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THE SLAVE IN CANADA.

Rev. T. Watson Smith, author of "The History of Methodism in Eastern British America," observes in the preface to his paper on "The Slave in Canada" that some of the best-informed provincialists were sceptical as to the presence at any time of negro slaves on the soil of Canada.

Mr. Smith entered upon the investigation of this question two or three years ago, or perhaps longer, and in March, 1898, read a paper on the subject before the Nova Scotia Historical Society. This paper, expanded into a volume of 161 pages, has been issued as volume 10 of the society's transactions.

Mr. Smith shows that slaves were brought into Nova Scotia at an early period after permanent British occupation. It was a well-established institution when Malachuk, a prominent Halifax merchant, writing in 1793 to his wife, then visiting Boston, gives a had account of the boy Jack, on whose person he was obliged to exercise the cat of stick almost every day.

change them, except for such offences as will render them unfit to be kept in the family. This was so late as 1801.

At the close of the war of independence many slaves who escaped from their masters were given homes in Nova Scotia, but the loyalists who were slave owners brought with them their "servants," as they preferred to call them. With Captain Andrew Barclay's company came 67 servants, of whom 38 belonged to four families.

Dr. Smith traces his inquiry into Ontario, and finds that the loyalists in that province were also well provided with bond men and bond women. He also gives some interesting facts relating to slavery on Prince Edward Island.

It is not easy to fix the date when slavery became practically extinct in British America. The practice seems to have gradually fallen into disuse. In 1798 St. John Wentworth wrote to the Duke of Portland that slavery was prohibited in Nova Scotia.

It does not appear from the information that Dr. Smith is able to gather that the slaves in Eastern Canada were generally or even frequently ill-treated. There is a tradition that a negro was killed in Windsor by a blow from his master, and it is related that a Truro merchant bore a hot through the ear of a slave who had escaped, and led him home behind his horse.

Canada. It is sufficient to say here that the case of the two slaves, one of whom was named "Tom," two challenges to duels grew out of the affair. Similar cases afterward arose in Nova Scotia, which went off on side issues, and it is believed that down to the time of the general emancipation in 1834, the question of the legality of slave holding was never squarely decided either in Nova Scotia or New Brunswick.

THE CARNAVAL IN ONTARIO.

Blowhere will be found a specimen fragment of the evidence in the Waterloo election case. In the Waterloo election case, in the Waterloo election case, in the Waterloo election case.

Concerning the Ontario election, the Globe of this city writes: "The Ontario political situation does not improve, and there is a strong current of conservative opinion in the province."

When the Globe says that the people of Ontario "deal with local issues on their merits as they do the larger issues of the Dominion," it may mean something. But on what merits do the coerced saloon-keepers and the purchased voters treat their government?

Rev. Mr. Dickey, who is said to have been the first missionary to visit the Klondike, was lately in Toronto on his way to Belfast, Mr. Dickey preached last Sunday, and after service was met by a representative of the Mall and Empire, when the following dialogue occurred:

DEWEY AND OTIS.

This is a great week in New York. City and harbor are turning out to glorify the admiral who destroyed the Spanish ships at Manila. The arch which commemorates Dewey's bloodless victory has already cost the lives of four of the men who built it, providing that it was more dangerous to build the arch than to earn it.

It is no disparagement to Dewey to point out that he could not help winning this fight if he fought at all. There is perhaps no reason to believe that any other officer would have done the work better. Dewey did well what he had to do, but as yet he has had no serious task. The glory that is offered him has been cheaply earned in that long picnic from which the admiral has returned to find himself famous.

General Otis has a real task before him. He seems to be doing all that is possible to accomplish it. But because he has not yet been able to subdue these millions of people, fighting for their freedom on their own soil, he is derided and discredited, and will probably be recalled by reason of the clamor of the same giddy mob which is going crazy over the cheap victory of Admiral Dewey.

THE IMPENDING WAR.

Events are hastening on toward war in South Africa. The movement of British troops to the Cape has been expedited, and all signs indicate that Great Britain expects to fight. Mr. Balfour, perhaps the least sensational member of Salisbury's cabinet and the one who probably ranks third in influence, spoke yesterday in a tone which leaves little reason to suppose that he sees an escape from war.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

LESSON II.—OCTOBER 8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If God be for us, who can be against us?—Rom. 8: 31.

THE SECTION.

Includes the first three chapters of Esther.

PLACE IN BIBLE HISTORY.

The story of Esther belongs in the fifty-eight years' interval between the sixth and seventh chapters of Ezra. It was after the dedication of the second temple, B. C. 458, and before Ezra came to Judea, B. C. 458.

HISTORICAL SETTING.

Time.—The time of the story was somewhere about the middle of Xerxes' reign, 486-465, sixty-two years after the first return, forty-two after the completion of the temple, and sixteen before Ezra went up to Jerusalem.

HAMAN'S PLOT AGAINST THE JEWS.—Esther 3: 1-11.

Read chapters 1-3. Commit verses 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.

QUESTIONS.

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SURPRISE SOAP. Lasts long—lathers freely—a pure hard soap—low in price—highest in quality.

FOUND DROWNED.

Mrs. Thomas Manning, Kates Her Life While Temporarily Insane.

Mrs. Thomas Manning, about fifty years of age, ended her earthly existence Wednesday morning by drowning herself in the waters of Lily Lake, the result of a periodical attack of insanity.

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The water was scarcely more than three feet deep where it was found. Mrs. Manning was seen by one of her neighbors, who once before Mrs. Manning had strayed away and had been found after a day's absence sitting on a rock, with half her body in the water.

So the searchers went to the direction of that direction and were joined by several neighbors. They spread out and inspected the shore of the lake, and were not compelled to search long in vain.

Miss Mary Manning found a child's hat on the shore of the lake, near the water's edge. She was wearing a blue dress and a white apron. She was seen by one of her neighbors, who once before Mrs. Manning had strayed away and had been found after a day's absence sitting on a rock, with half her body in the water.

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