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Estimate of Genl Grant
as a General and a Citizen.

General U.S. Grant was in every respect my
ideal of a General; not of the Martinet order;
not pretentious & showy; but a man of clear insight,
and excellent judgment. He selected the right sort of
subordinates; he then ~~cherished~~^{in turn} them, trusted them,
developed them and they loved him with reciprocal
attachment. Sherman, Sheridan, K^e Throssel, Logan
and staff officers like Horace Porter are in point.
They would ~~face~~^{take} the most thankless positions, and
even let themselves be misunderstood for ^{the sake of} their country
& for him. It was cords of binding like these, that
ran thro. the armies which he commanded.

The qualities of special mark above all others of our
generals brought to prominence were ^{Clear Thinking in greatest danger,}
courage, imperishable conduct, wise choice of plan,
quickness to observe & interpret the enemy and meet his
moves, ~~reticence~~^{reticence} in essentials and ~~boldness enough~~^{boldness enough}
to persist in offensive operations from Belmont
^{in 1861} to Appomattox. He continued to have the larger masses
more men at a given point than his foe; yet
Grant all the while had a simple faith in God. He never
insulted him by an oath & always relied upon a favoring
Providence to sustain consecutive efforts.

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~~Estimate of General Grant
as a Citizen, and as a General.~~

The time has not yet come where the citizen-life of U.S. Grant ^{can be} ~~has been~~ subjected to the detailed & critical examination, like that already applied to Washington, Napoleon and Abraham Lincoln. He appears to us ^{historically when along} ~~now~~ as a modest and diligent Cad. loyal to father & mother, having good health, thoroughly honest, and capable of performing his tasks. ~~He was~~ A cadet strong physically, a good horseman, taking a medium stand in his studies, fond of reading useful books, of kindly nature & companionable, but prompt & courageous to withstand encroachment & open aggression.

The ^{next} period of civil life, an interim between his Captainscy in the regular army & the commencement of the Civil War, is nowhere very clearly revealed. It was seven years of experiment & hardship, trying to make a competency for a growing family. We find industry, energy, persistency but no ^{abundant compensating} ~~useful~~ fruits visible. The actual fruits ^{however,} were self-reliance, confidence

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of friends, and ^{are} large acquaintance with that sort of men who make up other volunteers. His heart ~~was~~ became full of sympathy for ^{all} young men, who had to work as he worked. Those sum years constituted an essential school of discipline & preparation for the leading American volunteers.

His presidency was eminent for his noble conduct toward his late enemies; for setting forth above all things peace ^{in public life}, ^{peace} at home, with the Indian tribes, and settling by peaceful methods, ^{surprising} difficulties with England & other nations, and begetting an esteem for himself among all civilized peoples on the globe. His subsequent business & private life had singular vicissitudes. He had his ~~judas~~, his betrayers, & his reverses. His character was not ^{by nature} perfect. His conduct was noble; and under extreme suffering he performed a gigantic work and ^{then} answered the call of God, as I hope we all may, with a complete & beautiful resignation to the divine will.

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