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**MR. SHERWOOD AND THE COLOURED  
CITIZENS OF TORONTO.**

Our readers no doubt will remember that the Rev. Samuel Young, of New York, visited Canada last Summer, for the purpose of securing the safety of a slave who had escaped from Southern bondage. He visited Montreal and called upon Mr. Sherwood, who would, however, render him no assistance to further his views. Mr. Young then called upon Mr. Badgley, Attorney General East, who rendered him every assistance in his power, and effected the object for which Mr. Young had come to Canada, namely, procuring the promise of the Government not to deliver up the slave to the bloodhounds. The coloured population of Toronto, grateful to Mr. Badgley for his exertions, sent him the letter of thanks which we give below. To that letter *no answer has been received*, doubtless because Mr. Sherwood was not pleased with the compliment to his colleague, which his conscience, if he has one, must have told him he ought to have earned himself.

*To the Honourable Wm. Badgley, Attorney-General  
of Canada East, &c., &c.*

We, the undersigned, coloured citizens of Toronto and vicinity, loyal and dutiful subjects of her Majesty's just and powerful government, take pleasure in availing ourselves of this opportunity to express to you our sincere thanks for the courteous and Christian-like manner in which you recently received our late kind and worthy friend, the Rev. Samuel Young, of New York, who is known to have been deeply interested for the protection and welfare of our afflicted brethren in the United States of America, especially as evinced in the case of the innocent and grossly injured and persecuted man, who has lately found his way to this asylum, from the midst of republican despotism and slavery.

Forasmuch as we deeply sympathised with our honoured advocate and brother, above mentioned, in his philanthropic and praiseworthy exertions for the deliverance of the innocent unoffending fugitive from the bloody grasp of the avaricious man-thief, we cannot find language adequate to express fully our grateful obligations to you for giving him the hand of friendship, and in his worthy course, such candid and earnest assistance as could be looked for, only in an official gentleman possessed of a noble and philanthropic mind.

May the Divine blessing attend you in all the relations you sustain, even to the end of your earthly pilgrimage—and especially in the discharge of the duties which devolve upon you in your official capacity.

(Signed)

W. R. ABBOTT,  
and forty-five others.

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