

Iowa, but I have a rebel worse than the Yankee do. You are rebelling against the power of God and the kindness of man.

"Lady you don't consider what you say. Those are fearful words."

"I know they are but I will repeat that I hope that none of you may escape to carry the tidings. You had no right to come here and destroy our homes, and take away our friends, and leave nothing but desolation in your track. You may not hope for the blessing of God upon your undertaking."

"Lady," he answered, while a tear sprang to his eye, "I would not be found here to-day had not your army found its way to my home and desolated it. I had a beautiful young wife, fair as the beauty of heaven, loving, and tenderly loved, but even her they did not spare, but well nigh broken her heart with fear and sorrow. Then I resolved to forfeit my life, or avenge the wrong. I determined that the homes of the North should feel the power of the invader's hand, if my single strength could accomplish it. It is easy for you with your abundance to sit and declaim against us, who have been nerved to the last point of desperation by the wrongs of your armies, and when we see our dear ones reduced to the last extremity, what shall we do but raise our hands and strike in their defence? I did not willingly enter this struggle, but having entered it, death alone shall put a limit to my efforts."

"Do you expect God will forgive you?" "I trust I have a father in heaven who has forgiven me for me, for I am conscious I am doing only my duty, and does not that always meet the approbation of God? My convictions of duty brought me here, and will sustain me to the end. But if I fall, I should hardly expect you to minister to me. Would you comfort a dying man whom you call a rebel?"

"I don't know as I should, if he continued a rebel?" "May God forgive you. The chances of war may cause us to meet again." "Graciously raising his hat, 'till we meet," he said, and mounting his horse, he rode away.

"Those words of the resolute young officer rang in her ears like a fatality. What could he mean? He surely was not unsoldierly as to seek personal revenge, yet the soul of the young girl, whom scarcely any danger daunted, was filled with un-cesant fears.

For several days all remained in quiet suspense. Vast bodies of cavalry and infantry were moving to and fro like the surging of enormous billows. Heavy demands were made upon the people; and those supplies that were not willingly granted, were forcibly taken, until all began to look anxiously for the time and place when the dreadful blow should fall. At last it came, and that in the consecrated abodes of the dead.

O the terrible thunder of artillery! O the sickening thought that thousands of unprotected human breasts were the targets for those horrible missiles of destruction, how can humanity look on such scenes and live?

The contest was frightful and bravery desperate on either side, but at length there was a lull, and the stars and stripes were in the ascendant. The firing ceased, and the armies slowly retired. Every available spot, from the spacious halls consecrated to God, down to the veriest hovel, was filled with the wounded, and dying, friend and foe side by side, blaspheming, groaning, praying; and these are the noble forms whom but yesterday were in the full glory of manhood.

death in defence of your sister!" She could not utter a word, but the tears fell like rain, and she placed her hand on his head, granting him the coveted petition. "Thank you. Be kind to Ella and Maggie, if you can ever see them. Tell them my last thoughts were for them." His sentences which from the first had been indistinct and disconnected, grew more and more feeble, until she stood alone before the dead.

Such sad developments these dark days bring! Who shall count the hearts bleeding, breaking, because the light of the house hold has gone out forever? Will not our father in heaven soon say: "I have seen that it is enough!"

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