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GENERAL W. T. SHERMAN.

1. Characteristics in youth.

William Tecumseh Sherman was the son of Judge Charles R., and Mary Hoyt Sherman, the sixth child in a family of eleven. Born at Lancaster, Ohio, the eighth of February 1820. The father was Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio at the time of his death. A man of ability and note, <sup>and</sup> in the very prime of his manhood, when suddenly, in 1829, an epidemic of Cholera put an end to his life.

It is said that when his father gave him the name of the great Indian chief, Tecumseh, he remarked: "who knows but ~~that~~ <sup>how often</sup> this child may be a fighter." It is indeed remarkable ~~that~~ <sup>how often</sup> names are ~~so~~ prophetic! [Doubtless more or less of character behind a name does influence, to a certain extent, those who have the moulding of a child, and so the name comes to affect the disposition, the education, the career.] *Sherman*

When the Hon. James Ewing, in kindness to the family, offered to adopt a child, he declared that he wanted the smartest ~~child~~, and his choice fell upon "Cump", as the boy was fondly designated at home. Mr. Ewing's testimony, concerning "Cump" after a little experience with him as a member of his family, is recorded: "That he was a lad remarkable for accuracy of memory and truthfulness." If he dispatched him on an errand, <sup>child</sup> he would obtain precise knowledge of what was wanted before starting, and never fail to bring the ~~book~~, ~~paper~~ ~~or~~ ~~other~~ <sup>demand</sup> article ~~required~~.



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By the few letters preserved, one forms the idea that  Sherman was at this period very much like other youth; about as much interested in outward objects as in books; in fun and frolic, as in study; but still there was an ease, a quickness which appeared in his daily recitations and examinations, which kept from his friends and himself all fears of failure.

To aspire to an elegant figure; to shape and develop his already healthful body  to attain unto the military idea of his immediate instructors, never caught his fancy. There was too much  love of adventure tempting him, sometimes even <sup>to venture</sup> beyond the restricted limits; too much of a boy yet to prevent, from time to time, a large accumulation of demerit marks. But for this abatement by demerits, cadet Sherman would have always <sup>ranked</sup> among the first five. [These are denominated "distinguished cadets"; and, I think, had the ambition seized him, that he would have easily mounted to the first place. However, the best maturity is not over-rapid. Life and experience subsequent to school days are essential to the demonstration of ability; and certainly, no man can predict



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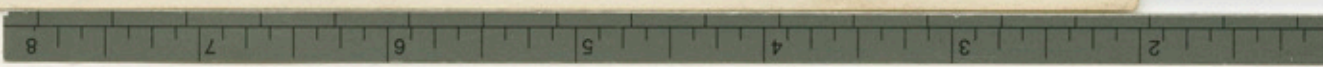
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Charleston experience- preparation.

In June 1842, Lieut. Sherman's orders took him to Fort Moultrie, built on Sullivan's Island, near Charleston, S. C.

At that time part of Sullivan's Island was used as a summer resort to which prominent, well-to-do families resorted to avoid the heat of the city, and to secure good bathing facilities. Here originated Sherman's extended acquaintance among the elite of S. C. His recreation appears to have been hunting and fishing and boating; ~~but~~ when he could secure short leaves of absence his practical knowledge was enlarged by extended tours from city to city through the south and west.

During 44, he had a singularly important detail upon a board to investigate claims for horses which had been killed, maimed or lost by Georgia and Alabama volunteers during the preceding Florida war. Each volunteer soldier had been required to furnish his own horse and equipments. The claims were so numerous that many of them, like some of our pension claims of to day, were suspected of being fraudulent. Sherman's board held its sessions at Bellefont Ala., Marietta, Ga., and at other points, changing station at their own convenience or for the benefit of the



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~~at Fort Moultrie, Sullivan's Island, in S. C.~~

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About the middle of July 1847, company "F" 3d artillery, to which he was attached, sailed from New York in the "Lexington." At the end of the long journey every body on board had anticipated some active service; but there was next to none. General S. W. Kearney, commanding the department, speedily made Sherman Adjutant General. Everywhere in the army and outside Sherman <sup>already</sup> attracted attention by the intense activity of his mind, and the facility he always exhibited in administration. In September following, he was made a Captain in the Commissary Department, and transferred to St. Louis. In this subsistence duty he continued until the 6th of September 1853.

During the most active part of the spring campaign of 1864, when Sherman had over a hundred thousand mouths to supply, bringing his provisions over a single line of railroad from Nashville to Chattanooga and the front. One day, I came in while our Chief Commissary and General Sherman were in consultation. Upon the question by the staff officer as to the number of rations essential for a months time, Sherman seized a pencil, and as quickly as a bank teller runs up a column of figures, he gave the number of rations required; then put down so many for <sup>probable</sup> loss en-route, and so many for other

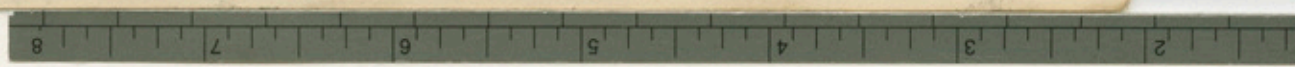


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In 1853, he resigned and again went to San Francisco as manager of a branch banking house. The rough independent life <sup>of California</sup> he coveted; the new country; the discovery of gold; the extraordinary opportunities for enterprise and fortune attracted his attention. As with Grant, so with Sherman, the years of civil life which here he began were essential to fit him for the service nook which he was destined to fill.

Here in San Francisco he kept up his record for truthfulness and thorough honesty; his branch failing; <sup>at a time of general depression</sup> he as manager, insisted on paying <sup>4</sup> dollar for dollar, and did so, apparently without a particle of regard to his own interests or his future living.



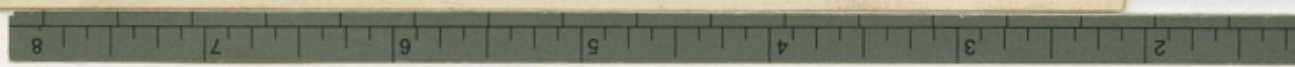
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 of a soldier constantly reverts to past <sup>t</sup> service, so that when the  
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For the briefest time Sherman passed under a cloud; but it was Sherman still. While Grant was beginning to ascend, step by step, in the public confidence through his bold effort at Belmont, in November 1861; through the clear-cut victory at Fort Henry; and through the persistent struggle and "unconditional surrender" obtained at Donelson in the icy February of 1862; Sherman was not far off. At Paducah, under the cloud yet, he gathered and sent forward <sup>To Grant</sup> needed supplies and fresh men. He put order among Quartermasters and Commissaries. He <sup>armed</sup> equipped and organized commands and pushed them, without thinking of self, from Paducah to the front. This energy and generosity, Grant quickly acknowledged. The celebrated army of the Tennessee had its birth after the battle of Donelson. General Sherman <sup>took</sup> its fifth division, then centering in Paducah; the sunshine was already burning away the misty cloud-linings.

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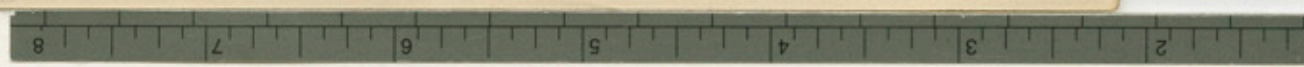


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