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SCRAPS OF METHODIST HISTORY.

The following was prepared some months ago in continuation of a series of articles which appeared in the *Christian Guardian*; but for the sake of the permanency of the form of the *Repository*, the writer thought best to have it appear in its pages.

• PETER BOWSLAUGH.—ANCASTER CIRCUIT.

Much service was rendered the Church during the period of which we write by Local Preachers; the visits of itinerants being only fortnightly or monthly, some of them had been for a short time in the itinerant ranks; others of them had not occupied that position. On the old Ancaster Circuit were Peter Bowslaugh and John Cline, who were brothers-in-law. They came from the United States to Canada in 1800, and settled in the Township of Grimsby; they were of Dutch descent, spoke and preached in Dutch, and though they also preached in English, yet were never proficient in our language. Peter was a large, strong, lively man, jocular and humorous; John was smaller in stature, staid and solemn. The former died about twenty years ago at an advanced age, the latter lingered on earth until 1854, and died in the Township of Nelson, lacking only a few months of 100 years of age. They were in latter life in good worldly circumstances, and having large, and industrious families, had much leisure,