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The programme is still made up principally from the "Slave Songs" or "Spirituals" which originated among the Negro Slaves of the Southern States.

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PROF. GEO. L. WHITE,

DIRECTOR.

### PROGRAMME

PART FIRST.

- 1. STEAL AWAY TO JESUS—WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER.

  My Lord calls me, He calls me by the thunder;
  The trumpet sounds it in my soul,
  I have not long to stay here.
- 2. RISE, SHINE, FOR THY LIGHT IS A-COMING.

  We'll build our tent on this Camp Ground,
  And give old Satan another round.
- 3. NOBODY KNOWS THE TROUBLE I SEE.
- 4. JOSEPH'S VISION.

Joseph had a vision, Joseph had a vision; The Sun and Moon and Eleven Stars All made obeisance to him.

5. SOLO.—Selected.

MRS. JENNIE JACKSON-DEHART.

- 6. THE BAND OF GIDEON.
- 7. WE SHALL WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY.
- 8. I'M A-ROLLING THROUGH AN UNFRIENDLY WORLD.
  O Brothers won't you help me to fight?

"The music they sang was an entirely new revelation."—New York Spirit of the Times.

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### PROGRAMME

PART SECOND.

- 1. PART SONG—Selected. •
- 2. BRIGHT SPARKLES IN THE CHURCH-YARD.

Bright sparkles in the church-yard Give light unto the tomb; Bright summer,—spring's over,—Sweet flowers in their bloom.

- 3. HARD TRIALS.
- 4. SOLO.—(Selected.)

MRS. MAGGIE L. PORTER-COLE.

5. OH, WASN'T THAT A WIDE RIVER?

Oh, the river of Jordan is so wide,
One more river to cross,
I don't know how to get on the other side,
There's one more river to cross.

6. MALE QUARTETTE.—(Selected.)

Messrs. Hall, Cole, Thomas and Caldwell.

7. I'VE BEEN REDEEMED!

'Been washed in the blood of the lamb.

8. SWING LOW SWEET CHARIOT.

I looked over yonder and what did I see?
Coming to carry me home,
A band of angels coming after me,
Coming to carry me home.

From The Toronto Daily Mail, Oc. 9th, 1880.

The Record of the Jubilee Singers is one of those truths which are "stranger than fiction." A little company of recently enfranchised slaves set out to raise for the founding of a college for their people what seemed the fabulous sum of \$20,000. They returned, having earned by their marvelous singing over \$150,000. They encountered at first contumely, persecution and insult, but they soon won their way to the hearts of the people, and were welcomed to the highest circles of the Old World and the New.

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From the Cinc · nati Commercial.

A fine albertype picture of the Singers adorns the book. A short sketch of the personal history of each one is also given. Toward the close of the volume appear the words and music of their songs—those wild, thrilling melodies which melted the hearts of men of every nation and kindred and tongue, which moved the Crown Prince of Germany to tears, and which even the learned German musical critics praised unreservedly. Baron von Bunsen gave a dinner party in their honor in Berlin, at which they met the most distinguished officials of the Imperial Court. Queen Victoria sent for them to hear "Steal Away" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and thanked them enthusiastically for the pleasure they had given her. Minister Gladstone gave them a breakfast; Emperor William detained his special train over to hear them. And in their own native America, "the land of the free and the home of the brave," they were accustomed to being turned out of petty country taverns on account of their color! What a nice country this is, to be sure! The "Story of the Jubilee Singers," here told, is one of thrilling and pathetic interest. Their traveling experiences on both sides of the water are fully narrated. One doesn't see how any American can help feeling ashamed when he reads the book and notes how much better these poor boys and girls, on their holy mission of charity, were treated among the effete despotisms of Europe than in this glorious land of liberty.

#### From the North American.

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