

Father Little.

This well-known personage was born about 20 miles from Albany, N. Y., at an unknown date, but probably in 1803, as he was liberated under the constitution of 1821, when 18 years of age. In those days, if complaint was made against the master for cruelty, the slaves were attached by the authorities and sold for a mere nominal price. In this manner Mr. Little, when a boy, changed owners several times, finally becoming the property of Daniel Courtland, for \$65. He afterwards passed into the hands of Joseph Hart, and while in his possession was made free.

He then attended a manual labor school near Utica, N. Y., for one year, and afterwards for a short time the Gerrit Smith academy at Peterboro, N. Y. He then worked for Mr. Hart, saved his money, and came to Michigan, bought 80 acres of land in Eaton county, and settled on it. He removed to Lansing in 1847, and has since resided here, always supporting himself and wife until within the last three years, when they were taken in charge by the Lansing aid society. A subscription was started, and his present home was purchased and given to him. His wife died about one year ago, and since then the old man has felt that his stay upon earth could not be long. He resolved to will his home to the aid society, which should, at his death, come into possession.

On Sunday afternoon, about 50 persons gathered at his home near the head of Hillsdale street, and were cordially received by the owner, and the premises were then dedicated "to the use of the Lord's poor." The exercises were opened with reading of the scriptures by Rev. I.

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