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free soil, and under the influence of our free institutions, the fact that the colored race possess capabilities equal to those of the white man, is being clearly developed.

There is a vast difference between the condition of the colored man in Canada and in the United States. In the former he enjoys all the rights of citizenship, and is respected just in proportion to the amount of intelligence and moral worth he may possess. In the latter, according to a late decision of the Supreme Court, even the free colored man, no matter what may be his intelligence, what his attainments in science and literature, or what his moral worth, he cannot be a citizen, and indeed he has "no rights which white men are bound to respect." In the United States there is an inveterate prejudice against the colored race, which must forever keep them down. But in Canada no such prejudice exists; here the colored man can rise to that position in society to which his talents and moral worth entitle him.

But why should the colored man be robbed of all his rights and privileges as a man, and be degraded to level with the brute creation? Did not the same God who made the white man make the colored man also? Has he not endowed him with a rational soul, and made him responsible for his moral conduct? Has the color of his skin anything to do with his manhood, his accountability to God as a free