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RETURN OF PEACE.

Transitions are sometimes very rapid. We sleep to-day and rejoice to-morrow. This hour the clouds of adversity overcast our sky, the next it is clear and serene. One day the earth undulates beneath the mailed tread of armed men, and the next is silent in the roar of artillery, the next is still and peaceful and silent. The sudden transition of our nation from a state of war to one of peace is the wonder not only of ourselves, but of the world. Less than a year ago, the so-called Democracy, in the emboldened wisdom, declared that for the Union to be a "failure," and inferiority of "courage," that was the secret of its success. Now, what do we see? Every single abandoned rebellion annihilated and freedom triumphant. We always had faith in our cause, because we knew, and were fully satisfied, that the whole nation, in the last analysis, was on our side. The cause was just and God was on our side. But we must confess that six months ago, through the repeated confessions of the soldiers of Lieutenant General Grant that "the rebellion was only a shell," we had not the slightest idea that peace would be imminent. We were, however, because we knew, and were fully satisfied, that the whole nation, in the last analysis, was on our side. The cause was just and God was on our side.

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With the return of peace will come the pursuit of the peaceful arts. Everywhere there are inviting fields. Our mechanics, artisans and farmers will be seeking for new enterprises in which to invest their capital and cultivate their talents and skill. The exhausted warrens, and desolated fields of the South will be restored and reclaimed. This will require another and greater labor. It will inaugurate a new era in the cultivation of Southern soil. There will be an extensive demand for agricultural implements of every description, and especially for such as are labor-saving.

In our opinion, the return of peace will give an impetus to all kinds of trade, commerce and manufacture. The nation, which has suffered much, will then, the curse of war for four long years, will reap an abundant harvest of blessing.

SHALL NEGROES VOTE?

Our contemporaries generally throughout the country are deeply exercised at the time, as to whether the negroes shall be enfranchised or not. The New York Tribune is in favor of the negroes shall have justice in "immediate" time. It would rest satisfied if the right of voting were conferred upon "every black who can read intelligently, own real estate and has paid a tax." We must confess that we view such a provision very well, provided it is not universal and not discriminatory.

What about a black citizen he required to prove property before he could cast the right of elective franchise, and a wife who is permitted to exercise the same right, without any such qualifications? If the possession of property and education are the main cases, why not in the other? Give the negro born on the soil he presented from you on account of his want of education or his lack of property, a larger share of the franchise? Well, as soon as it shall have been generally known throughout Europe that rebellion is crushed and peace restored, the tide of immigration will be greatly swelled.

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Friends and Allies.

The Journal of Principe and Philanthropy for 1864 has been laid on our table. This was published annually under the direction of the Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prison, which was founded in 1867.

The Society has accomplished much good, and is now in a active operation probably as it has been in the first instance. The work it has done is of great value. The information it gives is of great interest and value.

The Society is an interdenominational one, and is directed by the American through its officers to the Secrecy Andrew C. Curtis, and to which the Society has given its attention. We would speak more of it to the friends who are interested in the administration of justice.

There is much improvement needed in the administration of affairs of our State, and the sooner some radical reform is made the better.

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