

The Wounded Prisoners at Richmond.
Mr. W. H. Merrill, one of the wounded prisoners at Richmond, writes as follows to the Rochester *Express*. His letter is dated August 20th:

1. "I assure you that I am indeed grateful to God for the preservation of my life, and that I have fallen into the hands of those who have left nothing undone that would contribute to my health or comfort.

"I was wounded about two hours after we entered the field at Bull Run, in the breast, near the heart, and fell soon after. * * *

5. "We have had the best surgeons to be had, who have labored hard for our comfort. Many amputations have been necessary, which have been performed with skill. I think the wounded prisoners will endorse what I say when I give our foes credit for doing for us all that can possibly be done. I hope all who have friends here will be at ease about them, for they are in good, kind hands. The Sisters of Mercy (or Charity) are with us to cheer and nurse us. They labor hard, day and night. I have been much pained to read some of the contemptible false slanders of the Northern press about the Federal prisoners being treated with inhumanity. All such statements are false.

a. "I speak in strong terms because the Virginians have treated us well; for one I shall never forget them. I write just as it is, without fear or favor."

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