

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 1913.

### HARRIET TUBMAN.

After ninety-eight years of life, and after a sickness of several months, Harriet Tubman died at her home in Auburn, N. Y., March 10th, 1913. She was born a slave in Dorchester county, Maryland, and from a child winced under the galling yoke of oppression. She was a powerful woman physically, and her mind on the same plane.

When her master died and ordered his slaves to be sold by will, she concluded to escape. This she did after many privations. Philadelphia and Chester county being so near the slave line, she began a heroic effort toward helping her fettered brothers and sisters in escaping.

In this respect her experience and success was unmatched. She was never daunted and penetrated into the slave regions numbers of times, and was instrumental in gaining freedom for more than three hundred.

There was a price of \$40,000 set upon her head, and even with that she never once stopped her efforts, and was never apprehended. Indeed, her name was one of terror to the slave holder, and a beacon of light to the enslaved. She was so elusive as to be charged with a charmed life.

In a life of her written by Sarah H. Bradley, she is called the "Moses of her People." It is an interesting, graphic and authentic account of the life of one of the most venerable women produced by the colored race.

With slavery over, she became a spy for the government, and even penetrating the lines South of the Union forces, and was never caught, even in that.

When the War of 1861-5 closed, she entered upon the work in the South, under the Freedmens' Bureau, and won high praise from General Howard.

During the days of the Underground Railroad, she was in constant touch with the anti-slavery element in Chester county, with Lucretia Mott, John P. Burr, Robert Purvis, Hester Reekless, William Whipper, J. Miller McKim, William Still, Mary Grew and the rest of the Philadelphia abolitionists. She had intimate relations with Gerrett Smith, Wendell Phillips, Frederick Douglass, Abby Foster and the other moral champions East and North.

It was a wonderful life and scarcely matched in the whole of the annals of the great fight for freedom before the War of the Rebellion, and one that parents should teach their children to know.