

In the words of another Comp. - "It is now known that the battle of Bull Run was being a Union victory; that it was one of the best planned conflicts of the Rebellion and was to the great profit of the Union soldiers a most creditable affair. But for many months the country believed that our entire army had fled in great disgraceful rout."

No Southern man could bear to hear Bull Run spoken of; it was our sore spot and to our shame it was to touch us on the raw. Bull Run we now know was not in its ultimate result a calamity - we now realize that success at the beginning of the war would have left slavery substantially undisturbed, if not more strongly entrenched; and by the uprising that followed that battle we know that a great & free people cannot be dumfounded or dismayed by the panic or the folly of a few or by the misfortune or mistake of all."