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OLD MASTERS AND SLAVES.

No one who has owned slaves in the Southern States can fail to recall numberless instances of devoted self-sacrifice and most tender affection between those put so far apart in station or fortune. It grew up between the nurse and the child, between the boy and his sable playmate, between the young man and his companion in field sports, extended in this relation to the field of arms, where many an old slave or many a humble companion followed his young master to the war, to wait on him, to nurse him, in wounds or sickness, and to forget everything else except the self imposed charge of affectionate fidelity. So strong and so many were these ties that they at once relieve slavery from its curse; for the curse falls on inhumanity, and inhumanity is incompatible with attached affection. And such affection was not the unreasoning implicit fondness of the dog or the horse; it beat in a human heart, sensible it may be to humiliation, but warmed with a divine tenderness that animated an innate nobility of character. We remember reading in a copy of the Century a fiction, founded on realities, where an old negro woman, once a slave, afterwards a prosperous free woman, came to the rescue of "King Solomon, of Kentucky," who had fallen into degradation, and was put on the auction block, and sold as a vagrant. She bought him, and tenderly provided for him, because he had been the playmate of her young master, who died on his journey from Virginia to the new home in Kentucky, to which his parents were removing. The writer asks: "What historian of the heart will ever be able to do justice to those peculiar ties which bound the heart of the negro in years gone by to a race of not always worthy masters?" The masters may not have been always or altogether worthy except in their relation to those whose affections they won and held, but the great number of such invested an otherwise harsh and detested institution with much more of human amiability than always attaches to the interchange of men in the state of freedom and equality.

The Elizabeth City Economist gives another illustration not from fiction, but from fact, of a slave who went with his young master to California in the early days of the gold fever. His companion, worked with him, prospered with him, and when the master died, as he did from overwork, regardless that he was a free man in a free country, and the lawful successor to their joint earnings, gathered up the gold which they had collected, and returned with it to his old master in Georgia, and mingled his tears with theirs as he told over the story of the sad bereavement. The story of the old slave of the father of the young man Cross, lately put to work for a term of years on the public road as a punishment for crime, is still fresh. The old slave, free now for twenty-five years, freely and urgently offered to take upon himself the sufferings of one he had loved from infancy. Surely no such vicarious sacrifice could be made if slavery had been all so hard, cruel and repulsive as pictured by those who so represented and so succeeding in overthrowing it to give place to another form of slavery in which the amiability and unselfishness of negro nature no longer have a field for play.

The letter of a committee of Northern Methodists of Ohio to Gov. Fowler in behalf of the preacher Joiner proceeds upon the wrong methods usually adopted by fanatics. They complain of redress denied, when no proper steps have been taken to obtain redress; they demand the condign punishment of the guilty when no guilty man has been pointed out. More than this, they go on to humiliate the negro, as they always do, by assuming that he has no courage, no will, no self respect, either always intimidated by the Southern whites, always covering under the Northern wing for help or protection. Joiner returned to North Carolina, having been assigned by the Northern Methodist church to the charge of a negro church at Oberlin, near Raleigh. The congregation would have none of him, and he left after a week's stay. This movement is ascribed by the

afforded committee to "cowardly intimidation of cringing negroes." To this charge Governor Fowler makes this pointed answer:

In regard to the negroes in church meeting in Oberlin, who requested Mr. Joiner to depart from their midst, if you think that congregation was composed of "cringing negroes," who had been "intimidated by cowards," you are evincing a degree of credulity that is without parallel, even amongst our negro population.

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They will meet here. ONE OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE Y. M. C. A. Two of the Official Heads Already in the City—What They Have to Say—The Progress of the Work Both North and South.

Messrs. C. K. Ober and John R. Mott, the two international college secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association are in the city.

They are both young men, Mr. Ober having graduated from Williams College, Mass., class of 1883, and Mr. Mott from Cornell University in 1888. Mr. Ober has just completed a tour among the principal colleges of the South, and Mr. Mott has been on a similar tour in New England, the Middle States and the West. They meet here to make arrangements and map out programs for the three inter-State conferences which will be held in April. One of these conferences will be held in Asheville and will consist of delegates from all the Southern States, one at Chicago for all the Western States for the East.

These meetings will be attended by picked men from some of the colleges in the different States, and are for the purpose of training the men to do part of the work which now devolves upon the two secretaries. Lectures will be delivered and the delegates will have readings referred to them from which to get a clear idea of the work. They are then expected to devote a part of the time during the coming year to visiting the colleges in their States and organizing branches of the association. This will be a great aid in the work, for as it is now, it takes the secretaries about three years to visit all of the colleges in their charge, and this will render it possible for every college in America to be visited at least once a year.

The Asheville meeting will be held April 3-6 inclusive, and there will be three sessions a day, at morning, afternoon and night. The sessions will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. It is also possible that one public meeting will be held in order that everyone who wishes may obtain a better knowledge of the character of the work that is being carried on among the colleges of the country.

There are 305 colleges in the United States and Canada which have branches of the Y. M. C. A., and between 800 and 1,000 which have none at all.

The work is most encouraging among the large colleges of the North, and a great deal of interest is manifested in the summer conferences of college students which are held at Northfield, Mass., every year. Last summer there were 430 men in attendance, representing 126 colleges. There were fourteen delegates from the colleges of England and Great Britain, who came over expressly for that purpose. Next summer there will be three of these conferences: One at Northfield, one at Chautauqua, N. Y., and one at Lake Geneva, Wis.

There is a great demand for such a meeting in the South, and it is very probable that one will be inaugurated.

The secretaries have to travel about 30,000 miles each per annum, and it takes \$9,000 to bear their expenses, pay their salaries, and provide a man for office work in New York City.

AN ELECTRIFIED TREE. Wilmington Excited Over the Actions of an Aged Maple. The residents of the vicinity of Tenth and Shipley streets are agitated over the peculiar actions of an aged maple tree which stands on Tenth street. Small boys approach this tree with mingled awe and fear. The colored people in the vicinity are thoroughly alarmed, and look upon the staid old maple with superstitious eyes. They declare that the tree is "conjured," and they warn all persons to keep away from it.

The first man who discovered that this tree was acting strangely was Thomas H. Crissman, a level-headed young butcher, who holds forth in the Second street market. One night last week as Crissman was walking out Tenth street he chanced to stop in front of the tree to engage in some conversation with a friend.

While talking and leaning against the trunk, and was surprised to feel a tingling sensation all through his back. He became alarmed, and thought he had received a stroke of paralysis. As he turned around and glanced upward he saw numerous bright lights flickering all through the branches of the tree. This strange phenomenon caused him to conclude that he was being visited by some evil spirit.

He notified Mr. Kelly that something was the matter with the tree, and Kelly investigated the matter. As he placed his hands upon the tree he felt a sharp sensation all through his body. He immediately concluded that the tree was a very unpleasant neighbor, and it was immediately noised through the neighborhood.

Deputy Coroner Burnhill visited the tree last evening for the purpose of holding an inquest on its dead branches. As he touched the body of the tree his hand was so shocked that he concluded the tree was possessed by a demon. Capt. E. L. Rice, jr., of Troop B last evening gave the tree a military investigation, and he claims that it is charged with electricity. City Solicitor Turner daily plectrics the tree, but says he is not alarmed and fears no evil from it.

Through the branches of the tree and touching some of them are fifteen insulated electric light wires. The insulators had probably become saturated with water, and the tree being also wet, the electricity has been carried down the tree by the water into the ground. As work as the tree dries the wood will become a non-conductor again.

The current which passes down the tree is of course not enough to injure a person, as the current from the wires themselves would not do that. The continuous wet weather has saturated the tree, otherwise the shocks would not have occurred.

Death of Mrs. Havener.

Mrs. R. H. Havener died at her home on Cherry street last night of pneumonia. She leaves a husband and three children.

THE OLD NORTH STATE.

The Kingston Free Press has begun its ninth year. Winston claims it will soon have a \$100,000 hotel. Cleland & Brooks, Salem merchants, have assigned.

The contract for the erection of a Catholic church in Winston has been awarded. There were fifty-one car loads of freight handled at the depot at High Point one day last week.

A year ago at this time Raleigh had received 9,000 bales more of cotton than it now has to its credit. A new Baptist church thirty by fifty feet and sixteen feet from floor to ceiling has been built in Briartown.

Goldboro will erect a monument to the late W. F. Dortch, a prominent citizen of that place, who recently died. A bulletin of the State Board of Health for February shows the grip to have held away in every county in the State.

Last Saturday night thieves broke into Tomlinson & Co.'s store at Archdale and stole about \$40 in money and a lot of goods. W. M. Moore, of Davidson county, has a chicken with four legs and three wings. It was hatched on his farm and lived a week. The chicken is now preserved in alcohol.

Capt. C. F. Harrison, of Charlotte, died suddenly Monday morning. He was a well known auctioneer, had been chief of police, city tax collector, chief of the fire department and was a genial and popular gentleman. While a freight train was shifting at Thomasville one of the brakemen, a white man, was caught between two cars and had a leg crushed. The wound is a severe one and the patient is now at Thomasville under treatment.

The Eastern section of the Eastern Association will hold its next session with the church at Emmons Chapel, Onslow county, beginning on the 28th inst. Rev. C. E. Gosser to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. G. S. Best, alternate.

A large syndicate, of which Congressman Carleton, of Georgia, is president, has invested extensively in cypress lands along the Congaree, Peece and other Carolina streams, and will cut out timber and make it into lumber on an extensive scale.

The gold mine owners of Cabarrus county pay their laborers with half of the find rather than by the day. An old negro recently found a nugget worth \$800, and up the hour of going to press he has not been heard to kick on the way he is paid.

Capt. S. P. Kneeland, civil engineer, assisted by Mr. H. McNamara,