

From the Rochester Chronicle.
General James Wood as a Soldier.
BY A SOLDIER UNDER HIM.

DANSVILLE, Oct. 15, 1869.
To write justly and impartially of a man whose public services have passed into history and become the property of the nation is a difficult thing for one whose pen draws inspiration from sentiments of affection for the man, as a friend and companion in arms, so great is the temptation to avoid the dry details of enterprise wherein his talents and services have been conspicuous, and to dwell upon the delightful memories of the camp fire where his nobler nature has found expression in the intimacy of friendship unrestrained by barriers of rank. When the people of Livingston, Wyoming and Allegany counties, as a military district of the state, had apparently exhausted their resources of volunteers for the war—when it seemed, in the autumn of 1862, as if to the sentiment of patriotism, the last successful appeal had been made, and when only sordid greed of money could induce enlistments, when the rebellion had reached a point where our greatest need was *regiments of men*, when stories of the hardships of the march and terrors of the battle had stricken with fear and awe even so brave and elastic a people as ours, when every north-bound train was bringing back to bereaved firesides the corpses of the loved and lost, when it seemed as if to raise another regiment in these three counties, except by the terrors of a draft, would be utterly impossible, at that time General James Wood of Geneva, standing at the head of the bar in his county, wrapping the just rewards of almost a lifetime of strenuous labor, trusted with the care of vast private interests put to hazard of the law, abandoned all to save this senatorial district the disgrace of a draft, and to throw still another brave, strong regiment into the breach for liberty and the life of the republic. To this undertaking Gen. Wood brought the same qualities of patient and determined industry and of brilliant intellect which had raised him to eminence in the legal profession. While the disloyal scoffed and the loyal trembled his plans were bringing their results to the camp at Portage. In a month—it seems now as we look back upon it as if it had been in a day, an splendid regiment were coming and drilling on the ground that had scarce ceased to echo the tread of the gallant 130th New York. The grief of parting kindred was allayed by confidence in the skill of Col. Wood and in his care for his men. This confidence his whole subsequent career justified. No man of his rank fought his men with more determined gallantry or cared for them with tender solicitude than he of whom I write. Brave to recklessness of his own life, yet he everywhere evinced a determination to sacrifice his officers and men only when their lives should purchase advantage for the cause. When such times came his brave example, his cheering words, his cool self-possession and sound judgment made the blows of his regiment fall thick and fast upon the enemy's ranks. I remember that at Gettysburg against the onset of rebel columns so deep that they seemed endless, his regiment for hour upon hour stood firmly in the thickest of the fight. More than 100 of his men *actually killed and wounded* in fair open fighting attested their bravery and his. From flank to flank his cries of "Steady, men," "Aim low," at once restrained and inspired to victory a brave command; afterward at Resaca, when tardy justice had given him command of a brigade on that terrible day which opened Gen. Sherman's brilliant campaign to Atlanta; on an open crest of hill where the enemy's musketry and artillery swept every foot of ground, while Geary's troops at his right and William's at his left gave way in terror—his command held its ground from noon till evening, decimated, but victorious, and Gen. (then Col.) Wood received what he had earned so well, the personal thanks of 'Gen. Joe Hooker, for "saving the day." I quote Gen. Hooker's words. Thus from Washington to Chancellorsville, thence to Gettysburg; thence to the clouds on Lookout mountain, thence to Atlanta, Savannah and Washington again, his bravery stimulated and, so far as duty permitted, his care preserved the brave men of these three counties who, in the 136th New York volunteers, brought so much credit to their State. The history of that regiment is a history of incredible hardships cheerfully borne, of brilliant victories in unbroken succession, and it is *literally true* that Gen. Wood's command, in no instance, throughout its history, turned its back to an foe. If that history shall ever be *impartially* written it will bring out the character of Gen. Wood as a devoted

patriot, whose patriotism meant not the spoils of office, but hard and perilous work: as a skillful soldier, a kind-hearted comrade and an *honest man*. The people of this senatorial district, without regard to party, owe him a debt they have been too slow to pay. In honoring him, they honor themselves and their soldier sons.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, county of Allegany, ss.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the statute in that behalf made, that the election of a Sheriff for the county of Allegany, shall be held on the first Monday of November next, at which election the officers named in the annexed notice will be elected.
U. L. Davis, Sheriff.

STATES OF NEW YORK, Albany Aug 3, '69
Office of the Secretary of State.
To the Sheriff of the County of Allegany, J. H. Elwell.
Notice is hereby given, that at the general election to be held in the State on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday of November next, the following officers are to be elected, to wit:
Secretary of State, in the place of Homer A. Nelson.
Comptroller, in the place of William P. Allen.
Treasurer in the place of George H. Bristol.
Attorney General, in the place of Marshall B. Chamberlain.
State Engineer and Surveyor, in the place of Van Rensselaer Richmond.
A Senator for the Third and Senate District comprising the counties of Allegany, Livingston and Wyoming.
COUNTY OFFICERS—ALSO TO BE ELECTED FOR SAID COUNTY:
A Member of Assembly.
Two School Commissioners.
A County Treasurer, in the place of Daniel D. Gardner.
Two Justices of Sessions, in the place of Washington Moses and Merritt B. Duke.
A Justice of the Peace, in the place of James S. Ladd.
All whose terms of office will expire on the last day of December next.
The situation of Inspector of Election and County Canvassers is directed to Chap. 418, of the laws of 1867 entitled "An act to provide for submitting the amended Constitution to the electors of the State" passed April 28th, 1869, pursuant to which the amended constitution proposed by the Constitutional Convention which closed its sittings February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, will be submitted to the qualified electors of the State at said general election to be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November next, and at each election each elector will be entitled to vote separately for or against such amended Constitution, except the judiciary article, or for or against the judiciary article, or for or against a uniform rule of assessment and taxation of real and personal property, and for or against the proposed qualification for colored men.
B. A. HILLOCK, Secretary of State.

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