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THE EDUCATION OF THE SOUTHERN FREEDMEN.

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Though I know that the friends of the freedmen, in the North, feel a deep interest in their welfare and progress, and have shown their sympathy in benevolent deeds, still I sometimes fear that even they have not a full conception of the magnitude of the work of educating and fitting for intelligent citizenship these newly emancipated millions.

Three years ago, when the work of educating the freedmen commenced, the teacher or missionary had two principal obstacles to combat. The first was, the malicious prejudice and the determined opposition of the whites; the second was, the ignorance of those whom they came to instruct.

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Unfortunately the southern people, white and black, very generally still cling to cotton as their chief staple. But I take it that stern necessity will yet teach them to diversify their crops.

To give you an idea of the animus with which many of these people are inspired, let me relate an incident. We have lately had quite a freshet in this section, and much of the bottom land, some of which had been planted, has been flooded.

My chief anxiety now is, whether we are finally to close our efforts here in June. I humbly and prayerfully trust that Providence will open up some way for us to continue the work here next fall.

FLORENCE, Ala., May 8, 1868.

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THE NORTH BRITISH REVIEW for June, 1868, (New York: Leonard Scott, Pub. Co.; Philadelphia, for sale by W. B. Zieber), commences with an article on "A Liberal Education," discussing the rose-water theories of Education from which the study of the classics is to be excluded.

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