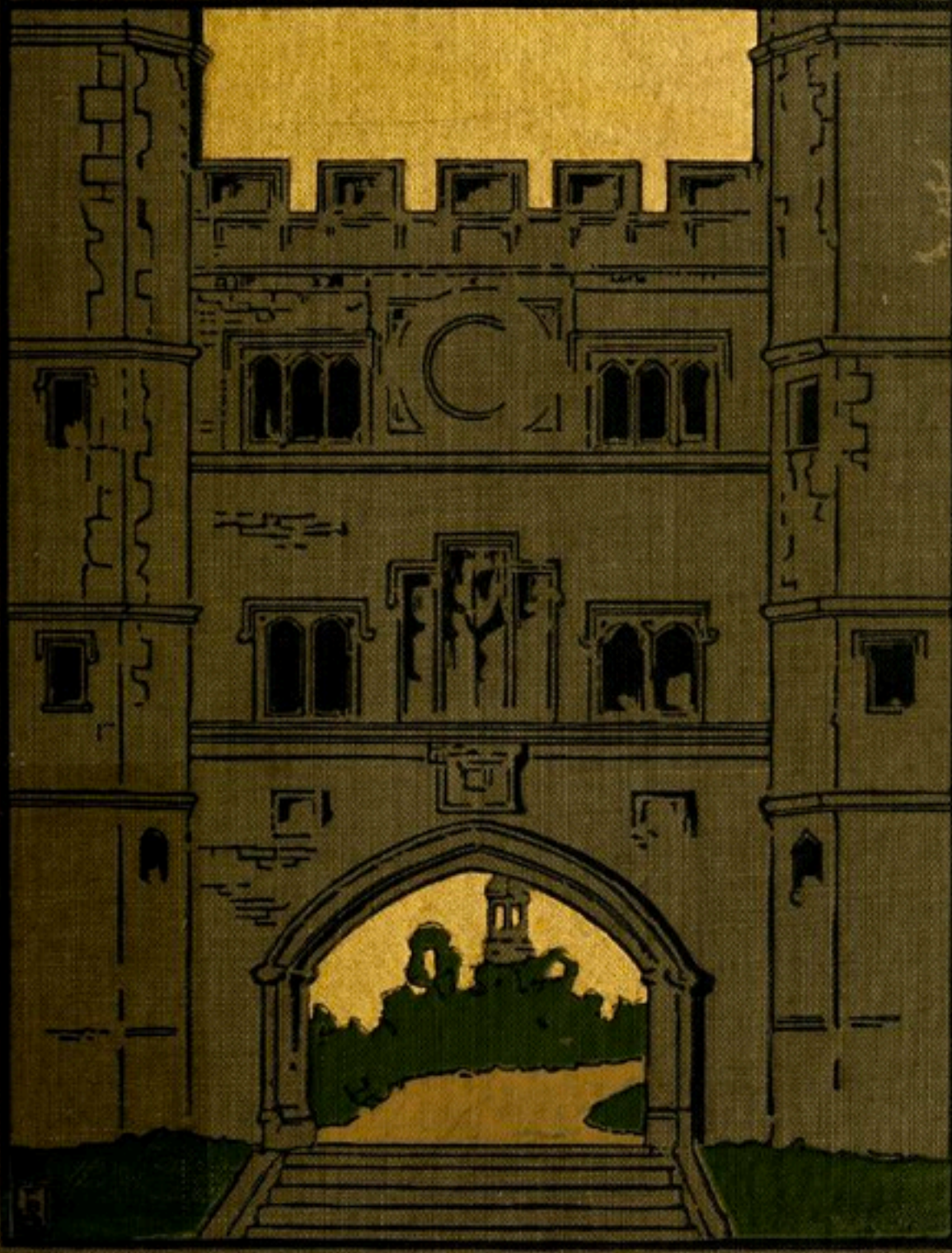
PRINCETON
OLD AND NEW



Mac's father was cut there, with the date "1808," and just beneath it Mac proceeded to carve his own name. It is declared that Mac was not the only student who found his paternal ancestor's name on record there.

The famous negroes of Princeton cannot be forgotten by Princeton men. An old darky named Sambo supplied the students with shinny-sticks half a century ago. Anthony Simmons used to be the town caterer. "Buck" was the factotum of Professor Schenck along about the sixties. A black man named Peter Scudder, a veritable "Uncle Remus," used to sell pies to the students, and ice-cream at a "levy" a plate, fifty years ago, and was known as "Peter Polite." One night a Senior, whose room he entered to vend his wares, asked him: "Peter, what perquisites accrue to yourself from this nocturnal perambulation?" Peter bowed low, and with courtly

gravity said: "Will the gentleman please speak English?"

"Sam" was a servant to Professor Joseph Henry, who discovered the principle of the electric telegraph. He was a mulatto with a shock of bright-red hair, and used to sell turkeys and chickens to the students, after roasting them at the refectory kitchen, for which he was paid in cast-off clothes. One evening some of his customers complained that the turkey was tough. "I am sorry, gentlemen," said Sam; "but it was the best I could find in Commodore Stockton's flock!"

The "Campus wire," as the students called it, was the thing which excited the most wonderful speculation when Professor Henry was at Princeton. Dr. Edward Shippen, of Philadelphia, of the Class of '45, states that it ran along from Philosophical Hall by the front of North College, among the outer branches of some of the fine trees, and then round the western end to Professor Henry's house, which was west of