

GENERAL GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN.

General George B. McClellan was born in the city of Philadelphia, the birthplace of American independence and of American Union, on the 3d day of December, 1826. His father was an eminent physician, "praised by the praised," and conspicuous for his abilities and his character even in that galaxy of accomplished men by whom the name of Philadelphia as the metropolis of physical science and the healing art in America was made respectable in Europe and in Paris, in London and in Leyden. No man's ancestry is matter of indifference when we desire to study his nature, and ascertain the true measure of his worth. In monarchical countries, where the voice of the people has little or no weight in determining the selection of those who are to administer the government, it matters little to the masses of mankind whether those by whom they are ruled come of a sound or of a corrupt and weakly race. But in a republic, which rests for its permanence and its power in the virtue of the people and of their public servants, it can never be an insignificant recommendation of a public man to that confidence of his fellow citizens, in which alone his hope of distinction and of influence lies, that his fathers in their time were citizens of credit.

securing advantages won by the troops of Tennessee and South Carolina.

Between these once fraternal names how wide a gulf has since been dug by passion, by madness, and by folly—a gulf which, in the providence of God, nothing surely but reason and justice can ever bridge again.

The peculiar importance of that arm of the service to which, in virtue of his distinction won at the Academy, Lieutenant McClellan was attached, naturally gave him a prominence in the operations of Gen. Scott's advance to which his years and his rank would not otherwise have entitled him. He won his promotion to the rank of second lieutenant early in the campaign, and received his brevet as first lieutenant for gallant and meritorious conduct at the battle of Contreras on the 19th of August of the same year. The service of the engineers and the staff of the army was the highest degree of the confidence, the personal bravery, and the powers of physical endurance, as well as the professional skill of those engaged in it. Gen. Valencia's position was infinitely more formidable than the broken, rough and impracticable character of the country. Then from the skill with which that pompous and wordy personage had selected and entrenched his camp, and the reconnaissance which determined the route taken by our troops to assault and overwhelm their enemy, had to be executed on a moonless night, over rocky and precipitous mule-paths, through a region of wild ravine and jagged firs.

Deserted in disguise by Santa Ana, whose advice he had scorned, and whom he hoped by a decisive victory over the American invaders to cast from power, Valencia was utterly bewildered by the attack to which this dangerous night reconnaissance opened the way; his troops, finding themselves unexpectably involved, were stricken with a panic and one of the most complete victories of the war rewarded the skill of our commanders and the valor of our troops.

When compared with the battle on which war has since been waged by American armies, the battles through which our soldiers fought their way to the city of Mexico, may seem, indeed, but petty and insignificant combats. But the campaign of 1847 was, in truth, a most instructive school for the officers who passed through it. Not less by the mistakes and failures of the enemy than by our own successes were the capable and the thoughtful among those officers taught fully to estimate the tremendous difficulties which attend a war of invasion, and the formidable advantage enjoyed by an army acting on the defense in a country sparsely populated, broken, rugged, and densely wooded; nor is it easy to imagine the extent of the disasters which must have befallen the cause of the Union, and absolute conduct in the field of our vast and undisciplined armies, begun in the outset of the existing war, by the arrogant and inexperienced civilians whose influence has been since so lamentably felt in the disturbance of well considered plans of campaigns and the waste of well organized resources.

The hard-fought action of Molino del Rey on the 8th of September, 1847, afforded Lieutenant McClellan occasion to prove that his rapid promotion in his profession had not disturbed that well balanced sense of justice which is one of the rooted qualities of his nature.

The conduct of the attack upon the Mexican positions at Molino del Rey had been confined by General Scott to General Worth. The ostensible object of this attack was the destruction of a cannon foundry which the Mexicans were believed to have established at that point; but as General Worth found reason to anticipate such a resistance as might lead to a general action for the possession of the heights and fortress of Chapultepec, it was of the first importance for him to be thoroughly informed of the true nature of the defenses thrown up by Santa Ana at Molino del Rey, and of the true pretensions of which the Mexican President would there array against him. Two serious reconnaissance were accordingly ordered by General Worth before the attack was made, and in these reconnaissance Lieutenant McClellan bore a distinguished part.

The conflict which followed assumed the character of a battle—the most fiercely contested battle in the history of the war—in which, after hours of desperate onslaught, an aggregate American force about three thousand five hundred strong assaulted and drove from their fortified entrenchments a Mexican army numbering at least ten thousand men with the loss to the enemy of four pieces of artillery and nearly a thousand prisoners. Lieut. McClellan was offered the brevet rank of captain for his share in this victory, but declined to receive it on the ground that he was not fully entitled to it, having been concerned in the preliminary operations alone, and not in the actual assault and capture of the enemy's works. The maxim *palma equitatis ferat* is not often thus rigorously applied in his own case by a young and ambitious man actively engaged in the most exciting of professions.

Within a week, however, the storming of Chapultepec, and the consequent occupation of the Mexican capital, gave the magnanimous young soldier a fresh opportunity of winning, by actual service and exposure in the stricken field, the rank which he declined otherwise to receive. He was breveted a captain for these crowning operations of the campaign on the 10th of September, 1847.

to develop themselves so fully and so firmly in the proclamations and in the conduct of the victor of West Virginia and the leader of the Pennsylvania campaign.

In June, 1848, Captain McClellan returned to the United States, and was almost immediately ordered to the post at West point, where for three years, he remained in command of the company of engineers and miners. In June, 1851, he was removed to Fort Delaware to superintend the construction of the works, and early in the next year he fulfilled the common destiny of the officers of the regular army of the Union by joining an expedition for the exploration of the far western territory of the Red River, under command of Colonel Marcy, whose explorer has since become his wife.

From the Red River he passed into Texas upon the staff of General Persier F. Smith, and until March, 1853, was occupied in the survey of the Texas coast. From the reprobates of the Gulf and the howlers of Texas he was suddenly transferred to the neighborhood of the Rocky mountains, going to Washington territory in the spring of 1853, and remaining there until May, 1854, in charge of the western division of the survey for the eastern route to the Pacific ocean. The vast extent, the magnificent possibilities, the grand unity and variety of grand of our national dominion, which are but so many a blank to the ordinary mind of the soldier, to the intelligent American officer whose routine of duty thus leads him from one extreme to another of the imperial republic, and the sentiments of continental patriotism so vague and passionate in the minds of the most men, it thus made to him a substantial and controlling impulse of his nature.

But Captain McClellan's love and reverence of American nationality were to be intensified by a wider and even more impressive experience. In March, 1855, he was promoted to a full captaincy in the First cavalry and, with Major Duffield and Major Macdonald, was ordered to proceed to Europe, there to study the operations of the great war then waging between the western allies and the Russian empire. War on a scale which had become traditional in our time, war waged upon the principle of the Napoleonic era, but with all the appliances of modern progress, was now to pass under his inspection. When Captain McClellan and his companions reached the Crimea, in the early part of the summer of 1855, the most trying period of the great allied invasion had already been overpassed. The battle of the Alma had been fought and won; Sebastopol had been invested, so far as its investment was practicable; victory had been snatched by the troops of France and England from the very jaws of ruin, on the heights of Inkermann. But the spectacle which met the eyes of the American commissioners was far more instructive than any shock of battle could have been. In the course of his investigations into the organization and establishment of the allied forces before the Russian stronghold, Captain McClellan learned to estimate aright the tremendous hazard which, even in modern times, and with all the advantages by a complete command alike of the sea, and all the "tricks of war," attend what may be properly called, as Mr. Kinglake has called it, a "colossal adventure of invasion."

All that it was the rare privilege of Captain McClellan to see and learn of the relations between politics and the military conducted upon the grandest scale, during his visit to Sebastopol, might have profited him had not his own personal and professional, though comparatively limited, experience in Mexico prepared his intellect to deduce from it the most solid instruction and the most durable convictions. The immediate fruits of his journey in Europe at this time was an elaborate and exhaustive report upon the constitution of the greater European armies, which was published under the authority of Congress in the early part of the year 1857, and which bears ample witness to the pains and zeal with which the young officer had devoted himself to mastering the minutest details, as well as the broadest principles, of military organization. But infinitely greater pain and moment to himself and to his country were the larger and deeper results of this military tour upon his mental constitution and his habits of thought.

The officers of the regular army of the United States, although most carefully trained in the principles of mathematical science, and of the military art during the four years of their academic course, have enjoyed, for the most part, in later life but few and limited opportunities of military experience. With the exception of the Mexican war, the lives of most of them now living had been passed when the great rebellion broke upon us, in a routine of post and garrison duty between the peaceful seaboard of the Atlantic and the frontier forts of the Far West. A harassing but contemptible warfare with the roving Indian tribes of the transmississippi educated them to practical skill in the handling of small detachments, but could do nothing, of course, toward familiarizing them with the spirit and the necessities of war on grand scale. Many of them, inspired by the genuine zeal and love for their profession, were at great pains to master all that books could teach upon this subject. But as the most scientific and thoughtful of military authorities, Baron Jomini has well observed, "war, practical war is not an affair of mathematical demonstrations, it is a 'passionate drama,' and no study of military literature, however judicious and faithful, can teach in years so much available and military truth as a soldier like McClellan must imbibe from a few weeks of actual living contact with the realities of war as he came upon and mingled with them in Crimea. "After the publication of his report of the armies of Europe, in January 1857, Captain McClellan resigned his commission in the army and went into civil life.

He was appointed chief engineer of the Illinois Central Railroad, and upon the completion of that great enterprise was elected vice-president of the company, which post he continued to fill, residing in Chicago, until the month of August, 1860, when, having been chosen president of the Eastern Division of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, he returned to Cincinnati. Governor Dennison of Ohio, in response to the first call of the President of the United States, for volunteers to aid in the suppression of the rebellion and in maintaining the supremacy of the constitution, appointed George Brinton McClellan major-general, to command the con-

tingent of the state, being thirteen regiments of infantry. This commission was offered and accepted on the 23d of April, 1861.

On the 10th of May, 1861, the general government assigned General McClellan to the command of the Department of Ohio, embracing the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, with his headquarters at Cincinnati. Four days later, he was commissioned major-general in the regular army, which rank he now holds. From this date his entrance into active service in the present war.

GENERAL McCLELLAN IN THE PRESENT WAR.

The part born by General McClellan in the history of the great war for the Union is more familiar to the public. In spite of the present efforts of the administration to prevent the facts in respect to the great campaigns of 1862, and to blacken the reputation of the soldier who organized and inspired with his own faithful and loyal spirit the brave Army of the Potomac, the popular sense has always done him justice; and the popular voice will ever deal out to his maligned, of all that is sound, patriotic, and truly loyal in the land, the due reward of all their misanthropes.

Our task in relation to that brilliant career which began in victory among the mountains of West Virginia in the Summer of 1861, to end in dignified patience under unappreciated wrong among the hills of the Shenandoah in the autumn of 1862, in the simple task of recital. At the same time, the simple task of recital, at the same time of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, South Mountain and Antietam, the heart of the nation will beat out a nobler commemorative than words can frame upon the merits and the desert of the heroic young commander who gave these trumpet names to us and to our children.

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