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From the Western Christian Advocate.

A Colored Man's History.

Mr. Editor.—A few days since an aged colored man, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church, called to see me.—Having listened with interest to some facts which related in class-meetings and love-feasts, I felt desirous of having his story from himself. Accordingly I made the request, and he, becoming interested in his own story, related it with the feeling and effect peculiar to the simplicity of the "child of nature." The narration contains allusions and reflections which, on account of their originality and pertinency, cannot fail to be useful to us. In the words of talking I was at once to him, "Swing, swing, swing, I am the apostle of his remarks." I have written it in his own language, believing that it would rob it of his interest to them if your readers were it rendered to them simply by "nicer rules of art."

"In de fall of — I leas part of Judge — far, up on de land. — Move up wid my family an work, leas sell, help me. — Good to me, leas buy, help me. — Many libraries, an I make money dat— But I thought I mought be better down in de Indian country. — So I stant down spoirin in a moid good place; as I thought, an I got a pair of shoes. — Den I cum up to foatch my family down dar; an I has houses, an cows, 5 calfs, an a 90 acre farm. — Den I got a black sheep. — ALEX JAYNES TURKSTAD.

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