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### CHAPTER III.

In the years 1794 and 1795, Rev. James Coleman; in 1796 and 1797, Rev. Hezekiah C. Wooster; in 1798, Rev. Samuel Coate; in 1799, Rev. Darius Dunham, were stationed on this field of extensive labor and travel. The author of these pages has secured from an authoritative source that Elder Dunham was a tall, dark-complexioned man, with long, black hair, that hung down in curls upon his shoulders, sweet musical voice, an eye of wonderful magnetic power. Obeying the command of God, that it was not good for man to be alone, his eye became fascinated and his heart burned within him towards the beautiful and lovely Blanche, a handsome young lady, the only daughter of Colonel Pemberton, who came to Canada after the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. He with others were exchanged as prisoners of war for some leading insurgents who were confined in the prison at Halifax. Visiting the Heck Settlement in Augusta Township, it was here in his travels the above gentleman became acquainted with the loveliness of character and person of this fair young lady. Her mother consented to their union, but her father gave a positive refusal to the heart or hand of his daughter. But love laughs at locks and threats. He wrote a letter to her, asking if her love to him was greater towards him than towards her father's command. In answer to this letter, written to her after the wrathful and insulting interview with her father, the letter he received was a small package, brought to his boarding-house by a carrier. On opening it, to his surprise was a beautifully bound Bible in purple, with gold clasps. His heart bounded with devout gratitude to God when he opened those hallowed pages of eternal life, and leafing them over, his eye caught sight of a pencil mark in the Book of Ruth, with the initials B. P. opposite where you can read, (Ruth, chap. 1, verse 16), as he did, those sublime

