HAMPTON, THE PEERLESS.

A Warm Tribute from an Eminent Northern Editor.

Col. A. K. McClure, in the Philadelphia Record.

reared in the school that knew only such.

suffering and sorrow. the battle of Seven Pines, on the Peninsula, Hampton's command lost nearly half its members in killed, wounded | Hagerstown, I went to my office and | peration by the liceutious carpet-bag and missing, and Hampton was severe- sat down to await events and accept rule of the State, Hampton was ly wounded. After the Peninsular the situation as philosophically as forced into the campaign for Governor campaign Hampton was promoted possible. and assigned to a brigade of cavalry under Stuart, and in nearly every important raid made by the Confederate cavalry with Lee's army during the war Hampton had an important part. He was regarded as one of the best cavalry officers for detached service, and was second in command with Stuart when the most audacious raid of the war was made through Mercersburg and Chambersburg and around McClellan's army soon after the battle of Antietam. At the battle of wounds, and the majority of the offieers of his command were either killed or wounded. Perhaps the most important special service be rendered as a cavalry commander was when he checked Sheridan at Trevillian's Station, in 1861, and broke up Hunter's campaign in the valley by preventing the junction of Sheridan and Hunter at Lynchburg. He was made lieutenant general and commander of Lee's cavalry in August, and he made a number of successful raids, capturing many prisoners and at one time some twenty-four hundred beef cattle from the Union army. In one of these him, was killed in action.

South Carolina Hampton was assigned retreated northward as Sherman's army entered. Before retiring he had fired sible for the burning of Columbia. with Johnson's army to Sherman in sured him that there was no force to North Carolina and returned to his oppose him, and that we desired sim-

The recent death of Wade Hampton, | home with the hope of gathering up of South Carolina, removes one of the some remnant of his broken fortune. notable characters of the last half- From the day that the war ended no expression of bitterness or resentment In the fierce sectional discussions ever came from Wade Hampton. On which were precipitated for some the contrary, he not only earnestly years before the civil war Hampton urged the restoration of peace and took no part. While he loved the fraternal brotherhood, but was one of South and had all the pride of its the few men in the South who apprenobiest blood, he was not an agitator. ciated the fact that the negro was not and earnestly and sincerely deplored only a freeman, but a citizen, and was secessions and civil war. He was entitled to be treated and respected as

obedience to the sovereignty of the My first acquaintance with Hamp-State. The pride of the South Caro- ton was in October, 1862, when Stuart cessfully defended him when charged linian had taught him that his was the made his celebrated raid around Me- with kidnapping. He was one of the noblest and grandest of all the Com- Ciellan's army, then in Maryland. I rugged mountaineers whose fidelity is monwealths-an empire by courtesy was then on duty at Harrisburg as equally rugged, and he informed me called a State. The sovereignty of assistant Adjutant General of the that I was one of a number of citizens the State had been taught in his United States, but always spent one of Franklin County whose names had mother's lap, in every school he en- or two days with Sunday at my home been selected and given to Gen. Stuart, tered, from every pulpit from which at Chambersburg. When I arrived at | who commanded the raid, to be taken he heard a minister of the Gospel, the Chambersburg depot on one of my and the great statesmen, such as Cal- home visits for a brief rest I was sumhoun, McDuffie and Hayne, had ad- moned by the telegraph operator to vocated it sincerely and ably. He his private office. He had just resaw the imposing walls and pillars of ceived several dispatches from Merthe Columbia Capitol slowly growing cersburg stating that a Confederate up year after year to be completed in cavalry force was then in possession and that I was an army officer. He the greatest splendor as the future of that town and was moving in the Capitol of the Southern Republic, if direction of Chambersburg. It was the sectional issue should ever lead to starting intelligence, indeed, and it the dismemberment of the Union, and seemed incredible that a Confederate he little dreamed that this magnificent force would attempt to raid Chamstructure would within his lifetime bersburg, only an hour's distance from be hastily and rudely completed for a Hagerstown, where there was a large menting in which his own slaves would Union force, with ample time and 1 .. is lawmakers; but even when this equipment to bring it to any point in over humiliation came to him he had the Cumberland Valley. I waited for the courage to bow to the inevitable, an hour and was advised of the proand only one year after the war had gress of the Confederate force as it and you probably won't be disturbed, ended he pleaded the cause of the moved steadily toward Chambersburg. negro, saying: "As a slave he was I telegraphed to the Union commanfaithful to us; as a free man let us der at Hagerstown, not knowing who treat him as a friend; deal with him he was, stating the facts and suggestfrankly, justly and kindly." Had the ing as a matter of precaution that a Southern men generally shared the small force of infantry and artillery brad and sensible views of Hampton should be hurried to the defence of the problem of reconstruction would the town. In charity I will not give have been an easy one, and the South the name of the Union commander, would have been spared unspeakable who answered that the suggestion of a Confederate force entering Cham-When war came it is needless to say bersburg was too absurd to be considthat Hampton was one of the first to ered. Half an hour later the advancoffer his services, and he volunteered ing Confederates had reached Chamas a private, but before the company bersburg turn-pike, and were moving he had joined had been organized he directly upon us and only ten miles was appealed to by many hundreds to distant. I then repeated an appeal to accept the command of a special bri- the Union commander at Hagerstown, gade, composed of infantry, cavalry stating the facts and urging him to and artillery, and to be known as the send a force to intercept the enemy, "Hampton Legion." He commanded as there was yet ample time to do so, enjoy his genial and kindly companthe Legion at Bull Run, the first bat- but the only reply was an intimation | ionship. He had been a candidate for tle of the war, and there, as in all the subsequent battles in which it was ensubsequent battles in which it was ento waste on lunatics. Finding it imand before the Congressional reconto maintain his convictions, his inwhooping cough last Summer, our tegrity and his patriotic manhood to baby boy being only three months old, gaged, it bore a distinguished part. In possible to get any relief from the struction of the South, but was de-Union army, as I could not hopefully feated by Governor Orr. In 1876, communicate with any officer beyond when the people were goaded to des-

ates appeared at the western part of the town with a white rag tied on a desired to be conducted to the Union | chinery in the hands of the State aucommander of the town. As there were no troops in Chambersburg they were so informed, and they asked to be conducted to some citizens of the town with whom they could communicate the wishes of their commander. Gettysburg Hampton received three They were brought to my office, where they courteously announced that they were there by orders of their commander to ask for the surrender of the city. I told them that there were no troops to oppose them, and that there was nothing to hinder them from entering Chambersburg whenever they chose to do so, but as this first invasion of the enemy naturally produced the wildest consternation in the community I said to the bearers of the truce that I wished to know what assurance of safety could be given to the people. I asked who their commander was and was told that his name could not be given. I then asked raids his son, a gallant officer under where he was and that information was also refused. I then inquired When Johnson organized his army whether they could take me to their in North Carolina to oppose the ad- commander and assure my safe recurn. vance of Sherman northward from They said they would, and, accompanied by Col. Thomas B. Kennedy, to that army to command the cavalry. then a prominent lawyer of the town He was in possession of his home city and now president of the Cumberland of Columbia, the Capital of the State, Valley Railroad, we mounted horses when Sherman advanced upon it, and and rode to the front. It was pitch dark, and when we had ridden out beyond the suburbs we were finally a considerable amount of cotton that halted with the information that we was stored in the outskirts of the city | were now in the presence of the Conand this gave some color of plausi- federate commander. It was only bility to the charge that he was respon- barely possible to see that a body of men were in front of us, but what A somewhat heated controversy oc- they looked like we could form no curred between Hampton and Sherman | conception. When we stopped an after the war as to who was responsi- officer rode up to us and announced ble for the destruction of the beauti- that he was Gen. Hampton, commandful Capital of the Palmetto State, but | ing part of the Confederate force, and the weight of testimony certainly ac- that he desired to know whether they quitted Hampton. He surrendered could enter Chambersburg. We as-

Soon after dark several Confeder-

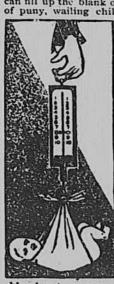
could be given to quiet the people of the second 1,100, by which it returned him throughout his long career, and the town when the Confederates en- a majority for Chamberlain of 3,433. finally when he had faced the storms tered. He promptly answered that The Senators and Representatives of 84 winters he was borne to his final they made no war upon private citizens and non-combatants; that the people should be advised to remain in their homes, as they would not be disturbed, and that no property would be taken from any one except such as was needed by the army. He then directed Mr. Kennedy and myself to lead his forces into Chambersburg, and in a very short time the town was practically filled with them. The people were at once assured that they had nothing to apprehend and there was no tendency to panic.

In crossing the Centre square a short time after Hampton's force bad entered I was familiarly slapped on the shoulder, and, turning around, recognized Hugh Logan, then a captain in the Confederate army and the guide of the raid, as he had been born and grown up on the South Mountain in Franklin County, and I had once sucas prisoners to Richmond to be held as hostages for Pope's arrest of civilians in Virginia. I told him that I had met Hampton, although he did not ask my name, and had his assurance that officers would be paroled. answered in a characteristic, terse manner: "Well, Hampton's a gentleman, and if you are taken and get to him he'll discharge you, but Jeb (Stuart) wants you damn bad." Seven citizens had been arrested and were taken to Libby, one of whom died before his release. I asked Logan what he thought it best that I should do, to which he answered: "Go out to your home. We're in a hell of a hurry but if you are taken I'll put you out to-morrow night." If I had been taken he would have fulfilled his promise, even at the peril of his life. went to my home on a farm some distance outside the town, and found my ten horses had already been conscripted into the Confederate army. I was not disturbed, and thus escaped an unpleasant journey to Libby prison and the necessity of an appeal to Gen. Hampton for my discharge. I did not again meet Hampton until

after his election to the Governship in 1876. At our first meeting we had a pleasant evening, recalling the interesting incidents of the Chambersburg raid. From then until the last few years I met him many times in Washington and was always delighted to against Governor Chamberlain, who was greatly the best of all the carpetbaggers of the State, and who would have made reputable Republican govstick, and announced to the first citi- ernment had it been possible. The zens they met that they bore a flag of contest was one of unusual desperatruce from the Confederate army and tion, but with all the power and mathorities, sustained by the army and by a State constabulary that permeated every precinct, Hampton was elected by 1,134 majority. A State return board in South Carolina had the authority to revise the returns and it bodily threw out the counties of Edgefield and Laurens, the first of which

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those counties were refused admission to their seats and the result was the organization of two Legislatures and the inauguration of two Governors. Chamberlain had the advantage of

being in possession, and I doubt whether Hampton rendered more heroic service in the flame of battle than he did in restraining his friends from resorting to violence, when the election fraud was perpetrated, and driving the corrupt carpet-baggers from the State; but he held his people steadily to law and order, feeling assured that in time the right would triumph. President Hayes's assurance had been given that the Democratic State officers of Louisiana, Florida and South Carolina would be given their places, as they were undoubtedly elected, and after several conferences between both the disputing parties and the President, notice was finally given that the Federal troops would be withdrawn from Columbia, and that at once ended the centest. Chamberlain quietly gave up the office of Governor, and the Democratic State and Legislative officers were admitted to their seats without further dispute. Having assured honest government in his State, his friends naturally desired to confer upon him the highest honors within their gift, and he was soon thereafter chosen United States Senator practically without a contest, and at the end of his first term was re-elected in like manner.

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