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**"Uncle Tom's Cabin" Was Inspired
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Dr. Charles Edward Stowe, Harriet
Beecher Stowe's son, describes in the
Circle magazine the influences which
led his mother to the writing of the
book which moved the world.

Mrs. Stowe's family had removed to Cincinnati when she was about 20 years of age and there she had had unusual opportunities for observing the practical workings of slavery as an institution.

At this time her brother, Charles Beecher, was in business in the city of New Orleans in a large commission house which had frequent dealings with the slave plantations. He also kept a journal of his observations and experiences. His letters were full of incidents bearing more or less remotely on the practical influence of slavery.

There was an actual Legree, whom Mrs. Stowe's brother Charles met on the boat returning to his Red River plantation with a miserable gang of slaves that he had purchased in New Orleans.

Uncle Tom was largely an ideal character, but the leading traits of the composite portrait were drawn from many conversations that Mrs. Stowe had with trembling fugitives, who, on their way to Canada and freedom, found in her house food, shelter, kind words and pecuniary aid.

At last she herself was stricken down with a painful and dangerous illness. But she could still trust and pray. And pray she did so fervently and with such faith that her soul was born into a new and glorious experience of God's greatness and love. In 1950 she joined her husband in Maine.

After her resolve was formed, months elapsed before she was able to carry out her intention of writing something to make the world realize the horrors of slavery. The writer is obliged to confess that he was himself the principal hindrance just at that time. In December, 1850, Mrs. Stowe wrote to Mrs. Edward Beecher: "As long as the baby sleeps with me nights I can't do much at anything, but I will do it. I will write that thing if I live!"

There is to be a new biography of John Calvin to be brought out in July, during the celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of his birth.

Mr. Marion Crawford's new novel, "The White Sister," is out. Mr. Crawford is one of the most industrious of men—his books appear with a regularity that is amazing to those authors who write with less ease.

"Self Control and How to Secure It" is the title of a new volume soon to be issued by the eminent, Dr. Paul Dubois of Bern, Switzerland, who has written this book upon self control, or rather the want of it, as a fertile cause of many forms of nervous disorders. The new book differs from those already published in that it will be largely a philosophical and direct discussion of what self-control may accomplish and how it may be secured.

Such honor as a statue imparts is to be bestowed upon the memory of Francis Bacon by a gentleman of Gray's Inn. What is pronounced by the London Chronicle to be "a fearful and wonderful figure in plaster, surmounted by a hat of the Mother Shipton type, has already been placed in the south square of the inn for the consideration of members. This remarkable hat reminds the commentator of the chapeau of a statue of Wellington which has not disappeared from its London site. The memorable thing about this hat was its arrangement of metal plumes purposely made to flutter in the breeze.

Prof. Rudolph Eucken's book, "The Problem of Human Life," as viewed by the great thinkers from Plato to the present time, will be brought out soon. In his introduction the author says, "What does your life mean when viewed as a whole? What are the purposes it seeks to realize? What prospect of happiness does it hold out to us? To ask ourselves these questions is to set ourselves the Problem of Life, nor need we stay to justify our right to ask them. * * * They are the cry of an age rent asunder, its heart at enmity with the work of its hands. * * * Nor can Philosophy stand aloof from the struggle; she only has her part to play. Is she not pre-eminently fitted to give this movement a large and generous meaning, to clear it from confusion and direct it toward its ultimate goal?"

H. F. Dickens, F. C., tells an interesting story concerning the original manuscript of his father's famous "Carol." The novelist presented the M.S. to Thomas Milton, an old school fellow. In 1875 Mr. Milton sold it to Francis Harvey, a bookseller, for £50. Then it passed into the hands of Geo. Churchill, an enthusiastic autograph collector. Mr. Churchill treasured it until 1882, when circumstances compelled him to part with it. After photographing every page of it, it was sold to Mr. Bennett, a Birmingham bookseller and curio dealer, who eventually found a purchaser, who readily signed a check for £200 for it. Finally it was bought by Stuart M. Samuel of Kensington Palace Gardens for £300, who is said to still retain the precious document.—London Tit-Bits.

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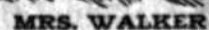
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