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THURSDAY, MAR. 31, ——

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Since our last I have been to Richmond, Va., Fortress Monroe, Old Point Comfort and Hampton, and in the eight days I have seen so much that I would like to tell first I am of a how what the limited space will permit me to write.

Of all the interesting points there were none that gave me more pleasure, mingled with sadness though it be, than old Richmond, the former capital of that lost Confederacy, city so thoroughly associated in the minds of the whole world with the early and the latter struggles of the war, when battle-cry rang out on the air, and the hottest warfare of wars and hatred existed. It is the worn battered from one side of the city to another where death and suffering abounded. Ambulance hurrying to the dead and dying, hospitals where dying their weary feet found they knew not what. And where now all is hoped might be sought in vain. Long since the ravages of time have laid low its bones, where blood was almost as much in the fateful field or in the deadly trenches. I visited the Virginia State House where the Confederate Congress held its sessions, and the Libby prison again. What distressing scenes were enacted here. What a fearful struggle to keep one who is to-day in an equipment, and to-morrow in the soldiers who said was the only food for man and beast. Here the unfortunate Dana offered freedom to the slaves of those who would enlist in the service of the Confederacy, but the proposal was not accepted. Then I went down into old Richmond, and visited the old slave and sold there, as lower Main Washington and Exchange Hotels, the less known here in the earlier and later days of the war. Here I saw the spot where all the time from ten o'clock and assembled hundreds of slaves.

From there I went to old St. John's church, where Patrick Henry made his first Revolutionary speech, standing on the Parish Church, and where the Burgesses attended to assemble, and where Washington attended divine worship. The burial ground around it is full names in the old church, and is thickly settled part of the city, is marked with the graves of many who figured in all well known events of the Antique and ancient days. Here also lie the Revolutionary and Second Appropriation Hill looking over the city, and the Capitol square. Our thing I noticed particularly was the age of those buried there the shortest living I saw there was that of Year to year, but from 80 to 90 years.

The Richmond of to-day is a very big improvement. It is a city in which where I saw any unhealed improvements going on. Within a few years the largest manufacturing establishments in the South will furnish from the city, and the city is growing rapidly and is now the center of a large commerce. Richmond says the age of three hundred times the dead living. I saw more cultivated ground in the vicinity of Richmond than I have seen in any other city.

From Richmond I took a trip to Old Point Comfort, Hampton, Newport News, &c., of which latter place I will write you more fully next week. Old Point Comfort is a beautiful place, and was the greatest sight I have seen in the United States. Fortress Monroe is the strongest fortification in the United States, and is considered impregnable. Hampton is the seat of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, which was founded and conducted by General Armstrong, who was a noble man, and devoted his life to the elevation of the colored people. The Institute is now under the charge of Gen. Marshall Taylor, who is also a noble man, and is carrying on the work left by General Armstrong, and with increasing power and success. Newport News I shall write you more fully next week. It is the greatest coal port in the world, and is the terminus of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. Its docks are the largest in the United States, and its coal trade is enormous. Its harbor is one of the best on the Atlantic coast, and is the place of rendezvous for the entire North Atlantic fleet. Many thousand soldiers have passed through Newport News during the past year. The Board of Examination of Cadets for admission to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, of which Admiral Worden is President, is now in session at Newport News. Admiral Worden is a noble man, and is very popular with the people of Newport News. He has been very kind to me, and has shown me many courtesies.

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I left Newport News Thursday morning at 7 o'clock, and arrived at Washington at 2 o'clock p. m. I remained in Washington until Saturday morning, and visited the Capitol, Washington Monument, Smithsonian Institute, Patent Office, Treasury Building, Navy Yard, Arsenal, Congressional Library, Corcoran Art Gallery, Ford's Theatre, Soldiers' Home, Arlington, Mount Vernon, and many other places of interest. I also visited the Executive Mansion, and had the pleasure of shaking hands with President McKinley and his advisers.

I left Washington Saturday morning at 7 o'clock, and arrived at Harrisburg at 12 o'clock noon. I remained in Harrisburg until 2 o'clock p. m., and then left for Carlisle, where I arrived at 3 o'clock p. m. I am now at home, and will remain here until Monday morning, when I will leave for Philadelphia, where I will remain for a few days, and then return to Carlisle.

I have had a very pleasant trip, and have enjoyed it very much. I have seen many interesting places, and have met many interesting people. I have also had the pleasure of meeting many old friends, and have made many new ones. I have also had the pleasure of meeting many old friends, and have made many new ones. I have also had the pleasure of meeting many old friends, and have made many new ones.

WAR CLOUDS.

Union Spain's answer grants full demands made by the President, Congress will be urged to take immediate steps toward armed intervention.

Many resolutions were introduced in the Senate Tuesday recognizing the independence of Cuba and declaring war against Spain. It seems like Congress is pressing itself and President McKinley has a hard time holding them down.

SPECIAL.

Washington, March 26.—Minister Woodford called a public audience to the State Department this morning that Spain would accept the proposition of the United States to bring about an agreement between the Cubans and the home Government, and would interpose an armistice to American relief of starving Cuba.

MCKINLEY'S PLAN.

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BOOKTOWN.

(Too late for last week.)

Wheat is looking fine.

Miss Mollie Allen began her spring term of school in this district with 37 pupils on the first day.

Tom Luther moved the old Baker schoolhouse back from the pike about 25 feet.

Sick.—Miss Alice Kenney is slowly recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Ora Collier and brother sold last week to McClintock & Mellette 15 head of fat heifers at $3.25, and were offered $3.50 on the way of delivering, but refused the offer.

Any one having items of interest will please hand them in the postoffice at Hookstown. —— QUIZ NINE.

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JACKTOWN.

Mumps and whooping cough are flock in the neighborhood.

J. F. Swinehart is building a shop in Mr. Hoover's yard.

STRAYED.—From our place four Mules, one gray and one bay. Any information of their whereabouts will be thankfully received. —— Stafford Bros.

SALEMVILLE.

Several cases of measles.

Tobacco beds considerably damaged by the recent cold weather.

Mrs. Richard Chalfant, of Ohio, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Wilson.

Miss T. Jones has returned from a protracted visit to friends in Illinois.

Miss Mary Hamilton, of Ohio, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Wright has gone to assist Rev. Lee Mann in a protracted meeting at Bolton. Many will remember Mrs. Wright's charming social talents.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo-quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

FLORA

Mr. Charles Hoover, one of our oldest citizens, celebrated his 80th birthday March 27th, in a manner that will be a matter of pleasure for many years to come. Mrs. Lizzie Blake, of Lathrop, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Lee.

Mr. A. Wilson left on a high tide for Philadelphia, where he will spend a few days and visit the sights.

Will Mote, who has been suffering with a severe case of rheumatism, is able to be out.

Several new Masts have been confirmed since last report, making quite a large class.

Mr. Jacob Hoover has been confined to the house for the past week with rheumatism.

Mrs. Mary Al. Ard, who has been visiting relatives at Carlisle, returned home Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hardin returned Sunday last from Perry county where they have been visiting relatives.

Miss Maggie, little daughter of Dave McClellan, is quite sick with pneumonia at present.

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