Book Review: Soldiers of Light, and Love, by Jacqueline Jones

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An excellent book, by a very perceptive author, that recounts the attempts of northern missionary groups to provide education for the newly freed slaves in Georgia after the Civil War. Jones, assistant professor of American History at Wellesley College, focuses on the role of the AMA (American Missionary Association) in these efforts. Unfortunately, the AMA, for a number of reasons, refused to aid Black commitment to education at the local level. Not a pretty picture, instead a sordid one, but one that has to be understood to have a good understanding of the Reconstitution period. Highly recommended.

Editor