



GENERAL R. E. LEE.

SEVERAL THINGS ABOUT GREAT CONFEDERATE CHIEFTAIN.

REV. J. W. JONES CORRECTS ERRORS

Worsley's Poem—General Lee's Letters to Worsley—Clark's "Death Mask"—Valentine's Model, and Recumbent Figure.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: In your recent reproduction of Professor Worsley's exquisite poem to Lee you say:

"An extended search for a copy of this poem recently showed that the only biography of General Lee containing it is the one written by General Long."

If you will look on page 75, of Jones' "Personal Reminiscences, Anecdotes, and Letters of General Robert Edward Lee," which was published by D. Appleton & Co., New York, in 1874, some years before the publication of General Long's book, you will find this poem as used in the introduction, which was copied into General Long's book.

The copy of Worsley's poem which I published in my book was made for me by my accomplished friend, Dr. Edward S. Jones, then professor in Washington College, Columbia, and I still have his original manuscript.

I am also under the impression that some time before this, soon after General Lee received from Professor Worsley the copy of his translation of the "Hail" with the graceful dedication, written on a blank of the book, and sent him to the Dispatch, and that it was published in your paper.

ADMIRER OF THE "HAIL."

I found, also, in General Lee's private letter-book, which was kindly entrusted to me when I was preparing my "Reminiscences," the following letter to Professor Worsley, which I published in my book, and which will be read with peculiar interest in connection with the poem, as illustrating the character of our great chief:

"Lexington, Va., February 10, 1860. "Mr. E. S. Worsley: "My dear Sir, I have received the copy of your translation of the 'Hail,' which you so kindly presented to me. Its perusal has been my evening's recreation, and I have never enjoyed the beauty and grandeur of the poem more than as recited by you. The translation is as truthful as powerful, and faithfully recaptures the imagery and rhythm of the bold original.

"The undesired compliment to myself in prose and verse, on the first leaves of the volume, I receive as your tribute to the merit of my countrymen who struggled for constitutional government. With great respect, your obedient servant, "R. E. LEE."

"Lexington, Va., March 14, 1860. "My dear Mr. Worsley, I have just received from my nephew, Mr. Childs, a copy to learn that, at his last accounts from you, you were greatly indebted to me for my interest in your welfare. I cannot refrain, even at the risk of intruding upon your time, from expressing my sincere sympathy in your affliction. I trust, however, that ere this you have recovered and are again in perfect health. Like many, I fear you may continue to feel too closely to your reading; less mental labor will be to your more comfort, and to your friends more enjoyment, even in the winter months. I can give you a quiet room and a horse, and a horse that would delight to carry you over our beautiful mountains. I hope my letter informing you of the pleasure I derived from the perusal of your translation of the 'Hail,' in which I endeavored to express my thanks for the great compliment you paid to my countrymen, has informed you of my high appreciation of your work. Wishing you every happiness in this world, and praying that eternal peace may be yours, I am, most truly, your friend and servant, "R. E. LEE."

The publication made in the paper some time ago in reference to a so-called "death mask" of General Lee, made by the Washington sculptor—Clark Mills—and lately found in the Corcoran gallery, is erroneous.

NO DEATH MASK.

I am quite sure that Mr. Mills was not in Lexington after General Lee's death—that no "death mask" of him was made—and that what purports to be a "death mask" was made by Mr. Mills after a visit he made to Lexington some time before General Lee's death. I can visit I remember very distinctly, as I was a resident of Lexington at the time, one of the chaplains of the college, a frequent visitor to General Lee's office in Virginia's great sector, Edward V. Valentine, to Lexington, and that General

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Geographical Curiosity Described by Geologist Kinzie, Who, Accompanied by Explorer Joseph Bruner, Penetrated into the Underground World—A Unique Experience.

(Special to the Dispatch.) Lost River is one of the natural curiosities of the United States. It ranks with the Mammoth Caves of Kentucky and other natural wonders.

So far as observations have extended up to the present time, no one knows where Lost River really begins or ends. What geological mysteries may be hidden away in its subterranean caverns no one can surmise. The only geological expedition which ever attempted to pierce this mystery returned baffled. The latest individual geologist to investigate this remarkable natural curiosity gives us the result of his experiences: "On the 27th of October, 1899, I started for many miles below its source, wanders through rolling meadow lands, wood lots, and cornfields, much as other Southern Indiana streams: "But if one follows down the stream, in Eastern Orange county, it will find that instead of increasing in size it begins suddenly to decrease in volume, and it continues to grow smaller and smaller, until presently it has vanished as completely as a veritable water spring. The broad, flat valley which is left empty, continues on like an abandoned canal for eight miles, when the waters of Lost River again rejoin it, after their mysterious underground journey is over."

THOMAS W. GARLAND, Fontella, Va., October 24th.

HOW "JACK" IS CLOTHED.

What His Uniform is Like, How He Gets It, and Why He Pays for It.

(From the Royal Magazine.) The title bluejacket was derived from the garb reaching down to the hips, similar to the midshipman's jacket of to-day, and with sleeves so tight that to do any work a man would be obliged to take off his jacket. It was "bull" on the most exacting party instructions, and as it has given Jack one of his popular names, these instructions may possibly be of interest. It was provided for the "navy" a blue cloth, double-breasted, with collar and fall collar; seven black horn crown and anchor buttons, seven-tenths of an inch in diameter, on each side; sleeves sufficiently long to go over a duck or serge frock; no less than 2 1/2 inches on the side pocket on the left side, with an opening at the cuffs on the seam, with two small black buttons. When, in 1891, this bluejacket was abolished, Jack was not sorry, for it cost him no less than 25 cents, and the monkey jacket, or overcoat, which was substituted for it, is far more useful, though it is only worn in inclement weather.

The sailors of the Queen are invariably neat and smartly dressed, and their clothes are of fairly uniform pattern, in accordance with the elaborate regulations which are issued from the Admiralty, with illustrations to show how the various articles are to be worn. The regulations descend to many minute details as to be amusing, and if strictly followed would leave Jack little room for personal taste. He is told that the size of his trousers across the knee, and the foot ten to eleven inches, whether he be short or tall; "that they are to be fitted with a waistband, the tightness of which is to be regulated by a button at the upper holes, and ends being four inches." Who that sees a bluejacket in his delightful hat of white linen imagines that the authorities strictly enforce its exact dimensions and weight—then comes out the "navy" is worn in hot climates for "review order," with white trousers, smart hat, and side arms, is so much an art as to call for such minute regulations. There is nothing more characteristic of the men of the navy than the cut of their garments. For instance, it is essential that a bluejacket should never forget that his neckerchief "must be tied behind under the collar, the ends being confined by the strings, which, having been first tied together, are to be tied tightly in a bow over the neckerchief, leaving a height of it about three inches long; the neckerchief should be firmly secured to the frock or jumper.

The men of the navy well know that the smart appearance of the force depends on all the men being at all alike. For this reason, the chance has been given the Admiralty pattern, the captain sometimes winking at such changes if they render the men smarter. When, however, a man returns to the navy, and he is seen to take stock of him, and he is quickly put back to the official line. Some men hold peculiar views on the cut of their trousers, and there is nothing more characteristic of his gait, which, when he is seen to the feet of some men. It was Jack, of course, who, twenty years ago, gave the Cockney coast the idea of the bell-bottom trousers, which were first introduced on bank holidays. In the matter of clothes sailors and soldiers are not treated alike by the State. The War Office gives to every soldier a complete outfit on joining the force, and he is provided with fresh clothes without charge. This generosity, however, must not be interpreted even in the case of the soldier as relieving Tommy Atkins of all expenditure on clothes; many men still buy a good many other things. The exact amount of assistance which Jack receives from the authorities can be summed up in a few words. On joining one of the training ships, the recruits are provided with a uniform, a hat, and a pair of shoes, where a lad has placed his credit a sum of 25, wherewith to secure the clothing and bedding that is supplied to him at government rates, and to assist him, when his period of service is finished, in completing his kit for sea. By the time he goes to sea he will possess a great variety of articles worth about £13 or £14. If, after twelve years' experience, which is the minimum term, he has managed to promise to serve for a further nine years in order to gain a pension, he is given another sum to help him in renewing his kit.

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