

The Watchman.

BY THE WAR SHOULD BE STOPPED.

Within two or three weeks it has been proved that evidence has accumulated in our hands of a different state of feeling at the South from what we had anticipated. We had come almost to receive the chaff and flout of the Polhemians of the Richmond press—the pantalooned bigeons at the South who stay at home and fall war, instead of going and fighting it out like gentlemen are doing—we had almost taken it for granted that this newspaper vaporing was the universal sentiment of the Southern people.

Let us be true that in the army South, in the army North, the overruling desire is for honorable peace.

2d. We learn that many, though only a minority, of the men of influence in the army are still Union men, are wise enough to see that, in a disrupted country, there is neither the property, nor the security, nor the glory, nor the liberty, that the old glorious Union afforded.

3d. We do not learn for we know it before—in a way, by knowing our countrymen—know it by knowing the nature of freedom, that there will be no parity—no sitting down to discuss or to mediate, on future political relations till the hostile attitude has been abandoned.

Gallant and brave men at the South, are wishing as we wish, for an indefinite postponement of further hostilities. They say that while they will never yield to coercion, they have not forgotten the glories, or the happiness, of our common past.

There are, in reason, and in the construction of these States, lately met, of potent, and major reasons, for some reunion. It can, even yet, be brought about. But it cannot be by any unauthorized and monstrous agreement for separation, on the part of the seceder that calls itself the Federal Government. It has no constitutional power to do anything of kind, any more than it has to carry on this unconstitutional war.

Why is a doctor's prescription good thing to feel pigs with? Ans.—There are grains in it. Why is a reverse of fortune like cleaning fish? Ans.—The scales are turned. Why is a cross old bachelor like a poem on marriage? Ans.—He is a verse to matrimony. Why was't Noah the first person that came out of the ark? Ans.—Because Noah came forth.

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