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Suspect

General Grant
Eulogy of Judge O. T. Howard, President. The Judge has been indeed a friend, for me from the moment that he, our cause, and mine, involved Chalmers' prayer, invited me to receive the best blessings of God upon us. Expressing the hope that he would speak me to the loyal to the principles and to our achievement of the wonderful restoration of our friend, Stewart L. Woodford, in 1861, was among the first to welcome my regiment as it came through A. Y. from Maine, and presented me with a flag of silk, which the ladies there in A. Y. had gotten ready for us before our coming.

The 39th Maine Volunteers. Three days I had fought to leave the Army and go into other work; but somehow when the struggle came over a significant enthusiasm went through all through me. I firmly believed that it was the will of God that we should go forth and fight the battle of the Country.

P.S. With love. 
As was natural in a crowd, I sat down and talked with others.

It seemed strange to see the first camp.

Under the influence of 

Maj. Jenkins,

he had wanted to make his first speech to the men.

"I do not want to invest the army. We want to be bleeding.

I was taught to fear what I don't understand.

You may have heard of the 'Soldier's Creed.'"

Against West, to meet you! Grant,

I had a great interest in

seeing the man about whom so much had been said, both for

and against, especially in the Cincinnati

Gazette.

Such charges had produced a prejudice of a year.

Now when I came to

see him on or near the banks of the

Tennessee, and look upon him, you

would have wondered as I did. Then

the reverse of my prejuidice to find them

to find nothing he had extended

from his New Orleans fall

soon, very pale and very came not

even able to mount a horse.

Rawlins and others were lifting him

into the saddle and holding him

across places that he was not able to get over himself. In this
Condition of body he had himself gone over 30 or 60 miles of the roughest country you ever saw to the beleaguered city of Chattanooga. At our first meeting he gave me what I call the real man, ever since I have the clue to his character. The question came up about a certain Command, I said: It was very hard for him, like him, to take a lower command than one he had had before. He replied: I don't think so, Howard. If an officer has a command according to his rank, that is sufficient. As a Major, I am entitled to a Division and if I have a Division it is enough, and I should feel that I was flying in the face of Providence if I should seek a Command higher than that. 

Renewed appeal. Studying him on the field of battle. Studying time from different stand points. I came to the conclusion that...
I went to a church on Sunday, and I was not surprised
Some people attribute the success to the power to
something just like they did Mrs.
Lincoln's successes, but remember
what Mrs. Lincoln said about
"God gave me to do the right as God gave me to
due the rights." And such was the
 saying of "God First."

Someone said to me once:
"He is not a saint and do not
try to make him out of a
God he loved his friends and
also loved his enemies. And I
am very glad to read this
characteristic speech on him.
Tonight, I know things may be said
against a man while he lives.
But with God, the time will come
when this country men will appreciate
the things that he may really have
done, appearance, the real a.
Appreciation that have gone to the
Of Ed Shuman

I could not speak too often. Many times he had spoken to me about him. Little pictures impressed him were on my memory. I recall one day, Ed had studied at night at the Academy. He described it as "boring," he once said of Shuman "the best all day on horseback" appearing. The first time I ever knew him I heard him say of Ed Schopik:

"He will cooperate with me, even to his own detriment. And that loyalty to his Lieutenant made loyalty a thing in the heart of the lieutenant, a loyalty which is enduring."

I hope to look forward to the future because we are to live forever. And I know that our loyalty to one another will never be broken.

Occasions when this brings out the spirit of loyal affection—and we may well look to the future with glowing hope. For this sort of loyalty is abnormal. It is indeed good to live forever when we have reason to be remembered. And I hope that you will remember us."

[Handwritten notes and scribbles]