

A WALK OVER THE BATTLE-FIELD.

THE HORRORS OF WAR.

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I paid a visit to the battle field of Saturday and Sunday, called by some the "Battle of the Seven Pines," this morning. The camp of Casey's division presented a sight which an artist might envy, and yet one of desolation. All around lay charred ruins, clothing, guns, cartridge boxes, &c., the property mainly of our own troops. The whole camp was just a level as the Russ pavement on Broadway. Here was where the enemy first made their appearance on Saturday, and where they so badly drove back our men. A little further on is a piece of woods, and by walking through water and mud knee-deep, one is enabled to investigate its contents. The bark of nearly every tree is peeled off towards the roots, the rifle balls and canister fired into the forest by our men having taken down the trees about as lively as they did Confederates. Letters, guns by the dozen, both Secesh and Union, clothing enough to start half the Chatham street dealers in business, new-made graves, yet unburied bodies, and all the minor indications of battle and death, form one of the saddest scenes ever witnessed on the Virginia Peninsula. In a swamp we found eight bodies of Alabamians close together, and in such a horrible state of decomposition that hardly a man saw them without turning away his head. Their clothes were on, but the bodies were so swollen, that they fitted as tight as the skin itself. In several cases, the flesh had already been eaten off by vermin, and the head and skull lay bare. It was a dreadful scene, which some people might have seen with profit. But it ought to be added, that our people are burying the dead just as fast as they can reach the remains. I saw one body, which was evidently that of a Confederate officer. His clothing was rather better than that of a large majority we saw, and other indications of rank were numerous. He lay concealed behind some brush, and had evidently been wounded, sought its shelter, and there died. The limbs were contracted, but upon the face there seemed to rest a placid smile. One hand held on to a fence rail near by, while the other was extended upon the earth. Like all the rest, the body was swollen to twice its natural size, and millions of vermin were fast devouring it. Calling some scouts, a grave was dug, and the decaying flesh was consigned to its last resting place.

Another body was found sitting on the ground, the back braced against a fence. The skin was peeling off the hands, and hung down from the fingers in shreds. One hand rested on the musket, whose contents had been discharged. The head drooped to one side, and the features were fearfully contracted, evidencing a dying struggle of a most painful nature. In his vest pocket there was a piece of paper, and curiosity prompted me to read it. There was some scribbling upon it, the distinguishable words being, "Eighth Ala. will never yield. No, sir, never." Then some poetical lines, of which, amid the blood and dirt, I succeeded in deciphering the following:

"Suppose we die upon the field?
"Twill prove that never will we yield;
"Twill show the foe that, like a flood,
We'll pour, for Southern rights, our blood."

Below this were these words:

"The woman who wrote that, a Southern man ought to marry; a Northern one she would spurn."

A curiosity-seeker might have collected a bushel of letters, in these woods so full of horrors, but I had not the heart for the task.

To show how desperate was the struggle in the heavy woods between Casey's and Ward's camp, I have spoken of the bullet-marks upon the trees, of the dead and of their effects, everywhere seen. Another indication was the clothing, yet hanging upon low tree branches, fences, and lying upon the ground. An officer engaged in the battle tells me, that when we pursued, on Sunday, the retiring Confederates to the woods through which, on Saturday, they drove us, a desperate encounter ensued.—

Hundreds of men, on both sides, threw off all their superfluous clothing and went in, as we were told the 69th did at Bull Run, stripped almost to the waist. Those who had the opportunity, placed their coats where they would be preserved; others, with no time for that, threw them on the ground, and lost them with their lives. Within a space of two acres there are ungathered arms enough to supply a New York militia regiment. In that small space, nearly six hundred men were sent to their long account.

At Casey's old camp there were no human bodies, as there it was an easy matter to dispose of them immediately after the fight. But hundreds of horses, torn by shot and shell, lay all around, the carcasses emitting a pestilential stench. On Sunday when we were again in possession of this field, men and animals lay close together—

"Rider and steel in one red burial heap."

The animals are now being burned, as that is the only way in which they can be disposed of, and the horrid effluvia removed from its too close contact with the camps. Upon approaching this spot, it requires considerable effort to lead a man to walk up to it, the reeking odor being so offensive. To-morrow its condition will be favorable enough for re-occupation. In a direct railroad line from this camp to Richmond it is just seven miles. "Fair Oaks" is the name of the station.

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