

THE ORIGINAL UNCLE TOM.

Colored Man Who Claims to Have Given Mrs. Stowe Her Facts.

The original Uncle Tom—so he claims—in Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's thrilling story, addressed the Cambridge Afro-American League in the St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, corner of Hastings and Portland streets, last evening.

His name is George Lewis Clarke, and he claims to be the man who told Mrs. Stowe the facts which she wove into such a soul-stirring narrative. Tois patriarch's brother, Mr. J. Milton Clarke, who had been with him in slavery and had had many rough experiences in those dark days, also spoke.

The first named gentleman asserts that he was the first fugitive slave to come North and speak against slavery. He related how it all happened in a most entertaining manner.

It was, he said, in August, 1841, that he was a slave in Virginia. After a time he was sold in the Sanford courtyard and carried into Lexington, Ky. He was determined to be a free man. His opportunity came at last, and he made his escape, coming to Massachusetts, where he met Mrs. Stowe and furnished her with the data for "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

Mr. Clarke gave many interesting reminiscences of the great champions of freedom whom he had met. He concluded by calling the attention of his hearers to the great change that had taken place among the colored people in this country, and urged them to improve the great opportunities by which they are surrounded.