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NAILING THE FLAG TO THE MAST.

RESPONSE FROM JUDGE ALLEN, OF ALBANY. Albany, July 18th, 1861.

Rev. J. W. Mears, Editor American Presbyterian, Philadelphia.—In response to your appeal, I remit \$2 in advance for next year's subscription, commencing September 6th, 1861.

God in his providence, as well as by his grace, is doing marvelous things for us. From the Chaplain in the Senate to the parish minister in the rural districts, the heel of the slave-power is lifted from us.

Encouraged by the above and similar responses to our "Appeal" of a fortnight ago, we resume the publication of our paper, and shall continue from week to week, or make occasional suspensions exactly as our friends and subscribers supply us with the means for our work.

VICTORY AND DEFEAT.

Monday morning of last week, the 22d of July, witnessed a nation exulting in the news of the victory of its grand army advancing upon the focal point of the rebellion.

But the keen sense of disaster and defeat was not fully realized, before the stubborn courage of the nation, and its fixed purpose to conquer rebellion, were more manifest than ever.

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We were bound not to let blood flow in vain. Not one voice, at least none that could be heard in the thunder of this second uprising, ventured to renege against the waste of blood, and to insinuate that it was time to cease.

We were not divided, nor demoralized. Concealed traitors among us had even less opportunity to lift their heads, and Congress, which had lost one of its members as a prisoner, resumed its sittings with Roman calmness.

The amount of it is, that we are gathering victory out of defeat, and that the rebels will find themselves as much mistaken, and having as little cause of joy, in the defeat of Bull Run, July 21st, as they had in the fall of Sumter, on the 13th of April.

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LETTER TO THE EASY CHAIR.

Since our first acquaintance, dear easy chair, it has never yet happened that you and I have been so long separated; and now I must needs ex-temperize the similitude of an editorial seat in this remote region, and fancy myself again within the familiar circle of your arms.

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hence, though they are intelligent, and though they are visited by the swift-winged couriers of the telegraph—submerged in some parts at that—and of the press, there does not beat through the community that quick, strong pulse of sympathy with the nation in its troubles, that in most parts of the North has thrilled and rallied in a manly, the insouciant and feigning people!

From these waters, these thrifty farmers, too, gather their fertilizers. They require no lime or guano. The fish—white-fish, shiners, and sticklebacks—which they haul from the shore by the cartload, and the ribbon-like sea-weed which is left by the receding tide, on miles upon miles of the beach, furnish the soil with elements of the highest value.

As I turned away, dear easy chair, from this land, around which the sea coils its embrace so closely, and into which it has cleft such deep channels, I feel that in the season in which I enjoyed its welcome, it is a goodly land and well favored. The view which I had of the southern fork of the island, from the top of Hampton Church, embracing the vast and boundless Atlantic on the south, and the Sound with the riches of Connecticut on the north, while the rich fields and wooded ridges filled the nearer landscape, and the glorious ocean-breath and the splendor of the early summer morning, bathed the whole scene, will not soon die out of my memory.

THE ISLAND. The east end of Long Island is remarkable for the antiquity of its original settlement, and the abundance of the memorials of the earliest times which it contains in the shape of tombstones, ancient buildings and family names.

THE WOUNDED IN WASHINGTON. Washington City, July 26, 1861. LETTER FROM REV. J. C. SMITH, D. D. EDITOR AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.—Last Sabbath (21), was a very pleasant day and cool for the season.

A SABBATH ASSAULT. We are not among those disposed to carp at the government, or to pick faults in policy, which, as a whole, is so wise and so vigorous, but we are compelled to join in the general protest against the initiation of active military movements on the Lord's day.

EXCURSION TO THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. We have received the following communication from the Committee of the Christian Association, which we cheerfully insert; and to which we call the attention of such of our readers as desire either to aid a good-cause or to procure a day's enjoyment, or to do both at once.

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A NATION'S DEBT. It may be somewhat difficult to calculate the pecuniary liabilities which we, as a nation, shall incur as a consequence of the present war, but there is another obligation now falling upon us, which no accumulation of figures, and no processes of arithmetic can represent to our understandings.

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