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The South today is the best governed, the most contented, the least disturbed and in truth the most prosperous and inviting section of this country, and this is to be attributed, in part at least because it has had fewer conflicting elements to contend with.

There is a homogeneity among our people found nowhere else in the United States, and hence more unity of sentiment in matters in which the people as a whole are

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interested. In evidence of this we have only to cite the marvellous resistance it made during the four years of the war against overwhelming numbers and ~~our~~ progress made since against almost overwhelming ~~numbers~~ obstacles, a progress wrought out of practically nothing to begin with, some patience, pluck and perseverance, linked with untiring industry, indomitable energy and buoyant spirit, that looked thus

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the gloom of the present to the triumph  
of the future, which began  
to come and continued to  
come even sooner than the  
most sanguine anticipated.