

LINCOLN NOTES.

Colonel Dean, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, in Washington on Porter's staff for the inauguration, tells me, that he was at Chattanooga, was sent to throw the bridges across the Tennessee about five miles above Chattanooga by which Sherman's corps crossed. As it was of great importance that the enemy should not discover this movement, his men were not allowed to build fires. Whatever fire was built for heating the coffee was covered over over by rubber blankets. About 2 o'clock of the morning that the bridge was thrown over, a man, attended by an escort, rode up, asked for the commanding officer; Dean had been so fearful that the soldiers might be careless about fires, that he had himself staid up to watch them; when a stranger inquired for the commanding officer he stepped forward and said, I am in command, and they had a little conversation, and as the man turned he saw that it was Grant who had come up quietly from Chattanooga to see that the bridge was all right for Sherman. Several years later after Grant was President, Colonel Dean met him, told him that he had never seen him but once before; Grant asked, where that was; he said at Chattanooga, I was detailed to throw bridge across the Tennessee for Sherman. "Oh," laughed Grant, "two o'clock in the morn-

ing and you were up looking after things yourself.