

## THE BATTLE OF REAMS

It is not too late to say a word or two about the battle of Reams' station, especially as the recently published report of Hancock has revived the subject.

We have previously stated that a heavy Yankee force of cavalry and infantry, sent out by Grant to succour the Wilson raiders, stopped at Reams and intrenched the position. On the evening of the 25th instant a portion of Hancock's corps held this position while the rest were engaged in destroying the Weldon railroad towards Stony creek. General Hampton attacked the working parties three miles south of Reams' and drove them to that point.

About five o'clock a division of Hill's corps attacked the enemy's works at Reams' unsuccessfully. Half an hour later Pegram, with eighteen guns, having shaken the enemy's left by a terrific cannonade of fifteen minutes' duration, Heth attacked at that point, the dismounted cavalry going into the action on his right. Rosser's, Barringer's and Chambliss' brigades, the latter commanded by Colonel J. Lucius Davis, were in the action, Young's and Butler's brigades being held in reserve. We drove the enemy out of the position, which we still hold.—The fruits of the victory are enumerated in General Hill's official report, published yesterday.

Our men say that so far from the battle "resembling Spotsylvania in its character," as reported by Hancock, they never knew the Yankees to fight with so little spirit.

We have to thank Mr. De Louis Dalton for a copy of Reports of Battles fought by the army of Northern Virginia from June, 1862, to that of Fredericksburg, December, 1862, published by the House of Representatives. This volume contains the able and consecutive narration of General Lee, and the reports of his Lieutenants, A. P. Hill, Longstreet, &c.