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by **ELIZABETH WIRT BAKER**

In his excellent sketch of the Life and Character of the President of the Confederate States, Major Walthall notes the fact that "it is one of the most remarkable features in the career of Jefferson Davis that he should have won so brilliant a reputation as a soldier at an early period, and under opportunities so limited. But a few years of his life were spent in actual service in the field, and that at no time with a rank above the command of a regiment, and yet he returned from Monterey and Buena Vista a popular idol. Men in general have a keener perception, as well as a higher appreciation, of military merits than of any other, and in that brief Mexican campaign Davis had unquestionably exhibited some of the finest qualities of a soldier, limited as was the field



Jefferson Davis as President

for their display. These were not shown by mere personal heroism, though his, as we have already said, was of the highest order, but in a thorough equipment with all the resources of military skill and science, in the quick perception of the adaptation of means to ends, and in the cool discrimination of a judgment which became both prompter and steadier instead of being ruffled or confused under the pressure of difficulty, or the stimulus of danger.

"He was daring without rashness, and deliberate without hesitation. He never led his men into needless danger, but never shrank from any risk when necessary, and had the eye of an eagle, in discernment of the crisis, when risk was required. As a leader he commanded the unquestioning, unshrinking confidence of his followers, and his presence on the field was an inspiration. The skill to handle bodies of men was combined with the magnetism that controls the wills of individuals, two of the most essential requisites for the command of the volunteer troops of which American armies are comprised."

Soon after the close of the Black Hawk war, a regiment of dragoons was formed and added to the regular service. Henry Dodge of Iowa was made the colonel of the new organization. Mr. Davis was promoted to the position of first lieutenant of one of the companies, and still further honored by being appointed immediately thereafter adjutant of the regiment—a choice that indicates better than anything else what manner of man he was.

When Mr. Davis was brought face to face with the burning question of 1832-33, the problem of state versus national loyalty, and the rumor that the regiment to which he belonged would probably be sent to Charleston, S. C., in event of open hostilities, his own words best set forth his position: "Then, much as I valued my commission, much as I desired to remain in the army, and disapproving as much as I did the remedy resorted to, that commission would have been torn to tatters before it would have been used in civil war with the state of South Carolina."

Colonel Dodge, with a select company of his dragoons, was sent in 1834 to Fort Gibson, on the borders of Arkansas and the Indian Territory, near Red river, Lieutenant Davis accompanying the detachment. The policy of the government to collect the remnants of the many tribes of Indians, both southern and northern, in this far-off portion of the country, had been developing since the transfer of the Cherokee and Creeks from western Georgia, upper Alabama and Mississippi to that reservation, and it was here that the young lieutenant passed his last years in the United States army. There was no longer need of his being in service, he having served more than the term of years required to repay the government for his training at West Point. After a year and a half at Fort Gibson, he tendered his resignation on June 30, 1835, and severed his connection with the army, whose service he had certainly loved. He had manifested decided capacity for successful military command, and his talent for management and for ready decision in emergencies had been clearly developed. His habits had been temperate and self-restrained, with a tendency to books and the scholarly life. Then followed a new life for a short time—in



Jefferson Davis, just before he died

In New Orleans, on the Alabama, for Brasos St. Iago, near Port Isabel, in southeastern Texas. He and his troops reached there Aug. 2, and were encamped for some weeks of hard drill such as only a West Pointer knows how to give, but when at last they joined General Taylor they were pronounced the best trained and most orderly volunteer troops in the army. It was a remarkable organization. Colonel Davis made a reputation which transcended that of any other officer except General Taylor himself. Of him the Mississippians at the front said: "If the time of our regiment expires and our colonel even then thinks we could be useful, there is not a man in his regiment who would not sacrifice his life to obey him, so much has his gallant conduct raised him in their estimation. The degree of power, his coolness, courage and discretion have acquired for him in the army generally is incredible."

On Feb. 23-3, 1847, Santa Ana approached the American position—a high plateau eight miles south of Saltillo. His army of 20,000 men attacked General Taylor's left. This was Colonel Davis' celebrated stand which was reported all over the country. It had saved the day for General Taylor.

The battle of Buena Vista virtually closed the war, so far as the field of General Taylor's operations was concerned.

A few weeks after his return from Mexico, Colonel Davis was appointed by the governor of Mississippi to a seat in the United States senate vacated by the death of one of the state senators. In December, 1847, he took his seat for the first time in the United States senate, where he remained until 1851, when he resigned to take part in the issues of Mississippi. In 1852 he took part in the campaign of Franklin Pierce and in March, 1853, became secretary of war. At this time he was in excellent physical health, intellectually in his prime, and morally there was rarely to be found a more commanding character in the country.

In March, 1857, Mr. Davis re-entered the senate. This was during the administration of Mr. Buchanan—during part of the time Mr. Davis was seriously ill, and at the close of the session, 1858, he made a visit to the New England states, being received everywhere with the highest marks of courtesy and popular esteem.

Mr. Davis, when aroused, was a master of oratory, of which he gave brilliant displays in the senate and on the hustings; indeed, there were occasions when he arose to the majestic, and caused the minds of his hearers to revert to similar appeals of Rheni and Demosthenes. In the memorable debates in the senate—1855-1861—he bore a conspicuous and commanding part. His speeches of this period exhibit anxious premonition of the impending rupture, "and when Mississippi, not as a matter of choice, but of necessity, resolved to secede, and the southern senators took formal leave of their colleagues, what pen should depict their anguish? Mr. Davis had passed a sleepless night, due to the pressing responsibility of his course, as well as to illness. Nevertheless he appeared in his accustomed place. The floor halls and galleries were thronged with earnest spectators as they had been only on great occasions, when the voices of Webster and Clay had resounded. Amid profound silence Mr. Davis arose to bid his adieu—the whole world knew that it was too late for aught else. He spoke in simple chaste English, devoid of flowers of rhetoric, but in such sorrowful and convincing manner that many a tear fell upon cheeks unaccustomed to the moisture of emotion. It was not difficult for that generation to understand the principles which actuated him.

The convention of Mississippi, after ordaining the withdrawal of the state from the Union, had adopted an ordinance providing for the levy of a force of 10,000 men and conferring the chief command upon Mr. Davis, with the rank of major general. This he accepted and hastened home from Washington to make arrangements for raising and organizing the troops. It was his destiny to enact a part yet more conspicuous than hitherto in the saddest drama of modern history. War, the greatest of modern wars, the greatest in some respects "known in the history of the human race." It lasted four years and a little over; marked throughout by sanguinary conflicts with heroic exploits on both sides, all of which have been duly chronicled in proper places. When Mr. Jefferson Davis, after a short illness, died in New Orleans Dec. 6, 1863, North and South East and West, recognized the fact that "a great soul had passed away." He was borne to his temporary tomb in Metairie cemetery by the governors of nine states, and during the winter following the legislatures of the South held formal memorial sessions. Never was more universal homage rendered to a departed chief. Four years later, by request of the people of Richmond, Va., and of the South generally, his remains were removed to Hollywood cemetery and given final sepulture. In Richmond the people collected from all parts of the country and listened to fond eulogies of men who had known him best. A fitting status was erected to his memory representing him in the full vigor of mature manhood, as a cavalry commander.

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