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COL. R. PRESTON CHEW.

Colonel R. Preston Chew, who delivered the principal address at the unveiling of Stonewall Jackson statue June 15, Lexington, Va., was a graduate at the V. M. I. in 1861. As a pupil he had been in close contact with Professor T. J. Jackson several sessions, and in the shock of battle the gallant Chew sustained the immortal Stonewall Jackson in his unparalleled military achievements until the last battle. Therefore, Colonel Chew was well qualified to review the record of the wonderful success of Stonewall Jackson in his brief military career. That Colonel Chew acquitted his task with credit and honor is the opinion of Confederate veterans who enjoyed the pleasure of hearing him.

In the spring of 1861, Chew organized an artillery company, known as Horse Artillery, all cannons being mounted, and he was made captain and assigned to General Ashby's Brigade for duty by General Stonewall Jackson, who commended him for gallant service. Later General Jackson recommended Captain Chew for promotion to major of Horse Artillery, and in 1861 was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, commanding Stuart's Horse Artillery, comprising five batteries.

Early and influences among our generals, or one who commanded greater respect or inspired greater confidence among the fighting men than Chew, and I regard him as one of the very best artillery officers I ever knew, and indeed, one of the very best officers of his rank in the Confederate Army.

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War's the occasion for testing manhood, and every man who goes through its trials, battles, its victories and defeats, comes out with his "proof mark" indelibly stamped upon him. The heroes' names mentioned above, are stamped "maximum above proof" in every measure, that war can make, and there are none above them.

General R. E. Lee was wiser and better than George Washington, but Stonewall Jackson was the greatest soldier that this hemisphere has produced, and it is now the model for the guidance of the greatest generals of our times. The Union Army was a superb and well equipped army, but it was, in the main, unskillfully handled. The Confederate Army was a "World Wonder" in prowess and achievement, and although inferior in equipment, it was handled by Lee and Jackson in a superhuman and God-like manner, and now all Americans, North, South, East and West, claim them alike, as the highest types of American character.

Among the recipients of the Crosses of Honor to Confederates, at the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers' Home, Pikeville, Monday, June 3, was Mrs. Mary P. Bond, eldest daughter of the late Colonel George Peters, of this city, who served through the (Un Civil) War in the Confederate Army.

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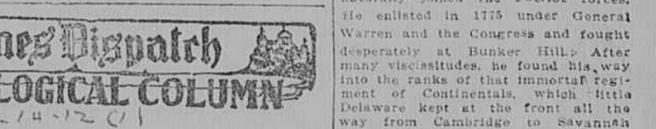
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An Appreciation of This Distinguished Marylander.

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We are nearing the end of the Gloucester land grants—they make the first chapters of the history of a remarkable portion of the Old Dominion.