

were none of the horrors which have marked this greatest of all wars since time began. Yet there was plenty to tax the strongest minds and hearts alike.

The slave, upon whom everything depended on the plantation where they were owned had to be cared for like children and no one could say that Mistress did not work as hard as any slave there. They were to be fed, clothed, taught trades, looked after if they were sick and generally, so far as care was concerned, were on the basis of the immediate family. This gives one of the keynotes of the life of the woman of the war time in North Carolina. ¶So many things were made on the farm. Nobody knew of such a thing as buying meat or any sort of provisions, for they were home grown on the place itself, as food crops were the first consideration everywhere. The cloth had to be made at home too, so the weaver was a valuable personage. So was the shoemaker and the women who made up the clothing for black and white folks alike, old garments being used as patterns, for but small attention was then paid by Mistress to such things as "styles."

A careful account had to be kept, for the Confederate States must have tithe, that is a tenth, of everything produced. These tithes were gathered and they were duly certified to upon regular forms. The Confederacy was sure not to miss anything in the way of taxables or tithables. It had its agents who looked after both, and the State was busy too. ¶Sometimes there were requisitions for negroes, to do manufacturing, to help build railroads, forts and other earth works, and then Mistress, like an army officer, had to make a detail of the proper people to go from her farm. ¶Such was life on a farm where there were slaves. It must be remembered that the great majority of North Carolina landowners were not slave-owners. Yet their womenkind were fully as resourceful as those on the farms cultivated by slave labor and the former did surprising things. They cheered on their men from start to finish and though many people have remarked that the war was a "slave owners' fight," yet the slaveless people did most of the fighting and certainly stuck to the job, not looking for bomb-proofs or exemptions, but being in the ranks and generally at the front.

The State, acting for the Confederacy, for North Carolina was a heavy producer owing to the very conditions above described, had great power in itself. State's rights were considered paramount and the people resented with great bitterness any getting over the line of State's rights by the Confederacy. Out of this very thing grew at times a bitter fight between President Jefferson Davis and Governor Vance, and the latter was generally a winner. It was this which so endeared Vance to the popular heart of North Carolina. What have been termed the "common people," one of the most unjust terms of all by the way, were the folks who appealed the most to the big-hearted Vance. He fully shared the fine sentiment expressed by President Lincoln, when some fellow going to him and speaking very slightly of what he termed the "common people," the great-hearted President swiftly faced him and said, "My friend, God must have dearly loved what you call the common people, otherwise he would not have made so many of them." The caller

left at once, for that incident was closed. Vance knew that these people were fighting the war and that the little wife was back at home, planning and working day and night, looking after the farm and the garden and after plowing just as she made clothing and knitted socks for her own people and for the soldiers too. It was the spirit of 1776 all over again. The little woman of the South looked at things as she found them. She did her level best and as the old Texas preacher remarked once upon a time, "Angels kaint do no more." This is why when an American goes to Raleigh and the capitol square and looks into the face of the North Carolina "Woman of the Confederacy" who sits there in bronze, he feels like uncovering and bowing to her, simply because she typifies the real woman of this country, all these United States; tender, loving, brave, resourceful, dependable. So if there ever comes a time of stress like that which marked the dark years of the Revolution and the War Between the States, one may be very sure the woman will rise to the full height of the occasion and that the men folks, to use a good old word, will have no cause to be ashamed of them.—FRED A. OLDS.

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