Subject

Geo. E. Dutcher
Benjamin Franklin Butler

Gen. Butler was for many years and until recently one of the picturesque figures of the country. For forty years his life was part of its political history. His talents were such as to be recognized as characteristic of the native New Englander, but his traits were exaggerated expressions of the underlying qualities of the people from whom he sprang and among whom he lived. His quickness, brilliancy, dash, his freshness, ingenuity, were simply unusually strong manifestations of the shrewd, calculating, adroit race that has won wealth and achieved distinction among the bleak and stony hills of New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

There was very little sentimentalism in the public career of Gen. Burnham. He was not thrilled with the anti-slavery sentiment which inspired his neighbors. He was a friend of the South, an ally and supporter of Beauregard against Lincoln. When Lincoln went into the war because he was a brigadier-general of Massachusetts militia, and secondly because he felt behind him the strong earnestness of the North.

In everything he was an opportunist. When he was in public life he took advantage of what seemed to him to be his occasions with the same alertness with which he dashed at the sudden exposure of an adversary's weak point in the trial of a case. He always went to the extreme limit of the logic of his position. He was an extreme Democrat before the war, an extreme Republican after the war and an extreme Greenbacker still later. During the conflict he made use of all his resources not only to defeat but to humiliate his enemy. The wonderful ingenuity with which he invented phrases and twisted law to his military purposes is matter of history. He was always the criminal lawyer. He chose his armies, commanded his posts, represented his people in Congress, administered the office of Governor and ran for the Presidency as if he were struggling for an acquittal before a jury of twelve men.

He was an old man when he died, but he was zealous and energetic to the last. He will not be remembered as a model of public virtues, but as the man who forgot his Democracy when he could make his way to the front of the Republican party and his ambition was clouded back on the Republican party when that organization would no longer serve his ambition. He returned to the Democratic party, but again deserted it when it too failed to recognize what he considered to be his claims.

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