

From *The Mirror*

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An editorial in this issue states:

“We understand that the colored population of Leesburg and vicinity have formed a ‘Colored Men's Aid Society,’ designed to assist the indigent and infirm of their own colour. We learn that they have appointed a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and committees to solicit contributions. The negroes of this community are, as a general thing, polite and well behaved, and this scheme speaks well of their humanity and good feeling. We hope they may meet with abundant success, and can assure them that the sooner they rely upon exertions to relieve the wants of their destitute the better for them. Unless they do so many of them will frequently go supperless to miserable beds, Freedmen's Bureau to the contrary notwithstanding.”

A small item in the same edition of *The Mirror* reads:

“A teacher in a negro school in Farmville, named J. W. Davis, got nicely thrashed a day or two ago, by a sensible Federal soldier, named Allan, for uttering seditious speeches, telling the negroes they were as good as the whites, if not better. Served him right.”