

it, their cause, in this view of it, has been a just cause, and I see not how they could wisely have taken any other course than they have taken. Lincoln gave utterance to the real truth, when he said, 'The Union without slavery if possible, the Union with slavery if necessary; at all events the Union.' There was no cant in that. It was characteristic of the directness and honesty of the man. But the talk that has been obtruded upon us about the war as a grand war of emancipation, as if that had been its first and great object, has been so much damaging mystification. Men have seen the *untruth there*, and have learnt to distrust the case everywhere."

We must needs omit the descriptions given of the physical aspects of America, and its growth in population. Our readers are also familiar with the condition of the freed slaves, the operations of the Freedmen's Bureau, and the discussions on negro suffrage. One suggestive passage on the latter question, as much moral as political, shall have place.

"If those Southern States are allowed to exercise their State rights in regard to the suffrage, and to determine that question for themselves—the course which President Johnson would cede to them—it is easy to see that the franchise of the coloured man will be a very small affair, and the bad blood between the black man and the white will probably become more bad than ever. If the Congress, on the other hand, should venture to supersede the right of those States in this matter, and shall dictate to them their future law in relation to it, the effect of that course must be to deepen the alienation between the South and the North, and to stimulate the black man against the white in a degree that may lead to issues not readily foreseen. Come what may, the two races in those Southern provinces will never mix, and every new element of freedom ceded to the colored men will be as the dropping of a new ingredient in the cauldron of passion ever separating between them and their former masters. Those Northern States which gave up negro slavery long since, seem to be really less reconciled than ever to the negro; and the Southern landholders who simply despise their negroes as slaves, will be found to hate them (a much stronger passion) as freedmen, and, to make the matter worse, will often mingle fear with their hate. Even in the past, the planters of the South have known what it is to fear the negro. It was this feeling that prompted them to guard the mind of their victims so jealously against every influence that could really enlighten it, extinguishing the soul that they might the better secure the service of the body. But if they have feared in the past, what will they do in the future, when freedom and growing intelligence shall give to the many the few competent to lead them, and the power it may be to send men of their own race to plead their cause in Congress? Southern men have assured me that if emancipation had meant expatriation, they would themselves have been emancipationists. But they were fully aware that the intention of the North was to free the slaves of the South, and to leave them on the soil of the South, and they say they knew but too well what that would include.

"But the American mind is a mind of inventive power. It may prove equal to the grave exigency before it in this quarter. God grant that it may! But enough is patent to show that the victories of Sherman and Grant have left other victories not less difficult to be gained."

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QUARRELLING.—If anything in the world will make a man feel badly, except pinching his fingers in the crack of a door, it is unquestionably a quarrel. No man ever fails to think less of himself after it than before. It degrades him in the eyes of others, and, what is worse, blunts the sensibilities on the one hand, and increases the power of passionate irritability on the other. The truth is, the more peaceably and quietly we get on, the better for our neighbours. In nine cases out of ten, the better case is, if a man cheats you, quit dealing with him; if he is abusive, quit his company; and if he slanders you, take care to live so that nobody will believe him. No matter who he is or how he misuses you, the wisest way is to let him alone; for there is nothing better than this cool, calm, and quiet way of dealing with the wrongs we meet.