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A High Tribute to the Character of General Lee.

In a long editorial article calling for a subscription of £10,000 to Washington City by the friends and admirers of General Lee in England, the London Standard of August 17th, speaks of him as follows:

"There is no living hero—there are few, if any, among those whose names shine with the purest lustre in history—whose character has commanded so high a tribute of affection and admiration from their friends, of respect and honor from their foes, as that of General Lee."

No life more perfectly heroic, no reputation more unshaken by the mingling blemishes which are not uncommonly found in union with the highest heroism, has ever been connected with a great national struggle. No shade of vanity or egotism, nothing of the self-will or petulance so often characteristic of conscious genius, no tinge of affectation, no faint even of the pride almost insuperable from ordinary greatness of mind, which can endure everything but humiliation, and regards submission as disgrace, alloy the simple grandeur of the Virginian soldier's nature.

A piety without the slightest shadow of Pharisaism, a sense of duty to which the sacrifice of every personal feeling and interest appears a matter of course, have marked his whole course and guided every public act, whether as a soldier or as a citizen. A family connection and the nearest living representative of the great champion of American independence, General Lee has been the Washington of the Confederate war; like Washington, a man "whom early dared not hate," but without even the one dark stain of doubt, if not of disonor, which the death of Major Andre has left on the memory of his prototype. No more "selfless man and stainless gentleman" ever lived; no soldier ever set a more admirable example of the soldierly virtues of honor, chivalric generosity, and manly simplicity; no great man ever retired into obscurity, after witnessing alike the ruin of his cause and the destruction of his private fortune, with more of Christian patience and unshaken fortitude.

"Of his military achievements we need not speak. It is enough to say that nearly all his victories were won against enormous odds, and that his four years' defense of Virginia has few parallels in history, as an example of great results accomplished with small means and at trifling disadventures. What is now more interesting to remember is the personal character of the man, as displayed in the various exigencies of that trying struggle; the simple honesty and kindly feeling which prompted him to console his soldiers as they receded from the non-crowned heights of Gettysburg, with the assurance, "It is all my fault"; the unaffected self-depreciation which pronounced, when Stonewall Jackson fell, "I would wish, for the sake of our cause, that I had been disabled rather than you"; the Christian chivalry, which no outrage could provoke to retaliation, which, after Virginia had been rendered a desert, withheld the army that invaded Pennsylvania from inflicting the most trivial injury on person or property; which, when his own estates had been plundered, ravaged and confiscated, took care to protect the houses and property of his enemies; the horror of useless bloodshed which withheld the cry for retribution excited by the murder of Southern prisoners in cold blood; and supported the resolve of the President that, unless the actual murderers were taken no blood should be shed but on the field of battle; the touching unselfishness of his last words to his disbanding army, on the sorrowful 9th of April, "I have done my best for you." But it was when all was over, when the chief of a great and long victorious army was a private man and a paroled prisoner, that the peculiar greatness of General Lee's nature shines out with unequalled brightness."

Getting Back in the Union.

At the close of the war, when the relations between master and slave were so suddenly changed, a farmer in Chatham Co.—Mr. C.—called up his slaves and gave them a truthful and candid statement of affairs. He told them to visit some of the neighboring plantations, enquire what others were giving for hands, return, and all who wished to remain with him at the ruling price could do so, telling them at the same time that all who left them, or in the future, after endeavoring to remain, need not expect any more employment from him.

A large majority, if not all of them, concluded to remain, and commenced work as if no interruption had taken place. After a while, one of them, Jerry, thought that working with his former master, and at his old home, even for wages, was not his idea of freedom. So he determined to start out for his own hook.

Nothing was heard of him for a long time, but as the winter set in, Jerry was frequently seen in the neighborhood and sometimes near his old home. "O! I shudder, how my heart grows weary," etc.

Cold weather commenced. Mr. C.—determined to kill his hogs and put up his bacon for the year. Going out very early one morning to commence the operation, to his surprise, he saw Jerry standing among the hams as if he was ready to assist.

When he stopped where the hams were, Jerry stepped up and offered his services; as he had formerly been Mr. C.'s butcher, he consented to his assisting in the "killing."

The hogs were killed and packed. When night came Mr. C.—gave him a bag of pork sufficient in quantity for the payment of a week's labor. Still he did not leave for his home, if he had one. He loitered about and kept near Mr. C.—as if he wished to do something and did not know how to commence. He was evidently confused. Noticing his actions, Mr. C.—said, "well Jerry, are you satisfied with the payment for your day's work?" "Oh yes, sir, more than enough this." But that was not what I want. I come over to day to see if I could get back into the Union, sir."

Mr. C.—related this anecdote to several gentlemen who were visiting his house, and as he finished one of them asked him if he made Jerry take a "long walk before taking him back into the Union." He replied that he thought Jerry sufficiently "reconciled" and dismissed with him. —*Petersburg News.*

One exceedingly warm day in July a neighbor met an old man and remarked that it was very hot. "Yes," says Joe, "it's warm for one thing I should say we're going to have a thaw." "What is that?" inquired his friend. "There's nothing froze," says Joe. That man went his way, much enlightened.

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"I WOULD RATHER BE RIGHT THAN BE PRESIDENT."—Henry Clay.

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