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EDITORIAL

The condition of the colored people who came to Canada from the slave plantations of the South before emancipation was always a subject of interest to American and English abolitionists and there are quite a number of separate accounts of these people as they were seen by visitors from these countries. Joseph Morris an Ohio Quaker, was one such visitor and his report on the Negroes in Canada which appeared in "The Friend" published at Philadelphia, in its December 1860 number has probably never before been reprinted. It will be noted that Mr. Morris made his visit to this country just on the eve of the Civil War which was to bring freedom to the millions of people in bondage in the South. His report as published in The Friend is as follows:

"The conditions and prospects of the colored people in Canada—many of whom have escaped from slavery in the United States—are doubtless, interesting to many of our readers. A visit was recently paid to three of the settlements by our friend Joseph Morris of Ohio who has furnished us with some notes of his observations. His first call was at Chatham on the River Thames, a flourishing town of about 6000 inhabitants and the seat of justice for Kent county. The colored people form about one third of the population and their mercantile establishments, farms, houses and other improvements compare favorably with those of their white neighbors. J. M. visited many of them at their own homes and distributed among them a large number of tracts which were kindly received and they appeared very fully to appreciate his motives. He was taken, at his request, to the houses of the most indigent among them, but saw no cases of extreme destitution and none equal to what could be found in our towns.

The next place visited was Buxton, known as the Elgin Association. This is under the care of Directors who make a report annually. William King, a Presbyterian minister, and his wife reside on the premises and have the immediate oversight and direction of the little colony. The impression made upon J.M.'s mind by his examination into the state of the colored people in this settlement appears to have been very agreeable and encouraging. He never saw any people more willing to rely on their own resources. In common with the inhabitants of many other newly settled districts in the Northwest and West, they experienced difficulties in recent seasons from the failure of the crops, but these have been surmounted and their toil has been again ab-

undantly rewarded.

The last settlement visited by our friend was Shrewsbury, on Lake Erie north of Cleveland. This is quite new, the people are of course poor, and it is difficult to procure land. J. M. visited some of them in their homes, and gave them tracts, and it was heart-touching to witness their emotion of gratitude on learning his object in visiting them. They had generally taken care to furnish themselves with the Holy Scriptures, but there were a few cases of destitution which will be supplied. J. M. encouraged the spirit of independence which they manifested in respect to obtaining the means of living and educating their children. He thinks the unrestricted enjoyment of the privileges of citizenship largely promotes their improvement.

From this point Joseph Morris returned home, gratified with the results of his investigations; and having some reliable accounts of the satisfactory conditions of the other settlements."

CROONING OUR BLESSINGS

We love to listen, while in bed,
To greatly needed rain,
As down it patters on the roof,
Or 'gainst the window pane.
We gladly greet the lightning's flash
Likewise the thunder's roar,
If, when the earth is parched and dry,
The rainfalls downward pour.

We do not murmur and complain,
Nor heave a heavy sigh,
If, by the clouds, both moon and stars
Are hidden in the sky;
We count the blessings that are brought—
We croon them o'er and o'er
When darkness wraps the earth at night
And rainfalls downward pour.

We do not wish the rain would cease
And brightness deck the sky,
Until sufficient has been sent
To soil that's scorched and dry;
But, as we listen and we think,
We're grateful more and more,
That, while we're cuddled in our beds,
The rainfalls downward pour.

Then, why should we so fretful be
When clouds o'erhang our path?
These have been sent that there may come
A blessed aftermath.
When we can count the gifts bestowed,
And croon them o'er and o'er,
Much as we do, with grateful hearts,
When rainfalls downward pour.

—MACK

PROHIBITION.

(By S. E. G. Allen)
God calls each one of us to work for Him
And through this work He would redeem,
From evils that like some grim monsters seem.
Every observant eye must surely see
That from this evil "drink" we should be free,
Through "Prohibition" only can this be.

The Christian public would do

something grand,
But they must learn to take a firmer stand.

With prohibition they could sweep the land,
And many noble souls are working now

With this one end in view their solemn vow,
And may high heaven with them success endow.

And God bless every effort that is made
No better work than one united raid,
On all drink places, high or low the grade,
Oh how much better this great world would be,
If from this bitter evil it were free
And Christ Himself would surely happier be.

LONDON NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cromwell and daughter Gwen Knox spent the holiday in Toronto.

Mrs. Brooks had a severe attack of indigestion but is able to be about again.

Mrs. Albert Smith is visiting in the city, the guest of her sister Mrs. Jones of Philip Street.

Miss Beryl Johnson has been the guest of Miss Rith Warrington during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown of Detroit, Mich, nieces of Mrs. Groat, Trafalgar St., were her guests over the week end.

Mrs. Ross of Detroit and Mrs. Bennett of Ipsylanti spent a few days in the city the guests of Mrs. Minnie Harris, Maitland St.

Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter and Mrs. Mary Coursey motored to Chatham and Buxton to the home-coming from there they will motor to Battle Creek to visit friends and relatives for a few days.

The Brantford B.M.E. Church will hold their annual tag day Sept. 19. We wish them the greatest of success.

The Bell Boys of Hotel London visited in Buxton during the Home Coming.

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