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General U.S. Grant was in every respect my ideal of a General; not of the martinet order, not pretentious or showy; but a man of clear insight and excellent judgment. He selected the right sort of subordinates; he then cherished them, trusted them, developed them and they loved him with reciprocal attachment. Sherman, Sheridan, McPherson, Logan and staff officers like Horace Porter are in point. They would face the most thankless situations, and even put themselves in jeopardy for their country or for him. It was ends of binding like these, that won fame for the Armies which he commanded.

The qualities which mark above all others a true soldier are clear thinking in great danger, courage, immutable conduct, wise choice of plan, quickness to observe and interpret the enemy, and meet his moves. Grant was a master of essentials and bold enough to persist in offensive operations from Belmont to Appomattox. He continued to have the larger masses, move men as a given point from his rear. Yet Grant was the whole while had a faith in God, he never doubted him by an act for always relied upon a forgiving Providence to sustain consummations efforts.
Estimate of General Grant
as a Citizen, and as a General.

The time has not yet come when the citizen life of U.S. Grant can be subjected to the detailed critical examination, like that already applied to Washington, Napoleon, and Abraham Lincoln. He appears to us merely as a modest and diligent man, loyal to father and mother, having good health, thoroughly honest, and capable of performing his tasks. He was strong physically, a good horseman, taking a medium stand in his studies. fond of reading useful books, of kindly nature and companionable, but prompt and courageous to withstand every want and every aggression.

The period of civil life, an interlude between his captivity in the regular army and the commencement of the Civil War, is nowhere very clearly revealed. It was seven years of experience and hardship, trying to make a competency for a growing family. He found industry, energy, persistency, but no abundant compensation visible. The actual fruits were self-reliance, confidence
of friends, and close acquaintance with that sort of
man who made up her Revolution. His heart was
full of sympathy for both young men, who had to
work as he worked. Those seven years constituted
an essential school of discipline and preparation for
the leading American Volunteers.

His presidency was avowed for his noble conduct toward
his late enemies, for setting forth above all things peace
and harmony, with the Indian tribes, and settling by
peaceful methods difficulties with England and other nations,
and getting an esteem for himself among all civilized
peoples on the globe. His subsequent business and private
life had singular vicissitudes. He had his failures, his
betrayals, & his reverses. His character was not
bent. His conduct was noble, and under extreme
suffering he performed a gigantic work and answered
his call of God, as I hope we all may, with a
complete & beautiful resignation to the Divine will.