

what is best to be done with the unfortunate race? They are crowding upon us in such numbers that some provision must be made for them. You cannot send them North. You all know the prejudices of the Northern States against receiving large numbers of the colored race.

All of you will say they are on picket duty, and I charge you all, if any of this unfortunate race come into your lines, that you do not turn them away, but receive them kindly and cordially. They are to be encouraged to come to us. They are to be received with open arms. They are to be fed and clothed. They are to be armed. This is the policy which has been fully determined upon.

I am here to say I am authorized to raise as many regiments of blacks as I can. I am authorized to give commissions from the highest to the lowest; and I desire those persons who are earnest in this work to take hold of it. I desire only those whose hearts are in the work, and who don't care who they are, or what their names are, or what their positions are, or what their families are, or what their friends are, or what their neighbors are, or what their country is, or what their God is, or what their soul is, or what their body is, or what their spirit is, or what their mind is, or what their heart is, or what their liver is, or what their lungs are, or what their stomach is, or what their bowels are, or what their bladder is, or what their kidneys are, or what their ureters are, or what their bladder is, or what their ureters are, or what their bladder is, or what their ureters are.

I have to say that in this large this splendid division, as I know it to be veterans, as Napoleon would call them, for you are veterans, I hope to hear before I leave that I shall be able to raise at least a regiment from among you. I do not want to stop at one, or at two. I must have two. I have two from the division below, at Lake Providence; more than two. I would like to raise on this river twenty regiments at least before I go back.

I shall take all the women and children and all the men unfit to become part of our military organization, and place them on these plantations; then take the regiments and put them in the rear. They will guard the rear affectionally. Knowing the country well, familiar with all the roads and swamps, they will be able to track out the guerrillas and drive them from the land. When I get regiments raised in this way, you may sweep out into the interior as far as you like. Recollect that for every regiment of blacks I raise, I release a regiment of whites to face the foe in the field.

This, fellow-soldiers, is the determined policy of the Administration. You all know full well when the President of the United States, (though he is said to be slow in coming to a determination, when he once puts his foot down, it is there, and he is not going to take it up. He has put his foot down. I am here to assure you that my official influence will be given that he shall not raise it.

At the conclusion of Gen. Thomas' speech, the troops made a loud call for Gen. Logan, who was present. The General took the rostrum and made an excellent speech, full of patriotic fire and spirit. He endorsed the policy indicated by Gen. Thomas, as he would endorse any policy having for its aim the suppression of the rebellion. He urged his men to give a hearty support to it.

Gen. Logan was followed by Generals Sternesson, Leggett, and McArthur, who delivered brief addresses with good effect.

THE PROSPECT. The rush of officers in the contemplated negro regiments is great. The Seventh Missouri alone offers to furnish from its rank and file efficient officers for one regiment. There will be no difficulty so far as officers are concerned. The negroes here do not favor the idea of enlisting, but I think if impressed with the fact that they must accept one of two alternatives—slavery or soldiery—they will readily choose the latter.

"COURAGEOUS DUTY."—The use of this expression by some of the army correspondents in relation to the panic in the 11th corps at the battle of Chancellorsville, has been the occasion of an indignation meeting at New York. The Evening Post in referring to the subject, says: "There is no doubt that injustice has been done to the 11th army corps, and especially to the Germans in it. The corps broke because it was placed in an untenable position, which was not the fault of the soldiers, but of the commander. It is in proof that it was not the German regiments of the corps who first broke. It is proved the Germans stood their ground, and that, when broken by the rush of the other regiments through their ranks, they reformed as quickly as possible, and presented a front to the enemy. The German troops for the most part are the steadiest we have in our service. The brigade of General Blenker stopped both the enemy and our fugitives at the battle of Bull Run; in Missouri and Arkansas the German soldiers always did honor to themselves and their descendants by their impregnable courage. In Kentucky and Tennessee the German regiment under Wilhelm several times earned the highest praises given by the commanding General; and in the campaign of Gen. Fremont in Western Virginia they were always foremost, and always immovable."

It will be seen the 11th corps nobly retrieved their reputation at the battle of Gettysburg.

A MORSEL OF CONSOLATION.—We have a bit of consolation for our friends of the "peace" persuasion. A radical anti-slavery newspaper has actually been suppressed and the editor thrown into a "bath."

A REW OF BANKS.—Some waggish rabble telegraph operator says Banks has been captured twenty-seven times at Port Hudson. He seems to stand it pretty well. He was taken much by the chief, but he has him now more repulsive than ever. Perhaps on the thirtieth he will catch a tartar.

The Bible Assailed.

We have received a communication from a friend, anxious to have it published, denouncing the Bible as a "vulgar book, not fit to be read in a family." Our friend thinks that we are "a very liberal sort of man," and the Argus "a bold and fearless paper, always courting and defying investigation, regardless of fear or public favor." We will certainly print his communication. We should certainly do so if we thought it would do a single human being any good. But where we are convinced that a certain publication would do no good, but much harm, we cannot publish it. Besides, we can state our correspondent's position in a few words, whereas, if we let him do it, it would take more than a column of our precious space. He thinks the Bible a "vulgar book" because it has many passages in which "coarse expressions occur," and because it "too plainly speaks of the law and wicked practices of bad, immoral people." We know that the book might be somewhat improved upon by a better translation, but it doesn't offend myriads of pure and good people as it is. We hold it to be a good book, and a noble book, because its teachings are all pure. It never fails to denounce vice, dishonesty, and crime of every sort, and applaud virtue and fair dealing. A book that teaches men to be pure, just, and good, cannot be called a "vulgar book" on account of fancied improprieties of expression. Some of the books of this age are written in a smooth, fascinating style, filled with musical words, elegant diction, and poetic periods. Yet they are very vulgar books, because their teachings are licentious. They ignore conscience, scoff at human responsibility, and gently cut the chords that bind man to the throne of the great Eternal. The tendency of these books is to dissolve the social and religious organizations of the world, and turn society loose—men and women being so many independent integers of the creation of embodied intelligence, each free to act according to the dictates of lust and cupidity. Such books are really indecent, because they lead to indecent practices, while the Bible in our eyes is the purest book ever written, because it inculcates in the most positive and pointed manner the purest morals, the strictest temperance, the most equal and exact justice, and tends to lead man on towards a higher moral development than any other book ever written. The coarse woman or immoral man, who devours with a relish the light literature that throws the enchanting drapery of beauty and poetry over vice, is almost sure to turn away from the Bible in disgust, on account of its "indecent expressions." There is a disgusting prudery prevalent among some people from the slave States that sticks up its nose at a thousand things that never offend really intelligent and refined people. This prudery is common to people with large animal developments, people whose conceptions and associations are generally of the animal kind. The more you educate, the more you refine society, and the more men live in magnetic communion with spirituality, the less coarse and prudish they will become. There is no better way to set the world right on this, as on all other questions, than to educate. Ignorance is the bane of society, the prolific cause of more than half the wars of mankind. The dictates of sound common sense, the unbidden, involuntary promptings of an educated and refined mind, are more apt to furnish a safe rule as to what we shall eat, what we shall wear, and how we shall speak and behave in society, than can be gathered from all the books ever written. Educate the world, and bring the masses up to the standard of the brightest and purest intelligence that now adorns society, and this world would be almost a heaven. Then the people would be governed by the dictates of their own enlightened and almost infallible judgment, rather than be led as they now are by others—often mistaking demagogues for patriots, and vice versa, and being led into grave errors by venal priests and mercenary demagogues, instead of tripping along the smooth and flowery highway indicated by common sense.

THE BIBLE ASSAILED. (Continued) We heard the Hon. Aaron Payne, of Yamhill, an old soldier who was wounded in the Black Hawk war, suggest the use of "Greek Fire" in filling shells a good while ago. Mr. Payne says that during the war of 1812 perhaps he conceived the idea of rifling cannon, and suggested it to some of the leading military men of that day, but they scouted the idea. At this time, when "wars and rumors of wars" are the order of the day, it seems as though the whole Yankee nation had ceased its operations on machinery for saving labor and developing the interests

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of the peaceful arts, gone to the aid of implements of war capable of the most possible destruction. We wish the greatest possible success, for whatever a monk philanthropy and a sun-begotten theology may assert, the sword has always been, under God, an efficient instrument in civilizing barbarity. The heathen tribes who cannot be tamed by gospel motives to come up from wallowing in the mire of cannibalism, and making chattels of their own offspring, ought to have an additional motive presented to their covetous. The true gospel missionary, who goes among the heathen to reform them, must go an accredited agent of a power; must go prepared to offer them gospel, give them law, or conquer them with the sword, as occasion may require. We hold it to be the duty of civilized nations to interpose, and stop the yearly wholesale slaughter by the King of Dahomey, of some twenty thousand or more of his subjects, as sacrifices to the spirit of a dead nigger ancestor. Offer the black tyrant the gospel; if his heathenish superstition is too strong to let the gospel have "full course and be glorified," give him the law that forbids this wholesale murder. For the transgression of the law, give him the sword, and clean him out, just as the Jews were wont to clean out such idolatrous and blood-stained barbarians four thousand years ago. It seems, just now, that the whole Yankee nation is resolving itself into a great Missionary Society to christianize a set of barbarians who despise the gospel and defy the law. A New York correspondent of the Alta California devotes a paragraph to an "Extraordinary Improvement in Gun-tery." The present war is having a very noticeable effect upon the inventive genius of the country. Scarcely a day passes but that we hear of some startling invention of warlike appliances, to destroy life. Every mechanic, blacksmith, and in fact all classes, nearly of our population have turned their attention to the improvement of guns, iron-clads, batteries, and every conceivable thing that may be used in the art of war, whether on land or sea, in camp or field. Of course, the majority of them when tested are failures, but we hear occasionally of great success being obtained. The latest invention was exhibited before the H. H. Defence Commission of New York, lately. Mr. M. N. Stanley presented the result of an experiment by a new gun making by him, which sent a half-inch steel spike through iron and a half-inch solid wrought iron plating, being fired from an ordinary rifle barrel. The same sized spike from the same gun was driven through fifteen feet of solid pine plank. The first of his guns will be finished next week, and an experiment will be made soon, which the Commission will attend, Mr. Malart, the contractor who restored Diamond Reef, explained his internal machine, and Mr. L. H. Franklin explained his plan for an iron clad, to be wholly impervious to any shot or shell.

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