

and child having effected their escape to Canada, from Louisville, he attempted on two occasions to follow them; each time he was captured, cruelly beaten and resold. The last time he fell into the hands of a merciful owner, who gave him permission to labour with the option of purchasing his freedom. So faithfully did he serve this last master that, at his urgent request and with no security but his own word, he granted him permission to visit his wife and children in Canada. He has been twice in London (Canada), and, although liberty is sweet, he resisted all the entreaties of his wife and friends to remain, saying, he could not break his promise to his master, that he would rather die in slavery than do so, that he would never leave him until he had worked out the sum agreed upon for his freedom. It has pleased the Lord to prosper his honest efforts, he has been enabled to pay the last instalment, and with the possession of a conscious integrity he has returned last week to live in the enjoyment of a happy freedom with his wife and child.

EXPRESSION OF A POOR FUGITIVE ON GAINING FREEDOM.—I cannot refrain from mentioning an expression made use of lately by a poor fugitive who had succeeded in reaching Canada after great sufferings. "Sir," said he, stamping his foot, "when I put my foot on the free British soil, the oil of gladness entered my heel, and flowed all over my soul and body."

These few interesting cases exhibit in their general features the histories of the greater portion of the fugitives and their children in London, or that are attending our schools. When we arrived here last November, there were but eight hundred colored persons in London, they now number more than two thousand, and are daily on the increase. Between three and four hundred of this number are now under our immediate instruction, either in the day, night, or Sunday schools, or Cottage Lectures delivered by Mr. Hurst or myself. I feel often melted to tears at the conversation that generally takes place after the cottage lectures. The poor fugitive will tell of his cruel sufferings, his hairbreadth escapes in reaching Canada. While they give glory to God for His goodness towards themselves, the sufferings of those they have left behind seem to be more embittered from God's mercy towards them. Then our white brethren, especially the English portion of them, love to speak of the ministry they sat under in England, how they now appreciate those blessings which in the old country they lightly esteemed. What a glorious testimony to the evangelical preaching of God's word. The seed sown has not been in vain, but is now bringing forth fruit to the praise and glory of God. I have a precious instance of this in W. W.— and his wife, who were members of good Mr. Hambleton's congregation. It may be pleasing to him to know that his ministry has been blessed to their souls, but they have proved a blessing to me also, in the aid which they afford in the Sunday school, and in their labours from house to house among their countrymen.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.—Colonel Tulloch, Military Superintendent in Upper Canada, has just arrived in London. I waited upon him, and asked for the use of the late Artillery Barracks, now