

THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF THE CHARACTERS OF "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."—A Tribune correspondent has found Lewis Clarke, the original "George Harris" of Mrs. Stowe's great work, taking numberless prizes for his agricultural products at a fair in Windsor, Canada. After his escape from slavery, he was for some years one of the anti-slavery speakers on northern platforms, and afterwards engaged in colonizing Essex County in New York with John Brown. Then in 1859 he established a refuge for slaves at East Sandwich, Canada, but it was a labor of love that nearly bankrupted him. He now, however, owns a farm of 52 acres, and glories in the release of the negro from bondage and of his country from slavery. He is an octoroon, so white and fair that when he escaped from Kentucky he traveled as a "southern gentleman," successfully counterfeiting the planter's airs and manners. Mrs. Stowe's acquaintance with him sprang from his residence in 1845-50 with A. H. Safford of Cambridgeport, whose wife was a stepdaughter of Lyman Beecher's and with whom Mrs. Stowe made her home during anniversary week. The Uncle Tom of the story was a compound of two characters, Josiah Henson and Samuel Peter. Henson gave to the character its patience and sublime Christian resignation and Peter pieced it out with martyrdom. Henson, though nearly 100 years old, is still preaching at Dawn, Canada, but Peter a strictly pious and faithful negro was hung up and whipped till his back was torn to pieces. As he was dying, he uttered the words recorded by Mrs. Stowe: "Tell massa he has killed me at last for nothing; but if God will forgive him, I will." Emmeline, the beautiful octoroon whom Legree demanded for his own lust, was a sister of Clarke's, and, as a punishment for her chastity was sold and driven to New Orleans. There a Mexican purchased her and took her to his native country as his wife. He died soon after and left her a large property, which she endeavored to will to her slave relatives, but as slaves could not receive property, it went into the treasury of Louisiana.