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Two Veteran Heroes of
Antislavery

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John Vetter
of
St. Louis

Two Veteran Heroes of
Antietam

The day of the battle
Sept 17th 1862

Antietam presented two
figures to me, which were
engraved on the tablets of my
memory. The first was that
of the wonderful Christian officer
~~then~~ a general Beauregard as
a Corps (the 12th) in
~~division~~ McCallan's Army.
He was conducting his troops
first following his men, as in
line of battle, they moved
across an open field. He
appeared full of ardor & activity
when giving his commands,
now encouraging the
milling & ~~forward~~ ^{forward} men, now bring
up the ^{men} retreating fragments.
I could not hear what he

I could not have put the
 up the reluctant frog which
 willing to be put in the
 now encouraging the
 when giving his own mind
 of the full of color & activity
 across an open field. The
 time of better, they were
 first following the man, as a
 the man was looking the trophy.
 a power of command in
 of the successful Christian officer
 necessary. The first was that
 experience on the tactics of the
 figures to me, which were
 the day of the battle
 Sept 11 1862
 Johnston's movement was
 two thousand men of

scud; I was not near
enough to catch his words.
But he looked to me like
the old heroes I had read of
in Greek story - large,
sitting up high on his strong
horse whom, tho. free, he
tightly grasped by his ^{girths} ~~bits~~
the bridle; his pure white hair
long enough to float about his
neck which his broad crimson
saddler-hat could not confine
nor conceal. It was gent
meansfield! I knew him well.
He always had a heroic soul.

As Inspector General, going from
post to post on his tours of
duty he had been remarkable
for his Sabbath work. His Sunday
readings of God's word to the officers
& men on the frontiers had

I was not more
 anxious to get to the
 But he wanted to see what
 The old man of that day
 in the strong box
 sitting up late on the strong
 box below, the first of
 early dawn by his side
 the Bible; his face white hair
 long enough to float about his
 neck while his head
 shone that could not compare
 not even equal. At noon he
 dressed in his
 the clergyman a heroic soul.
 He suffered from, going from
 first to last on his head of
 but he had been remembered
 for his subtle work. The
 making of this was to the office
 of the man in the presence of

for ³ years been told as young
officers & had been ~~an~~ an
inspiration to us. Indeed
my heart thrilled as I saw
this grand gentleman & true
soldier that memorable
morning. ~~For~~ While I was
forming my own small
brigade & endeavoring to
follow him. The air was
full of bursting shells. The
small holes were already
thick enough and many
a poor fellow was laid low,
as Mansfield left a trail of
wounds & pushed on toward
Sees left most troops.
Suddenly my hero fell ^{severely} wounded
and was borne to the rear.
It was but a few days before
that he had earnestly ^{intensely} sought the

for some time but in spring
 of 1890 I had been
 in the same place as I had
 and had thought as I saw
 the ground conditions & the
 soil in that mountain
 was very different from
 former days and was
 much more favorable to
 the growth of the
 plants. The soil was
 full of pebbles & shells. The
 small pebbles were mostly
 of quartz and some
 of the larger ones had
 a fine yellowish light
 as the pebbles left a light
 sandy & granular and
 also left many small
 pebbles. The soil was
 and was better to the
 soil but a few small
 that he had made

War Dept. to assign him to
an active command - for he
had been long enough in the
defences of Washington -

When informal money & little
praise had come to him for
his ~~and~~ indefatigable labors
in forming camps, organizing troops
and helping the ^{field} more favored
officers at the front. His

push was gratified & he
became ^{as necessary} the Commandant
of the 12th Army Corps -
On his ^{departure} ~~to the front~~ for Johnston
he wrote from Washington:

I am going into battle;
if I fall leave my body sent to
my friends in Middleboro Bk.
His official record as found in
General Buller's Register (please
put it into full type for it is worthy
of it) is phenomenal.)

(Ken introduce)

Inches

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~~Such~~ ^{among} was my earliest
 experience to behold the noble
 Mansfield in action & to
 be impressed by his sudden
 fall. That scene, the figure,
 the handsome man, the ~~war~~
 mild conflict & the sad, sad
 loss, I carry it as an ever
 present picture, a memory of willing
 sacrifice of this ^{fine} ~~valuable~~ specimen of
 one of
 Nations noble men for the
 life of our ~~country~~ country.

The other notable figure flashed
 upon the ~~wide~~ bloody field,
 and came before my excited vision
 just before the end of that
 eventful day. It was that
 of my own illustrious ~~Gen.~~ ^{of the 2nd Army Corps}
~~Division~~ Commander, Gen.
 E. V. Sumner.

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Inches

help himself; never extend
to the whole of the
population, and even

"Oh, then stop, stop! How
can you suppose an old
settler like me!"

I explain to the
other officers that I was
in the field with the
army, and that I was
in the field with the
army, and that I was
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~~His left~~ Sumner's left men (2)
turned under the cover of the
blind road & ~~then~~ convenient
gullies. Officers tried hard to stop
this onslaught; but it could
not be done. Soldiers almost
always give back when they
perceive an attack ~~from~~ from
a flank fire or from behind
them. First the left, then the center,
then all of Sedgwick's Division
was falling back - some men
in groups, some scattered, &
some marching in better shape.
The grizzly old warrior galloped
to the front of them followed
by a few officers & orderlies - his
hat was off, his sword ^{was} hanging by
his side - both hands, the reins

Here is the man: straight as an
arrow; six feet tall, well
proportioned; already over sixty
five years of age; large, high
head & front; ^{gray hair & grizzled beard & thin white hair} ~~face~~; pleasant off
duty; but ^{waiting &} inclined to sternness
in his office or on the field.

His large active horse & himself
in the saddle ^{so} moved as one
figure, that there was from then
the expression of tremendous
purpose & power. After the
action began ^{had quite a lively} by Mansfield; ^{in a storm}
Sumner's Corps passed from the
little grove across the open field to
the thicker wood where the many
confederates were massed. For a time
the storm of shot & shell ^{again suddenly} burst out along
his whole front, worse than before

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There is a large, straight, as a rule
common, upright tree, with
proportions: always over eight

five or six years of age, long, thin,
and ~~very~~ ^{very} slender, ~~and~~ ^{and} the trunk
very ~~straight~~ ^{straight}, ~~and~~ ^{and} the trunk
usually ~~very~~ ^{very} slender, ~~and~~ ^{and} the trunk
usually ~~very~~ ^{very} slender, ~~and~~ ^{and} the trunk

in the office or in the field.
This large tree has a trunk
in the ~~shape~~ ^{shape} of a ~~column~~ ^{column}, ~~and~~ ^{and} the trunk
usually ~~very~~ ^{very} slender, ~~and~~ ^{and} the trunk

the appearance of a column.
The trunk is ~~very~~ ^{very} slender, ~~and~~ ^{and} the trunk
usually ~~very~~ ^{very} slender, ~~and~~ ^{and} the trunk
usually ~~very~~ ^{very} slender, ~~and~~ ^{and} the trunk

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