

to an end. I commanded the whole of the mighty host engaged on the victorious side. I was, no matter whether deservedly so or not, a representer of that side of the controversy. It is a significant and gratifying fact that Confederates should have joined heartily in this spontaneous move. I hope the good feeling inaugurated may continue to the end."

The tenderness and patriotism in this is greater than could be crowded into a hundred eulogies. It is a glimpse at the pure, simple heart of the great soldier.

The writer has avoided, in this chapter, dwelling upon General Grant's commercial troubles, as the civil trials in the firm's cases were still in progress while the book was in the press. It may be well to say, however, that the united voice of the country acquitted him entirely of all blame in the disastrous failure of Grant & Ward. The truth is that, while the Great Commander was a mere child in the business world, he had a curious delusion that he was possessed of great financiering ability. He seems to have fallen into the hands of a lot of sharks in New York city whose only aim was to trade on his name, and his confidence and trust were sorely misplaced. He and the members of his family were financially ruined, but the betrayal was more bitter to him than the loss of the money. This was to him the saddest memory during his illness.