

the Churches in various directions, and in too many instances were successful in dividing the Church, and of creating discord and unhappiness where all should have been peace and brotherly love.

On the 29th of November I passed through London, on my way to the city of Hamilton. Here I found Rev. N. C. W. Cannon, Minister of the A.M.E. Church, who had charge of the Toronto and Hamilton Circuits. He was laboring, with the greatest assiduity, in conjunction with Rev. J. Taylor, to heal the differences which existed among our people, and to disseminate the pure Gospel of Christ. I remained in London about a week, and from thence proceeded to Hamilton, where I staid several weeks. The Church in this place was in a more healthy condition, and I had the pleasure of enjoying many precious seasons with the brethren. Rev. Mr. Cannon was the officiating Minister. In this city I spent the first Christmas and New Year's I ever enjoyed in a free country and as a free man. It was indeed a merry Christmas and a happy New Year's to me. Here I could be called and esteemed as a man among men, in a free and christian land—

Where the lion shakes his paw,  
And where the eagle has no claw.

Here I could assemble with my brethren under our own vine and fig-tree, and commemorate the birth of our common Redeemer and the return of the New Year—none daring to molest or make us afraid. Here we could mingle our voices together in prayer and praise, around our domestic hearthstones, listen to the prattling voices of the little ones, gather around our own tables, and bow our knees around the family altar, with no fear