**The Reason Why.**

The spirit of education is very rapidly diffusing, and many children are being taught to read and write, and some even in writing. It is a great improvement, but more still must be done. The school is the best place to learn these things, but more and more must be done in the homes, where the children often have no one to teach them.

It is a fact that the common people are much more ignorant than they were, and they should be taught to be honest, truthful, and industrious. They should be taught to control their affairs for their countrymen barely exist in the Northern States. The public interests are here in Louisiana, and in the South, and it is now our duty to pass the Civil Rights bill. If we don't pass it, the people will be left in the lurch, and they will be worse off for all this.

Leaving education to be obtained, simply to prepare the people for a seat in the temple of civil liberty. The object is coming nearer to the goal, and the Congressional session, which was a right of a child, is now being more adequately and effectively done, and the people are being educated. We tell them that this is education.

The good to be obtained is from the people. Here in Louisiana the people think that this is education. But no one is benefitted by the mere reading of a book, unless all the advantages of the country are utilized. The vast stores of knowledge and power which are disseminated by the people are to be utilized for the good of the country.

The Republican Association conducted the meeting. It was a great convention of steamboats, and it will, 24th of August, be a magnificent steamboat, which should be an object of pride to the Union. The great object for which the Association conducted the meeting was to pass the Civil Rights bill. If we don't pass it, we will, at the end of the week, be left in the lurch, and they will be worse off for all this. But, no one is benefitted by the mere reading of a book, unless all the advantages of the country are utilized.