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IN THE TRACK OF VICTORY.

While the national heart bounds with indescribable exultation at the news of victory, and thinks of nothing but mutual congratulations and thanksgivings...

Last Thursday we started for a brief view of the scene of Gen. Meade's victory at Gettysburg. Feeling anxious as to the accessibility of the place by the more common route...

Gettysburg, we felt that we were on classic soil. The air was redolent of heroic deeds. A great historical struggle for the highest principles of national polity...

When I left home I fully expected to return in four or five months. He was weary of the war. So was a Georgian close by. The reason he gave for the South engaging in the war was worth reporting...

Along the road to York, we looked in vain for traces of rebel occupation. The country was reaping with agricultural riches. The wheat fields were bending over with excessive ripeness...

The rebels entered York Sabbath morning, as the bells were ringing for church. They came in perfect silence, unannounced save by the heavy and regular tramp of their feet...

warning from the cavalry dash of Pleasanton and Kilpatrick that the army of the Potomac was in their rear, hastily withdrew. As horses had been extensively removed from the country both by their owners and by rebel plunderers...

Our company was an earnest band of laborers that had surmounted many difficulties in their way from Philadelphia, had engaged in a meeting to encourage negro enlistments...

Besides Mr. Torrence, we had Rev. Messrs. Evans of York, Clark of Washington Pa., Mr. Jos. E. Smaltz of this city, one of the Baptist clergy of West Philadelphia and several others in our company...

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The Cemetery first attracted our attention. Tombstones were shattered; iron enclosures destroyed; fences prostrated; the ground strewn with shells...

Returning to our lines, we passed by lines of fences, partly hewn down to admit the passage of artillery, the rails of others laid in piles...

Gettysburg is a vast hospital. Every other private house, and every large building, including the College and the Seminary, and excepting the hotels, is occupied with the sick and wounded. You see the sufferers as you pass the windows of the residences...

which were still lodged where they struck, testified to the fierceness of the struggle. The inhabitants, who were mostly at home, fled to their cellars, and it is not believed that more than one citizen was killed...

This street climbs the hill side on the crest of which stands the Cemetery, famous as forming part of the Union lines. This is Cemetery Hill. Here we begin to get a view of the vast amphitheatre that a few days before reverberated with the dreadful din of that memorable conflict...

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