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SOUTHERN CONFIDENCE.—The last thing we should anticipate from our Southern brethren would be a self-reproach that they had not been true to themselves. But such is the opinion of the *Charleston Mercury*. That paper says :


“If we ever save ourselves—if we ever establish firmly the institution of Slavery beyond question at the South—it will be by acting independently of both these allies. The Slavery party at the North has gone down for the want of efficient support at the South.”

“If we ever establish the institution of Slavery beyond question at the South,” is decidedly good. The *Mercury* will probably feel assured that Slavery is tolerably well established at the South, and everywhere else, when it hears of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Dred Scott case.

On the 5th instant., Mr. M. J. French, of Decatur, while on a visit to Indiana on business, lost his life in the following singular man-

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