

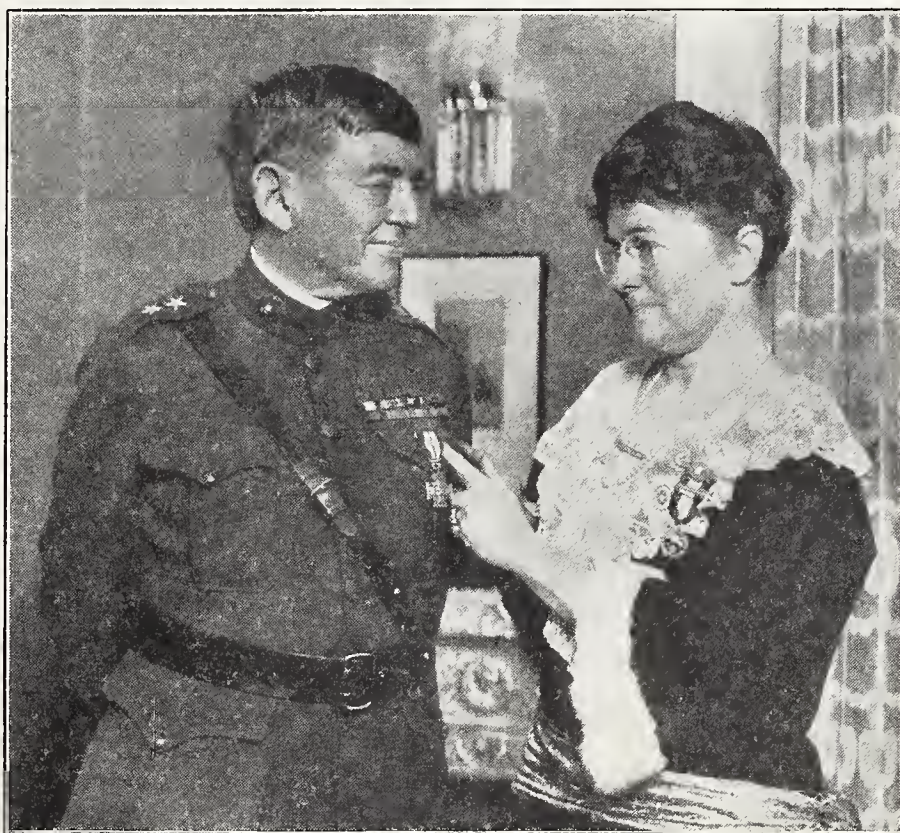
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RECEIVING THE CROSS OF SERVICE.

Major General Lejeune, of the United States Marine Corps, being decorated by Mrs. Livingston Rowe Schuyler, retiring President U. D. C., with the Cross of Service bestowed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy upon World War veterans of Confederate ancestry. This interesting ceremony took place in the home of Mrs. Schuyler, in New York City, on December 11, 1923.

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REUNION COMMITTEES.

To My Comrades: Assuming that you prefer to have real live news rather than advisory suggestions, I am in the main confining this communication to information that ought to be interesting, and will be valuable to those who expect to attend the reunion, June 3-6, of the United Confederate Veterans at Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. John D. Martin, a prominent lawyer and president of the Southern Baseball League, has been selected as General Chairman of the Memphis Reunion Committee. Dr. Austin P. Finley, Assistant Superintendent City Board of Education of Memphis, has been selected as Vice Chairman. The organization, which is about complete, is as follows:

Finance.—Mr. Lloyd T. Binford, president Columbian Mutual Life Insurance Company, a fine business man, has been selected as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Housing.—Mr. Thornton Newsum, a thoroughly successful Memphis business man, who is in close and energetic touch with hotels and homes, has been selected as Chairman of the Housing Committee. Those who know him know that his arrangements will be very complete.

Commissary.—Mr. George W. Person, a successful real estate man, has been selected as Chairman of the Commissary Committee. He was in charge of this Department at the Memphis reunion of 1909, and did his work well. He has appointed two well-established and experienced caterers as assistants, and has arranged for cooking and service to be done in the spacious Market Annex of the New Auditorium. There is no doubt that his plans, being well laid, will be successful, and that any Confederate veteran can get coffee and food any moment of the twenty-four hours, besides regular meals.

Registration and Badges.—Mr. Thomas B. King—the man for the place—has been selected as Chairman of the Registration and Badges Committee, and is corresponding with manufacturers and others as to badges for this reunion.

Music.—Mr. Edward R. Barrow has been selected as Chairman of this important Committee. He is Chairman of the Music Division of the Chamber of Commerce and thoroughly experienced. He is at work on bands, choruses, children's musical pageants, etc.

Decorations.—Mr. Frank D. Fuller, Chairman. Mr. Fuller has been secretary of the Tri-State Fair for the past ten years,

and has had charge of all the decorations of the city of Memphis during that time. He is busily at work arranging for the decorations for the Memphis reunion.

Auditorium.—The chairman of this committee will be appointed at the conference with Mayor Payne and the county court. The authority given by such joint appointments will be most helpful in carrying out the wishes of this committee in arrangements for the buildings in which the meetings of the United Confederate Veterans will be held at Memphis.

Publicity.—Mr. Percy N. Sholars, Chairman, is busily engaged in preparing an elaborate and far-reaching scheme of publicity.

Program.—A most important committee, of which Gen. R. E. Bullington and Gen. C. A. Desassure are joint chairmen. They are industriously engaged in collecting data, and every effort will be made to issue the program, in printed form, several weeks prior to the reunion.

Military and Parade.—Capt. Frank Gilliland, who was a captain in the American Expeditionary Forces, will organize and arrange for all parades.

Sons of Confederate Veterans.—Mr. Thomas B. Hooker, Chairman. Mr. Hooker has been very actively at work, and has reorganized the N. B. Forrest Camp, which now numbers over three hundred young men, and of which Prof. J. L. Highsaw is Commander. These Sons of Confederate Veterans are numbered among the best business men of Memphis, and they will back up the chairman in every call that is made upon them.

Southern Confederated Memorial Association.—Mrs. C. B. Bryan, the daughter of that gallant hero of the Confederate States Navy, Admiral Raphael Semmes, is Chairman of this Committee. A woman of great executive ability, she has for twenty-one years been President of the Memphis Ladies' Memorial Association and is the head of a splendid body of women who compose that Association. Efficient and energetic, she already has her program for June 3 complete and ready for the reunion.

Sponsors and Maids, Entertainments and Social Affairs.—Mr. R. Henry Lake, Chairman. Mr. Lake is a leader in social matters; is the manager for the district of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and is thoroughly up in matters pertain-

LAST OF STONEWALL JACKSON'S STAFF.

With the passing of Rev. Dr. James Power Smith, eminent clergyman and writer, during August of 1923, the last member of Stonewall Jackson's staff "crossed over the river" to join the great commander "under the shade of the trees." His close association with the immortal Stonewall was to him a sacred part of his life, and when the end drew near for him his mind went back to those heart-breaking days of terrible suspense after the wounding of Jackson, and again he felt the agony of parting.

Dr. Smith was born in New Athens, Ohio, on July 4, 1837, son of the Rev. Joseph Smith, D.D., and Eliza Bell Smith, of Winchester, Va. In 1856 he was awarded his B.A. degree by Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, and five years later he was graduated from the Union Theological College of Richmond, Va. His degree of Doctor of Divinity was from Hampden-Sidney College.

On the eve of taking up his life work as a minister of the Presbyterian Church, the War between the States came on, and the young minister entered the Confederate army as a corporal in the Rockbridge Artillery. Though his parents were living in the North, his heart was with the South, as he tells in his story, "With Stonewall Jackson," and he counted it his highest earthly distinction that he could thus serve the Southland. A clergyman was the captain of the Rockbridge Artillery, and in its ranks were ministers and students, with other college men, so he donned the gray uniform and entered the ranks of the Army of the Valley of Virginia. He was wounded in his first battle, July 19, 1861, near Mitchell's Ford, a glancing ball striking his elbow; but it was a slight injury, and he passed through the war practically without a wound. It was in September, 1862, that he was made an aide to Stonewall Jackson, and his later service to the South was marked by his constant companionship with one of its greatest generals. When Jackson was wounded, Captain Smith hurried to his side and was with Jackson when he gave his last command on the field: "You must hold your ground, General Pender; you must hold your ground, sir."

The following story gives a vivid picture out of his wonderful experience with that great general:

"On the night of May 1-2, 1863, Captain Smith was sent by General Lee on an errand to A. P. Hill, and on his return found headquarters bivouacked on the pine tags under the heavens. He awoke General Lee, reported, and had a few moments of high fun with the commanding general, who seems to have delighted in teasing Smith. The tired aide then fell asleep on his saddle blanket. What next he saw is one of the great pictures in American history, a picture that none described as he and probably only two or three others were privileged to see—Lee and Jackson planning the famous movement around Hooker's army that decided the battle and cost Jackson his life. Dr. Smith's own account is gripping:

"Sometime after midnight I was awakened by the chill of the early morning hours, and, turning over, caught a glimpse of a little flame on the slope above me, and, sitting up to see what it meant, I saw, bending over a scant fire of twigs, two men seated on old cracker boxes and warming their hands over the little fire. I had to rub my eyes and collect my wits to recognize the figures of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Who can tell the story of that quiet council of war between two sleeping armies? Nothing remains on record to tell of plans discussed and dangers weighed and a great purpose formed except the story of the great day so soon to follow."

Throughout the years since the war Dr. Smith ever kept alive the spirit that animated him in the days of conflict. Ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1866, he filled various

pastorates in the State of Virginia; was evangelist of that Church, and editor of the Church organ in Richmond. He also was connected with the Confederate organizations of the State, as well as other patriotic societies. He was Commander and Chaplain of R. E. Lee Camp No. 1, Confederate Veterans, of Richmond, President of the Stonewall Jackson Monument Association, Secretary and Editor of the Southern Historical Society Papers for a number of years, retiring from this duty a few years ago to make his home with his daughter in North Carolina. He made some valuable contributions to Confederate history through those publications and otherwise, and a number of religious papers added to the effectiveness of his Church work. He was married in 1871 to Miss Agnes Lacy, daughter of Maj. J. Horace Lacy, of Chatham, Fredericksburg, Va. She died in 1916. Their children are: H. Lacy Smith, Commercial Superintendent Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. James B. Woods, General Hospital, Tsing Kiang Pu, China; Mrs. Charles F. Myers, wife of the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro, N. C.; Rev. James Power Smith, Jr., pastor Flora Heights Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Ky.; William B. Smith, Editor the *Danville News*, Danville, Va.; Graham G. Smith, Baltimore.

MONTGOMERY THE CONFEDERATE CAPITAL.

BY J. A. OSGOOD, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Several years ago I wrote for the *VETERAN* a short sketch of "The First Capital of the Confederacy." Since then I have never ceased to wonder why that capital was ever moved elsewhere.

As I write, Montgomery wears her autumn robe of shimmering, many-tinted haze, cleft by silvery morning sunbeams, suffused with golden rose as night approaches, resting dreamily amid the softened lights and shadows of full noon, magically broken by the glittering fronts, mellow contours, or darkening masses of every shape and size of building; infinitely varied with mingled hues of autumn foliage, where the shining scarlet and cherry-bronze of the gum, the dusk, russet-chocolate of the oak, and the deep living green of cedar and magnolia emerge from a background of ashen yellow and violet-gray. The city shares abundantly the spacious sweep and ample undulation of the Alabama landscape, relieving and transforming commonplace in an endless succession of distant prospect, picturesque contrast, castellated outlines looming overhead, quaint nooks where thoroughfares converge or intersect, and myriad pleasing minor features so characteristic of the scene. No Alabamian need cross the Mississippi to seek fairer perspectives amid "far-flung fenceless prairies." California's southernmost point lies north of the latitude of Montgomery; and with hyacinths, jonquils, and tulips blooming outdoors in these latter days of the declining year, Bryant's "Death of the Flowers" savors to us of hypochondriac fabulosity.

Let me correct a most glaring error in my former article on Montgomery, in excuse for which I can but plead hasty, superficial observation. I then wrote of Yancey's tomb at Oakwood that "the inscriptions on the monument are rapidly becoming illegible." The inscriptions on the monument are doing nothing of the kind. They are cut in small, raised letters, hard to read, it is true, from outside the inclosure; but they will last as long as the monument itself. Let me conclude by transcribing the principal one. It seems to me such a one as the "Demosthenes of the South" might have written for some other great Confederate patriot:

"Called to public life at the most critical hour of his coun-