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Mr. Gladatone, in one of his chats with hauncey M. Depew, said that he was elined to the belief that all in all perinclined to the belief that all in all per-haps the greatest man since Martin Luther was George Washington, and the great English statesman went on to explain what he meant by this charac-terization. He did not regard Washing-ton as intellectually possessed of such genius as any one of half a dozen men whom he could name. His military

Yet Mr. Gladstons thought that in some respects Washington stood the greatest tests. His so called Fabian policy, which consisted in extraordi-



Washington captured Cornwallis, made a brilliant retreat after the battle of Long Island and worried and fretted the British armies into exhaustion during a seven years' war. They also know that he was president twice and declined to become president twice and declined to become president a third time. There are not many who know that the only time tears were seen in his eyes and the manifestation of great personal sorrow was made to those about him was upon that occasion at the close of the war when his army, encamped upon the bunks of the

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modeled after that of Great Britain. The nation as we now know it was a government yet to be created.

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So a company of officers—men having influence—having taked this matter over agreed to go to Washington, ask him to accept the crown of empire and to promise him the support of the army in establishing thins a personal throne. When they approached him Washington believed that these officers and friends of his had come upon some such errand as led them often to seek him for counsel. He was in a happy frame of mind that morning. The war was ended victoriously, and be had already been in consultation with Hamilton and some others respecting the form of civil government which the now free colonies should undertake.

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lieve the story purely apocryphal, al-though he was a great admirer of Washington and paid a higher tribute to Washington and paid a higher tribute to his railitary gentus than some other great ceptains have done. But it was incomprehensible to Bonaparte that a man should have conducted a prolonged warfare to success without any idea of personal aggrandizement, and moreover, Bonaparte himself had no conception whatever of any other form of republic-an government than that bideous night-mare which followed the French revolu-

Washington's greatness was impressed npon some of the great mor of the times in which he lived even before the world some anecdotes traditionary respecting his relations with two of the ablest men of the Revolutionary period which have not become threadbare by constant repetition, and which linestrate his impres-

contemporaries.

Two of the ablest men produced by the Revolutionary era were Jonathan Trumbull and Benedict Arnold. They



Some fifty years 250 the Hon. Learned Hebard was appointed executor of the estate of William Williams, who was a grandson of Jonathan Trumbull, and whose father was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. In the actiloment of the caiste Judge Rebard sattlement of the estate Judge Hebard came scross a vast amount of correspondence, including letters which passed between Washington and Governor Trumbull. Some of these letters were formal business documents; others were of a niore confidential nature. They revealed on the part of Washington a freedom from reserve which none of his other correspondence shows. One or two of them contained that term which Washington publicly applied to Governor Trumbull, and which for many years was regarded as a nickname for the American nation, "Brother Jonathan."

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years was regarded as a nickname for the American nation. "Brother Jonathan."

Some of Trumbuil's correspondence was also found, which shows that this man of genius and clear intellect, a man born to be of authority himself, had recognized in Washington that quality of greatness early in the time of the Revolution and before he had demonstrated it to the world. Trumbull's latters, while not extravagant, for he was not the man to use extravagant terms, indicate that Trumbull regarded Washington as having been specially furnished by Providence with those greater qualities, not only military, but moral, which were necessary to establish the American nation. He had almost the feeling for Washington which Arnold had, although in his case there was personal intimacy and almost an equality of relation which probably no other man of the Revolution enjoyed.

Thus the impression and influence which Washington created and exerted upon these two men—one of brilliant ability, but morally bad; the other of intellectual and moral integrity and of statesmanlike quality—suggest how it was that to men of all quality the impression that he gave was that of greatness, exactly as to the greatest intellects of this day, like Gladstone's, the same impression has been given by a study of his life.

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In the presidential campaign of 1876 it was often remarked as a curious coincidence that of the men elected president every third one was childless. The list ran: Washington, Madison, Jackson Polk, Buchanan and—but there seems to have been a break in the line, so that the omen failed on Tilden. It is also worthy of remark that these childless men had singularly happy home lives, and none more so than George Washington. Martha Dandridge was a beauty and

Martha Dandridge was a beauty and a Virginia belle when at seventeen she married Daniel Parke Custia. Of their four children two preceded their father to the tomb, and when the Widow Custis married George Washington in 1759 she had but a seriend a daughter. History gives as a few exquisite glimpses of the home life of Washington for the next few years. He and his wife were very nearly of the asme age; both born in 1732; both were wealthy, refined and of the highest standing among their Virginia contemporaries. Washington loved the two children as his own. There was nothing to mar their domestic life.

But in 1773 Martha Parke Custis died, and Washington was long affected with



AN OLD WASHINGTON STATUE.

There is now on one of the most ple-tureruse spots on Manhattan island a statue of George Washington which has an interesting history. The statue stands in Riverside creecent, and is to the lower-end of Riverside drive what the Grant mausoleum is on a grander scale to the upper. The figure stands with its back to the Hudson, about eighty feet above the tide. General Egbert L. Viole, who

to the Budson, about eighty feet above the tide. General Egbert L. Viels, who saved the statue from oblivion, told me about it as follows:

"This piece of statuary is a life size representation of Washington. The first thing you notice about it is its apparent smallness. It shows the pates patries to have been a much smaller man than everybody supposes. That is because all his statues are either herois or colossal. In exalting his character the people have magnified his person. It is so the world over with military and political heroes. In person Washington was not a man of gigantic proportions by any menna. This is a truthful counterfeit, if I may use the paradox. It is one of five which show him as he was. All others make him out a man of herois build. Suppose you look up his biographies and see if you can find in a single one of thom a specific description of his person, with reference especially to his weight and stature.

"The original of this effly is in the capitol at Kichmond. It is by Hondon, the celebrated French sculptor. Hondon was given the commission through Thomas Jefferson.

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was given the commission through Thomas Jefferson.

"He stripped his subject to the buff and made a planter cast. It is the only perfect model ever made of Washington. The result was the statue at Richmond.

"Some time before the rebellion the general assembly of Virginia authorized a German sculptor—Guntherman by name—te make a duplicate of the Houdon statue, and from this four casts were made. One of these is the statue in Riverside drive. Just after the war the sculptor's widow brought it to New York and placed it on exhibition in one of the public halls. She wanted to sell it to the city for one of the parks. Her price was \$10,000. It was very cheap for such a piece of art, but the offer was declined by the city authorities, and it was finally decided that a subscription should be opened among the children of the public schools to make up the purchase money in sums of a dime or less. After considerable exertion \$5,000 was raised, and there the matter stood until the widow agreed to accept that sum and



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