

[From an eloquent letter to the Tribune by SAMUEL WELLES, who was with McClellan's army in the Chickamauga campaign.]

No one here has gone through it. None can tell the value of vitality undergone on a full day of the march, the march of the slaves, the march of the soldiers, the march of the general, the march of the nation.

My radical reason for this faith is, that no nation can prosper which is not economical. Thus far, this war, the first throb of economy, or the beginning of a thro, has not been felt.

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business of teaching commenced, to be continued until the school children were all taught to read.

As I sat in the bumble room, with its doors and windows open, the bright morning and God's light without, I felt that I was in the presence of the simple hymns; as I beheld the dark faces elevated in the bumble hall in the wisdom and good intention of the instructor or teacher, I felt that it was good to be there.

McClain's assistants were all volunteers from the ranks. I thought one who used a black board and chalk, marking up simple sentences and then dictating his scholars as to the letters, syllables, and words, got along best of all, though others did well with their books.

I left the school-house with unalloyed gratification, and in the afternoon went to see the negro regiment, the 1st South Carolina Volunteers.

The occasion was rather a special one, Com. Dupont and staff being present. Gen. Hunter and staff were also present, and the whole affair had also been expected, but did not appear; possibly the arrival of a mail from the North, and the responsibilities therefrom, detained them.

A SUNDAY AT PORT ROYAL.

THE NEGRO SUNDAY-SCHOOL.—THE CONTRA-BAND REGIMENT.

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SLAVE-CATCHING IN THE WESTERN ARMY.

To the Editor of the Abolitionist, &c., July 8, 1862.

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GEN. BANKS AND THE "COLOR."

The resolution of Congress inquiring whether blacks were allowed to ride in the government wagons, has been answered by Gen. Banks in the following letter.

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THE PRESIDENT'S APPEAL TO THE BORDER STATES.

From The National Intelligencer, July 18.

The Representatives and Senators of the Border States have been urged, by special message from the President, to co-operate with the Executive in the maintenance of the Union.

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