

HAMPTON, THE PEERLESS.

A Warm Tribute from an Eminent Northern Editor.

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

The recent death of Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, removes one of the notable characters of the last half-century.

In the fierce sectional discussions which were precipitated for some years before the civil war Hampton took no part. While he loved the South and had all the pride of its noblest blood, he was not an agitator, and earnestly and sincerely deplored secessions and civil war.

When war came it is needless to say that Hampton was one of the first to offer his services, and he volunteered as a private, but before the company he had joined had been organized he was appealed to by many hundreds to accept the command of a special brigade, composed of infantry, cavalry and artillery, and to be known as the "Hampton Legion."

When Johnson organized his army in North Carolina to oppose the advance of Sherman northward from South Carolina Hampton was assigned to that army to command the cavalry. He was in possession of his home city of Columbia, the Capital of the State, when Sherman advanced upon it, and retreated northward as Sherman's army entered.

home with the hope of gathering up some remnant of his broken fortune. From the day that the war ended no expression of bitterness or resentment ever came from Wade Hampton.

My first acquaintance with Hampton was in October, 1862, when Stuart made his celebrated raid around McClellan's army, then in Maryland. I was then on duty at Harrisburg as assistant Adjutant General of the United States, but always spent one or two days with Sunday at my home at Chambersburg.

Soon after dark several Confederates appeared at the western part of the town with a white rag tied on a stick, and announced to the first citizens they met that they bore a flag of truce from the Confederate army and desired to be conducted to the Union commander of the town.

ply to learn from him what assurance could be given to quiet the people of the town when the Confederates entered. He promptly answered that 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.

In crossing the Centre square a short time after Hampton's force had 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 successfully defended him when charged with kidnapping.

I did not again meet Hampton until after his election to the Governorship 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 enjoy his genial and kindly companionship.

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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.

During his twelve years' service in the Senate he was always one of the most conservative and patriotic of Southern lawmakers. He exhausted his efforts to suppress sectional strife. Not only by example, but by every deliverance he ever made, he pleaded for the suppression of sectional bitterness and the restoration of fraternal relations between the North and the South.

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