ANDREW KEMP

Recollections of a Boy of 1812.

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Andrew Kemp, the son of U. E. Loyalist parents, was born in Niagara in 1800. His father, David Kemp, was a native of New Jersey, and arriving in Canada in 1793, married in 1796, Rebecca Ransier. His wife's people belonged to New York, and had suffered much at the hands af the Revolutionists; Rebecca herself owned a farm which was confiscated with other property of the family. The name of Ransier—or Ransler (properly speaking it is Rensaelaer) is to be seen in the muster rolls of Butler's Rangers, and also in the U. E. List, as that of a member of the celebrated corps.

David Kemp's father and mother were from Scotland, they came from Aberdeen about the middle of the eighteenth century and settled in New Jersey. David (born in 1769) was the second of their three sons, and there were several girls in the family besides.

David and his younger brother were too youthful to bear arms in the Revolutionary struggle, but their father and elder brother were active adherents of the loyalist side. At the Kemps' home, friends of the cause were ever welcome, and in various ways they earned the hatred of their rebel neighbors. The youngest boy, who was a baby when General Burgoyne took command in Canada, was christened "Burgoyne" in honor of that officer, from whom the loyalists expected such great achievements. When the child could just speak plainly he happened one day to be standing in the road near his mother's house, two men, evidently wayfarers approached and one of them asked the little fellow his name, "Burgoyne Kemp" was the reply. The questioner turned to his companion with a laugh, "I think" said he "that we are all right and need not inquire further," and then told the youngster to show them where he lived. They proved to be British agents in search of information or recruits, and being anxious to find a resting place among friends, they rightly took the boy's name to be a sufficient guarantee for the loyalty of his people. But the Kemps' callers were not all of this description; ba-