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Our Refugeism.

II.

We found Lincolnton filled with refugees from Columbia, some keeping house on a small scale, some boarding on a large one. All the three weeks we were there, it rained almost incessantly; the streets so impassable from the mud, one found it impossible to go to see an opposite neighbor. Lincolnton is, by no means a *first* place, the *verd antique* on some of the houses gives signs of age and still-standing. The Court House is a fine one, and beautifully situated, on a central eminence, the principal streets radiating from it. The churches are good; the new Methodist building is a very fine one, that denomination having the luck to have their church completed just before the war. We find the spirit of extortion has reached thus far and Confederate money almost useless. Our refugees seem generally cheerful; for our own part, when believing that all worldly possessions were swept away, we felt we could take "God for our portion." Among the refugees who has lost most heavily by the fire in Columbia, is Col. C.; but he cannot get out of his old habit of giving, and continues to distribute just as if he had not lost several millions. He regretted, he said, the loss of his cotton factory most, because it threw 600 poor operatives out of employment. My neighbor refugee over the way, "who has been reduced suddenly from affluence to comparative poverty, and made, with her five little children, homeless, says: "Why should I be exempt, when so many better people have suffered." Yes, we have many more for which to answer, but we are a better people than the Yankees.

I like Lincolnton, all but its name, which must ever be distasteful to a Southerner. We advise the good people to change it—call it, for instance, Leesville—but I digress. In spite of the roads, that make it here almost impossible to travel, we must back to our poor soaked and

burned city; we must go back and "weep with those that weep."

Dreadful, indeed, we proved the road to Dallas—our first day's journey, and the next having given one of our mules "the scratches," made the poor creature more mulish than ever. Tuesday night finds us at Dallas. In the morning, the threatening aspect of the weather would have kept within doors, any but desperate travelers bent home. Oh! such "hills of difficulty." Oh! such "sloughs of despond" as we encountered, with the rain beating in our faces all the way; but, at night, Mr. B.'s comfortable home made amends to us for all the toils and discomfort of the day. The next day (Wednesday) the roads grew worse instead of better; there one of the mules had to be prized by main force out of the mud, where it lay helplessly imbedded, and the rain again poured upon us. Called for a night's lodging at a lordly mansion—said we only desired a shelter, having provisions for man and beast along with us—putting in our plea as refugees from Columbia. It was of no avail. We were directed to another house, about a mile or two ahead. A large handsome brick house this was. It was nearly night now, and the rain still pouring. We urged every plea to gain admittance. Mr. M—told them he feared the creek between their's and the next house, to which they directed us, would be swimming. It weighed nothing with them, go we must. We went on, sad and gloomy, and fearful enough. When we neared the creek, found it a sea; knew nothing of its depth, and in the darkness and rain it would have been suicidal to attempt its passage. We turned back again to petition, by every plea of humanity, for a shelter—a mere shelter for night. Again, peremptorily refused. I then made a personal appeal in this fashion—God has been merciful to you in keeping the enemy from your home. But, supposing you were driven from it, as we, and under such circumstances as we are now, you were refused even a shelter from the rain. Oh! have you no mercy! Mr. M. took then his seat on a bench in the piazza, and said: "Here I stay all night, and will here, at least, have a covering over our heads. Whether his resolve or my appeal, moved her woman's heart; we know not; but, after going into the house for a consultation, she came and told us to come in, and treated us then respectfully, at least. There were none but ladies in the house—they were faring sumptuously; everything as before the war; the house was an

could have given room to a dozen poor wretched refugees—besides which, it had long been a stopping place for travelers and they had a right to call. We paid our bill, not exorbitant, but a very respectable one for one night's grudging entertainment of us—\$65. Before leaving, I took occasion to say to the lady, our hostess. "There will be no hotels in Columbia, now. You may have occasion to visit there; if so, I hope you will come to my house."

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Notice.

ALL persons having demands against the estate of Mrs. H. M. DIBBLE, deceased, will present their accounts, duly certified, immediately to W. JASPER DIBBLE, Atty of Ex'r Estate Mrs. H. M. Dibble, Columbia, April 7, 1865. April 8 1st

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20 " Farmer's and Exchange Bank of S. C.

53 shares Planter's and Mechanic's Bank.
13 " State Bank.
22 " South Carolina Railroad and Bank.
23 half shares " "
10 shares People's Bank.
3 whole and 6 half shares Charleston Bank.
20 shares Trust and Insurance Company, Charleston.
\$356 State S. C. 7 per cent. Bond.

ALSO,
\$500 7 per cent. Bond Charleston and Savannah Railroad.

\$350 Confederate States 8 per cent. Bonds.
The above securities stand in the name of the Ancient Artillery Society.

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CHARLES FRAZIER,

Secretary.