T. Crosby; field captain, J. Gates; umpire, A. Ecclestone; time-keeper, A. Ecclestone.

Richmond Hill—Goal, F. Sims; point, J. Glass; cover point, W. Glass; defence field, F. Grainger, G. Sims, A. G. Beck; centre, J. McKenzie; home field, W. Trench, H. McKenzie, A. Glass; outside home, J. Glover; inside home, W. Clifford; field captain, W. E. Wiley; umpire, M. Benson; time-keeper, W. Savage.

Mr. Baker of Toronto, refereed the match, and although he did not pretend to notice every call, he used good judgment, and when he blew the whistle the men knew he meant play to stop.

When the Stars came on the field, neatly dressed in green shirts and white pants, it was plainly seen they were much heavier than their opponents. They are a strong lot of young men, built just like lacrosse players should be, and when the game started it was at once seen that they did not deceive their looks. Our reporter not knowing their names cannot speak of individual play, suffice it to say they had no weak spots, they were good runners, and good catchers, and their combination play was almost perfect.

The home team did nobly, and their stock went up several notches during the progress of the match. F. Sims, J. Glass, W. Glass and F. Grainger made a strong defence, and kept on duty all the time. G. Sims and A. G. Beck tramped over every foot of their territory time and again, and finding their confines too small, occasionally ventured beyond their limits, the latter transgressing so far on one occasion as to shoot the rubber through the St. Kits' goal. The McKenzie brothers held their well-earned reputation for good play, Will Trench bagged every ball that came within a reasonable distance from him, and W. Clifford never disappointed his many admirers. Billy is a sure shot, and his opponents always realize danger as soon as the ball touches his stick. Albert Glass got a severe blow from an opponent's stick, but pluckily kept to his big check to the end of the match.

The visitors scored the 1st and 3rd games, the home players the 2nd and 4th, and the sides were even. The Hill took the 5th, St. Catharines the 6th, and then they were even again. The home team captured the 7th and 8th, The Stars the 9th and 10th, and again honors were even. After some very fast play on both sides, Glover scored in a neat shot, making one up for Richmond Hill, and leaving three minutes to play. The balance of the time was spent in passing the sphere up and down the slope in quick order. The visitors were bound to even up, but the home boys seemed equally anxious to leave well enough alone. When the whistle blew to quit, the opposing sides gave the usual friendly cheers, and retired, each player doubtless feeling that he knew his opponent much better than when the match started two hours before.

### Maple

A large number of the congregation of the Methodist Church met at the parsonage Wednesday night of last week and presented Rev. J. W. and Mrs. Stewart with a handsome banquet lamp and stand, and the following address:

TO REV. J. W. AND MRS. STEWART:—  
As the time draws near when, in the order of Providence, and by the turning of the itinerant wheel, we are to separate, we feel bound to take the opportunity of expressing our joy and sorrow as those feelings now mingle. Joy for the pleasure which we have had in our associations with you, and

at the thought of your advancement in our church's work. If you, sir, are not going to the Metropolitan, you are going towards it. Sorrow, because we feel that though we have other good men in our beloved Methodism, yet it is hard to find those who can so readily adapt themselves at so many points to our many-sided experiences in the church and home as you both have done.

We have found you to be a tower of strength in all departments of our work. To the aged you have ministered with peculiar success, bringing comfort and consolation into lives who will remember you to the end. To the vigorous and energetic you have shown yourself to be a master in handling all affairs coming under your care so as to develop manhood and womanhood, not condoning any kind of wrong, but encouraging the faint-hearted so as to leave an impression which will be lasting. Our young people have appreciated a sympathy which will long influence their lives, for your loving words, gentle leading and Christ-like example have been an inspiration.

As a preacher, it will always be a record that strength, and eloquence of utterance, purity of style and doctrine, as well as richness of piety, have ever marked your deliverances. As a pastor you have given the circuit your best attention, resulting in a consolidation of our work. Often as it has been repeated, what comfort you have brought into homes where sorrow, sickness and bereavement have been found. In the Leagues, and in the musical part of our circuit's work your consecrated talent has born fruit.

In most of these points, Mrs. Stewart, you have been of equal benefit to our work, but we must specially mention how much we have appreciated your deep interest in our League, and the great advantage it has been to have your advice and practical help in our W. M. S. work. We shall miss your happy smile and kindly voice, but your place in our hearts shall remain the same.

We regret to have to part, but since it is needful in our work, we rejoice that another field is to be favored, whilst we sorrow. Let us assure you that we shall ever be delighted to hear, as we are sure we shall, of your continued prosperity, and shall be glad to welcome you at any time into our midst.

We have met this evening that we may attempt to express our appreciation of you both, and your highly-esteemed family, and to bid you God-speed. Accept these few expressions, and this table and lamp, not as fully outlining our feelings, but as indicating the existence of thoughts, which are too sacred to be expressed in language.

Signed on behalf of your many friends,

Thos. McCormack, Pres. E.L. of C.E.; J. Craddock, Supt. S.S.; H. C. Bailey, Sec'y-Treas. Trustee Board; Mrs. Craddock, Treas. W. M. S.; Mrs. Creaser, Sec'y W. M. S.; Jas. Oliver, T. A. Cousins, Thos. Oliver, Trustees; John Coombs, Rep. Quarterly Board; Leeds Richardson, Rec. Steward.

Mr. Stewart made a suitable reply, and the evening was spent pleasantly. Lunch was served on the lawn. The garden party held on the lawn of Mr. H. Jackson on Monday, was quite as successful as in former years. The proceeds from the sale of tickets and from the tent amounted to about \$220. The programme consisted of addresses by Rev. J. W. Stewart, Rev. S. L. W. Harton and J. W. St. John, ex-M.P.P.; solos by Mr. and Mrs. Fry, Sherwood; Miss Edith Keffer and Miss Gertie Stewart, Maple; and choruses by the Hope Male Chorus Club. In spite of other attractions a very large crowd was present, and enjoyed the strawberries and other delicacies.

### Concord.

Report of Concord Public School for the month of June. The following scholars are promoted to the classes mentioned:—

To Senior IV.—Elmore Reaman, G. Miles, Lizzie Cooper, Alonza Watson.

To Senior III.—Lizzie Mulock, Norma Fisher.

To Junior III.—Jessie Farrell.

To Senior II.—Beatrice Reaman, R. Charlton.

To Junior II.—Lena Vanderburgh, Albert Bowes, Jesse Bowes.

To Part II.—Ella Reaman, Ross Fisher, Chas. Bowes.

Aggregate attendance for month, 643. Highest daily attendance, 41.

E. J. A. JOHNSTON, Teacher.

### News Notes.

James Dillery, an old resident of Black Creek, York Township, near Toronto Junction, was killed in a runaway accident on Saturday.

A terrible fire occurred near New York Saturday afternoon, which destroyed the North German, Lloyd steamships Saale, Bremen and Main, and damaged the Kaiser Wilhelm, causing a loss of \$10,000,000, and probably 200 lives.