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Sheridan was one of the ablest, if not the ablest, most capable and daring of the cavalry officers in the Federal army. It was understood at the time, and I have no doubt it was true, that he had been given carte blanche to mount and equip his cavalry without regard to cost. He had under his command some of the finest cavalry officers as could be mustered anywhere. Among them were Wilson, Merritt, Custer, the two Greggs, Torbet, Davies, Kautz, Dahlgren. Gen. Hampton was equally fortunate in every thing except the arms, equipment, mounts and numbers of his command. The two Lees, Rosser, Young, Lomax, Baker, Chambliss, Dearing, Roberts, Gordon—were easily a match for their antagonists. Rosser and Young, of Hampton's division, were beau ideals of cavalry officers; dashing, courageous, almost reckless in daring and audacity, and withal skilful and able in handling their troops. Lomax, always cool, steady, fearless, could grasp the salient points of battlefields with as much precision and accuracy and attack with as much boldness and skill as the most capable.

These were the foes confronting each other in that memorable and terrific campaign of 1864. Gen. Grant hammered against the lines of Gen. Lee's "incomparable infantry" and artillery, recoiling always before their fierce volleys, dismounted, bleeding at every pore. His frontal attacks were repulsed with fearful slaughter, and when he would move to find Gen. Lee's flanks, he would encounter the flash of his guns and the points of his bayonets, and finally was compelled to adopt the lines of attack on Richmond laid down by McClellan two years before.

Manoeuvring against that great, if not the greatest commander of modern times, without being able to whip or outgeneral him in front, Gen. Grant adopted a different line of military policy. He sent Sheridan from his right flank with a column of cavalry estimated at 10,000, to join Hunter, moving up the valley towards Lynchburg, cut Gen. Lee's communications, and possibly take Richmond from the rear. About the same time Grant dispatched Wilson from his left, with two divisions of cavalry, to operate on and destroy the south side of the railroad towards Lynchburg from that direction. It was a bold, comprehensive movement, and if successful, while he held Gen. Lee with his main army, must have resulted disastrously to the Confederate cause.

One or two other incidents of his military life:

Gen. Hampton's faithful and vigilant scouts—Shadburn, Scott, Hogan, and others—reported to him that a large lot of beef cattle had been collected at Codgins Point, on the James River, to supply Grant's army. On the 16th of September he collected a detachment of well mounted men, penetrated into the carefully guarded precincts of this beef corral, captured 486 and brought out 2,468 on the 17th and seemed to be very much disgusted that eighteen had got away. This, of course, was a very acceptable present to Gen. Lee's army and a very unceremonious liberty to take with Gen. Grant.

The battles of McDowell's Farm, where the gallant, chivalric Gen. John Fremont fell mortally wounded, and Burgess's Mill were fought the latter part of September and October respectively. At the latter Hampton's and Wm. H. F. Lee's divisions bore the brunt of the conflict against Hancock's corps. Here it was that President Hampton was killed, the son and the de-camp of Gen. Hampton.

Preston and Nat Butler, two handsome, splendid young soldiers, not yet of their teens, were moving along, mounted, waving their hats with an advancing line of battle under a destructive fire, both having strayed off from their respective headquarters to be in the attacking line. As they led their horses to return to their respective stations Preston exclaimed: "Hurrah Nat!" and was shot in the hip, a fatal wound. His young, beautiful life went out in a halo of heroic splendor.

It was a pathetic scene to witness the anguish of a devoted father over the dead body of his soldier son. Combing his body to the custody of his wife, sorrowing friends, to be taken to the rear, he returned to the battle line to the end.

On a November or December Grant detached Warren with the 5th Corps to Weldon, N. C., an important point, and to tear up the Petersburg and Weldon Railroad. Hampton, by rapid all-night movement, reached Weldon, on the Meherrin River, only miles from Weldon, interposed his command between Warren's corps and Weldon and compelled him to retrace his steps, thereby saving Weldon.

In January, 1865, Butler's division transferred to Columbia, S. C. Hampton was also ordered there, where Wheeler's and Butler's divisions met, the former coming over from the remnant of Hood's army. Wheeler was the ranking major general

of cavalry and Hampton was promoted to the rank of lieutenant general on February 14, 1865, three days before Sherman's army sacked and burned Columbia. The march through South and North Carolina, the battle of Avershoro, the early morning surprise and attack on Kilpatrick's camp, where that daring officer escaped from his camp in dishabille—the battle of Bentonville and the end came. Gen. Hampton had determined to cross the Trans-Mississippi Department and join the Confederate forces there. He accordingly left Gen. Johnson's army at Greensboro, before the final terms of capitulation were arranged. He, however, changed his mind at Charlotte, N. C., and returned to his desolate home in Columbia, like so many thousands of his comrades, pauperized, but not dismayed, sustained by the consciousness of his duty well performed and proud of the great service he had rendered his country.

This ended his military career. It was honorable, brilliant, successful. Gen. Robert E. Lee trusted and confided in him implicitly. He inspired his soldiers with a confidence in his leadership and respect for his person. They were ready to follow him blindly and unflinchingly. No higher test can be found of a commanding officer's ability. His bearing in camp was quiet, dignified, sedate. On the battlefield superb, faultless. Hobegan life anew by devoting himself to the pacification and rehabilitation of his stricken State, was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention that nominated Seymour and Blair; also a member of the State Convention that met in Columbia to ratify the nomination of the national ticket.

Then came the horrors of reconstruction with its deluge of crime and debauchery by the white vampires, foreign and domestic, who got control of the newly emancipated and enfranchised deluded negroes, and held high carnival of corruption and outrage for eight long, weary, dismal years.

Gen. Hampton was a member of a strong delegation sent by a Taxpayers' Convention to protest with the authorities in Washington against their sustaining the enemies of law and order and decency in South Carolina. The remonstrance was strongly but respectfully presented, but the appeal was made to deaf and unsympathetic ears. No relief was vouchsafed.

In 1876, when every resource to secure peace and order was exhausted, the white people of the State met in convention at Columbia and nominated Hampton for Governor.

It is unnecessary for me to discuss at length the events of that political revolution under Hampton's matchless leadership. Many of you were participants and bore conspicuous parts in the redemption of your State. In fact, it may safely be affirmed that every white man, woman and child, except the few time-servers and co-conspirators with the invading camp followers, lined up behind Hampton and drove the criminals from the temples they had desecrated. It is due to the contingent of colored men who took their lives in their hands and contributed to the triumph of intelligence, law and order to give them full credit for their aid.

I cannot linger to relate in detail the events following the election. The organization of the two houses of the Legislature, the intensity of public feeling, the strain on the people, the anxiety, the excitement, the uncertainty, the interference by Federal troops, the final triumph of the Wallace House, Hampton's inauguration and assumption of the reins of Government.

Throughout that trying ordeal he was calm, sedate, firm, counselling patience and moderation, the central figure of a great momentous political upheaval, skillfully guiding the movements of the excited multitude through the storm of political and social redemption—he made a place in the hearts of his countrymen more enduring than any monument his grateful and admiring countrymen and countrywomen to erect to his memory.

He so administered the great office of Governor as to bring order out of chaos, inspire confidence among all the people, by honestly managing the State's finances, justly executing the laws and fearlessly maintaining his constitutional prerogatives.

He was elected to the United States Senate during his second term as Governor, and took his seat on the 4th of March, 1879. There, as elsewhere, his lofty, exalted character soon impressed itself on his colleagues of that august body. His influence was always exerted for the good and welfare of his constituents, and dignity and honor of his State and the whole country.

He served two terms in the Senate and one term as commissioner of transcontinental railroads, successor to Gen. Joseph E. Johnson.

After his term as United States railroad commissioner ended, he returned to private life and passed his remaining days with a dignity and self-respect which nothing could affect. He has gone to join that brilliant galaxy of Confederate comrades who will beckon him into their ranks; in the spirit land, as a worthy companion of the highest

and best and most chivalric of them.

Gen. Hampton was well-nigh a perfect specimen of physical manhood. A little less than six feet in height, well proportioned, with a muscular development like a trained athlete. While punctiliously observant of the conventionalities and duties of polite life, he cared little for the glamour and frivolities of social pastime. His leisure hours were more congenially employed by the exciting chase of outdoor sports, and his unaffected nature more attracted by movements and habits of the evasive trout.

In his relation with strangers he was rather reserved, without being forbidding, but with intimate friends was the soul of geniality and good cheer—always considerate, kindly and respectful.

He was endowed with a dignity that never suggested superiority, and yet free from condescension or haughtiness—always self-poised, self-respecting—a gentleman.

It would be flagrant flattery to say Gen. Hampton had no faults. If he could speak he would have a poor opinion of a man or woman who would set up such a claim. He was cordially human, with many of the weaknesses with which all human nature is affected, but his high and noble qualities of head and heart were so commanding and controlling as to overshadow his weakness and reduce them to the category of foibles. Sallust said to Cato:

"At Cato's studium modestia, decoris sed maxime, severitates erat."

"Non divitiis cum divite neque facione cum factioso, sed cum strenuo virtute, cum modesto pudore, cum innocente, abstinentia certabat esse, quam videri bonus malebat; ita quominus gloriam petebat eo magis sequebatur," which paraphrased, somewhat, and translated would read:

"But Hampton's ambition was that of temperance, discretion; he did not contend in splendor with the rich or in faction with the seditious, but with the brave in fortitude, with the modest in simplicity, with the temperate in abstinence; he was more desirous to be than than appear virtuous; and thus the less he courted popularity and the more it pursued him."

Gen. Hampton was a great cavalry soldier, one of the greatest of modern times, if not any period of the world's history; he was an exemplary citizen of the loftiest and highest ideals of duty, devoted to the principles of constitutional government, a statesman of sound judgment and wisdom, an incorruptible gentle. What more can or need be said of him?

"Hardening" of Children.

Hecker is outspoken in his objections to the methods pursued in the so-called "hardening" of children by the means of cold douches or baths. As a rule, children, thus treated are more susceptible to nasal catarrhs, throat affections, bronchitis and pulmonary inflammations than those who have not been subjected to the "hardening" process. Furthermore such measures frequently give rise to pronounced anemia and various disorders of the nervous system. Children so "hardened" are especially prone to acute and chronic intestinal disorders. While in healthy children a properly conducted "hardening" process is often of advantage, it must be remembered that there are no hard and fast rules that every case must be treated according to the individual indications. The fundamental principles of a proper "hardening" system are as follows: (1) Gradual acclimation to the air of the room; (2) gradual acclimation to outdoor air; (3) gradual acclimation to cold water; (4) suitable clothing—varied according to the weather and time of year. Great care should be observed in acclimating the child to cold water, and the effects of the same should be carefully watched, the endeavors being at once suspended on the first appearance of any unfavorable symptoms.

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Of all the brilliant preachers of modern times, no one shone more eloquently in conversation than the eloquent Baptist minister, Robert Hall, says the Saturday Evening Post. It is remarkable that, while in his writings, hardly a gleam of wit or humor is to be found, yet in the social circle he was distinguished by his terse and pungent sayings. All his life he was a martyr to an excruciating disease and his wittiest sayings were uttered when he was writing with sharp pain. A lady at a friend's house found him so lost in thought that she vainly essayed to engage him in conversation. At length, impatiently, in allusion to a Miss Steel to whom he was engaged to be married. "Ah, sir, if we had but polished steel here we might secure some of your attention, but—"

"Madam," interrupted the now roused preacher, "make yourself quite easy; if you are not polished steel, you are at least polished brass."

Hall had an intense abhorrence of religious cant, to which he gave expression sometimes in the most scorching terms. A young minister, who was visiting him, spent a day in sighing, ever and anon begging pardon for his aspirations, and saying that they were caused by grief that had so hard a heart. When the lamentations, which Hall had borne patiently the first day, were resumed at breakfast on the second he said:

"Why, sir don't be so cast down; remember of the compensating principle, and be thankful and still."

"Compensating principle!" exclaimed the young man; "what can compensate for a hard heart?"

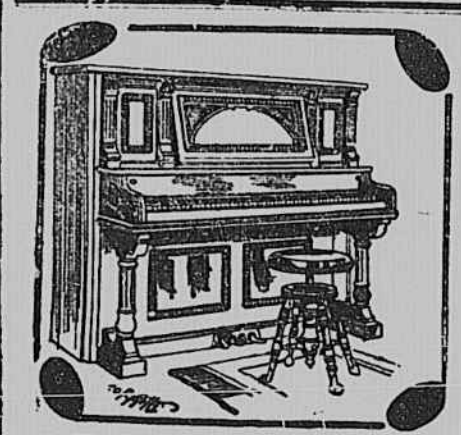
"Why, a soft head, to be sure!" replied Hall, who, if rude, had certainly great provocation.

—A small voice in a man often has the same effect as a hole in a nickel.

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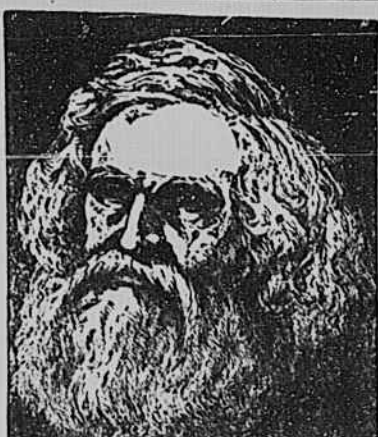
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