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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.  
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.  
Old Union Community Center  
Hwy 67E, Mount Pleasant, Texas  
Program Mississippi Rifles

### GRAVESIDE MEMORIAL SERVICE

April 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m.  
Linden Cemetery, Linden Texas

### 2020 TEXAS DIVISION REUNION

June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Embassy Suites  
2401 Bass Pro Drive  
Grapevine, Texas

### 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION

July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Renaissance Resort  
500 Legacy Park  
St. Augustine, Florida

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Larry "Joe" Reynolds



Compatriots, I would like for each of you to attempt our next camp meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. I will not be able to be there, but we need to increase our numbers at each meeting. We are judged on the percentage of members that attend our regular monthly meeting. This percentage is used in the Texas Division and National Distinguished Camp Award, the 4-Star Camp Award and others.

Last year we did not submit our camp for any awards, however I would like to change that this year. I want to submit the camp for the Best Newsletter, Best Website, Community Service Award, 4-Star Camp Award and the Distinguished Service Award.

I think we deserve all of them!

## DAVIDRREYNOLDS.ORG

This month the following changes have been made to our web site: <http://www.davidrreynolds.org>

- I've updated our Calendar of Events.
- I've updated our Events page to include all known events by the Camp and its members. Please let me know when you do anything for the SCV, this includes attending other camp

meeting, public speaking, or even putting flags on graves.

I'm still looking for biographies of your Confederate Ancestor. Please try to come up with a short bio that we can put on-line.

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or comments you can send me an email to: [Joe.Reynolds@davidreynolds.org](mailto:Joe.Reynolds@davidreynolds.org) and I promise to give it my full consideration.



### **OUR CHARGE...**

**"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations!**

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,  
United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1906*



### **A BLAST FROM THE PAST**

*(Taken from the March 1920 Edition of the  
Confederate Veteran - 100 Years Ago)*

#### **The First Confederate Capital Its Present and Past.**

*by J. A. Osgoode*

Montgomery, Ala. Alabama's capital has a charming, healthful site and is itself substantially and handsomely built. Though it may hardly be said that

there "every prospect pleases," there is certainly no lack of engaging vistas to fascinate the most fastidious at any season of the year or hour of the day.

As Athens gathered under its Acropolis, so does Montgomery center upon the Capitol, which looks serenely down from a commanding height upon the distant "skyscrapers," the lofty fortresses of modern commerce and finance looming large above the business center of the town below. Remote indeed is Capitol Hill from the chafing human tide which pours noisily beyond. A car line winds past along Bainbridge Street, and automobiles tear by in throbbing, strident flight, but all their discordant riot of sound cannot break the soothing quiet that pervades the precinct of this historic Southern State building, crown of the city and of the landscape.

The same may be said of the town at large. Montgomery is a restful, not a dull, city. In certain quarters there is a notable excess of noise and din, but these are hardly more than ruffling ripples on the surface of the general tranquility. Why should not Alabama's capital truly illustrate the meaning of the State name, "Here we rest"?

There is good material reason for this. If Rome was not built in a day and was built on seven hills, Montgomery rises high and dry on seven hills—and then several—above its "yellow Tiber," the Alabama, which so lately raged more furiously than Rome's river when Horatius held the bridge; while to pedestrian wayfarers it occasionally seems that ascending these most decided, albeit gradual, elevations is an all-day job and that the number of them is seventy times seven. Thus has nature set an iron bit in the mouth of the vulgar, purposeless modern haste that would invade her peaceful domain and drives home the lesson of Wordsworth's verse:

"Think you, 'mid all this mighty sum  
Of things forever speaking.  
That nothing of itself will come,  
But we must still be seeking?"

Had the visionary hero of Longfellow's "Excelsior" toiled up these heights, he would doubtless have been more than content to rest and abide in one or other of

the stately houses rising from lawn or terrace overhead as if to make plain to the dullest that a Montgomerian's house is his castle. And did his trudgeful fervor wane beneath the glowing Southern sun, we could well imagine it renewed by a memory of the text, "I will lift up mine eyes to the hills," the turret- and colonnade-crowned hills, "from whence cometh my strength"; for in part and altogether, literally and metaphorically, historically and actually, Montgomery is a "city set on a hill" that cannot be hid—a city of ample limits, but short distances, where endless variety presents itself within easy compass ; where old and new combine in strong contrast, but essential harmony ; where past and present unite in one strong current of advance. The well-kept thoroughfares bear the names of national and local celebrities, early and recent—Cleveland, Montgomery, Decatur, Clay, Jeff Davis, and many others. Every vehicle and conveyance known in a temperate climate may be seen about town, from the oxcart to the river steamboat, from the chugging motorcycle to the aeroplanes, whirring amid the clouds like giant dragon flies on their way to and from the aviation camp. And here be it noted that the first electric streetcar in North America made its first trips on South Court Street, Montgomery. Brick and slate, granite and marble stand in sharp relief against shingle rough-cast and unpainted wood. Asphalt roads crossroads of sand and clay, shaded alike by water oak, sycamore, elm, beech, palm, and magnolia. Southern sugar cane and apples from Oregon mingle in the fruit stalls, some of these under quaint old-time two- and three-story porticoes on and about the city square. Such are a few of the outstanding suggestive features of Montgomery present, an epitome of Alabama, whose pines and pomegranates, iron, coal and cotton, figs, oranges, and countless other products and resources declare the opulent diversity of a heritage bestowed on her by nature.

What of the Montgomery of other days?

Quite overshadowed by a palatial hotel across the way, there stands on Commerce Street a dingy old brick building with a tablet\* in the wall which

reminds the forgetful passer- by that on the second floor above were the offices of the Confederate government founded in Alabama's capital sixty years ago.

Is Montgomery, which now faces the future with a smile and "greet the unseen with a cheer," beginning to grow fast forgetful of that deathless past?

Does not the star marking the spot where Jefferson Davis stood in the porch of the Capitol at the hour of his inauguration recall Shakespeare's saying that careless contemporary opinion

"Gives to dust that is a little gilt  
More praise than gilt o'er-dusted"?



MONUMENT AT GRAVE OF YANCEY IN  
OAKWOOD CEMETERY.  
(Sketch by the author.)

The first "White House of the Confederacy" has been all but thrust from its desecrated site by a newly built garage that presses menacingly upon the older building.

On the north wall of the main room of the State Library hangs a noteworthy portrait of the great leader of secession, that most eloquent advocate of Southern rights, the patriotic, vigilant, far-sighted statesman whose policy failed only because others failed to carry it out, William L. Yancey, of Alabama. But mere fragmentary forgotten collections of his speeches survive. Records of the proceedings of the earlier and later Democratic conventions are preserved for the curious in such matters; but no record of the famous Charleston convention of 1860 is readily discovered anywhere in Montgomery. The landmarks of Yancey's great career seem to have vanished, leaving hardly a trace behind, as have his town and country residences in and near the city. A bronze tablet at the entrance of the Exchange Hotel commemorates Yancey's historic words, "The man and the hour have met," on the occasion of President Davis's inauguration. His only monument is the shaft above his grave in Oakwood Cemetery, where also rest hundreds of Southern soldiers who gave their lives for the Southern cause. Near the monument rises a young magnolia, whose luxuriant foliage and broad truncated top seem to symbolize the life of this foremost champion of the South—a life tragically cut short, but full-rounded and nobly complete within the course it ran. The inscriptions on the monument are rapidly becoming illegible.

It is often supreme wisdom to anticipate a treacherous enemy by striking first. Such, as occasion offered, has been the course of great patriots in all ages. Such was the policy championed by Yancey in 1850 and 1861. Readers of Southern history can never forget his ringing challenge to wavering friends and doubtful allies in the Charleston Convention of 1860: "Go to the wall on this issue if events demand it. Accept defeat upon it. Let the threatened thunders roll and the lightnings flash through the sky, and let the dark cloud be

pointed out by you now resting upon the Southern horizon. Let the world know that our people are in earnest. In accepting defeat upon that issue, my countrymen, we are bound to rise if there is virtue in the Constitution." (From report of Yancey's speech in the Montgomery Weekly Advertiser of May, 1860.)

Hardly four years ago, when the World War was at its height, General Smuts, a leader of another "lost cause," speaking at Stepney, England, on "Empire Day," said: "I am a barbarian from the veldt, a Boer who fought for three years against you when you were very wrong indeed. \* \* \* I am fighting with you now, and not I alone, but thousands of my old companions of the Boer War. What has brought these men into the struggle? I don't think it is love of the British Empire. It is that they feel what you feel—that the greatest and most precious and most spiritual forces of the human race are at stake."

Not to perpetuate bondage, but to maintain the integrity of the highest type that the English-speaking race produced, was the Southern Confederacy established. May the memory of its founders and leaders ever be green in the Confederacy's first capital!

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**HISTORY OF WALKER'S TEXAS  
DIVISION  
"WALKER'S GREYHOUNDS"**

Walker's Texas Division was organized at Camp Nelson, near Austin, Arkansas, in October 1862. The only division in Confederate service composed, throughout its existence, of troops from a single state. It took its name from Major General John George Walker, who took command on January 1, 1863. Originally, the division was made up of four brigades:

**First Brigade**, composed of the, Twelfth (usually called Eighth"), Eighteenth, and Twenty-Second Texas Infantry Regiments, the Thirteenth Texas Cavalry (dismounted), and Haldeman's Texas Battery.

**Second Brigade**, composed of the Eleventh and Fourteenth Texas infantry regiments, the Twenty-eighth Texas Cavalry (dismounted), the Sixth (Gould's) Texas Cavalry Battalion (dismounted), and Daniel's Texas Battery.

**Third Brigade**, composed of the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Nineteenth Texas infantry regiments, the Sixteenth Texas Cavalry (dismounted), and Edgar's Texas Battery.

**Fourth Brigade**, composed of the Tenth Texas Infantry and the Fifteenth, Eighteenth, and Twenty-fifth Texas cavalry Regiments (dismounted). The original regiments of the Fourth Brigade were detached from the division shortly after its organization, and these were captured intact at Arkansas Post on January 11, 1863. Late in the war another Fourth Brigade was reconstituted which included the Sixteenth and Eighteenth Texas infantry regiments and the Twenty-eighth and Thirty-fourth Texas cavalry regiments (dismounted). At the same time, the Twenty-ninth Texas Cavalry (dismounted) was added to the First Brigade and the Second Regiment of Texas Partisan Rangers (dismounted) to the Third Brigade.

During its existence, it was commonly called the "Greyhound Division" or "Walker's Greyhounds," in tribute to its special capability of making long, forced marches from one threatened point to another within the Trans-Mississippi Department. Elements of the division attempted to relieve the siege of Vicksburg by attacking the federal troops at Millken's Bend in June and took part in the battle of Bayou Boubeau in Louisiana in November 1863. The high point of its service came during the early months of 1864, when it opposed Federal Major General Nathaniel Bank's invasion of Louisiana by way of the Red River valley.

On April 8-9, 1864, Walker's Greyhounds were committed with other Confederate forces in the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, halting Bank's advance on Shreveport, LA and Marshall, TX. On April 10, 1864, with Thomas J. Churchill's and William H. Parson's division, the Greyhounds began a forced march north to intercept Federal Major General Frederick Steele, who was moving from Little Rock to Camden, Arkansas, in cooperation with Bank's invasion from the south. Steele reached Camden on April 15, then evacuated it on the 27th. On the 30th, he was overtaken by Confederate forces, including Walker's Division, at Jenkin's Ferry on the Saline River, fifty-five miles north of Camden. The ensuing fighting was desperate, costing the lives of two of the three brigade commanders of the division, Brigadier General William Read Scurry and Brigadier General Horace Randal. Steele completed his withdrawal to Little Rock, ending the last real threat to western Louisiana and Texas during the war. In June 1864, General Walker was directed to assume command of the District of West Louisiana, and Major General John Horace Forney took command of the division. During March and April 1865, the division marched to Hempstead, Texas where the men disbanded themselves in May 1865.

To the novice historian, the fighting service of Walker's Texas Division may seem less arduous than that of many similar commands in the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of Tennessee. However, it operated efficiently, under extreme and peculiar difficulties unknown east of the Mississippi River and it deserves major credit for preserving Texas from the devastation, robbery, rape, and destruction that usually accompanied Federal invasion. So the next time you pass that beautiful old historic courthouse or do genealogy record research on your Texas roots, give a tip of the hat to old Major General John George Walker, and his brave Texan "Greyhounds" who kept Texas from the Union torch!

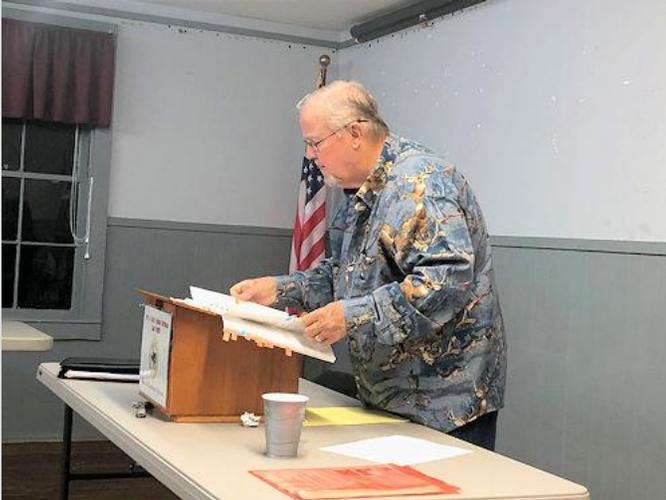
*(Note: Much of this material was gathered from various sources and thus the author does not take credit as original thought, but a compilation of facts)*



At our February meeting, we had Compatriot Frank Smith from the Upshur County Patriots Camp #2109 present a program, Letters to Home. A very interesting and informative program that was enjoyed by all.

I was very disappointed at the number of members that attended our meeting. Hopefully more of you will be able to attend this month.

I am going to be in Myrtle Beach, SC during our meeting date so 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Tillery will hold the meeting in my place. Compatriot Rodney Love will bring our program, The Mississippi Rifle.



*Compatriot Frank Smith Reading Letters to Home.*



## **BATTLES FOUGHT DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH**



**Battle of New Madrid and Island No. 10 - New Madrid and Island No. 10 Missouri**

3 March to 8 April 1862 - Generals McCown and MacKall verses General John Pope. Casualties 4077 Confederate, 831 Union!

### **Battle of Pea Ridge - Pea Ridge Arkansas**

7-8 March 1862 - General Earl Van Dorn verses General Samuel R. Curtis. Casualties: 800 Confederate, 1384 Union!

### **Battle of Brentonville - Brentonville North Carolina**

19-21 March 1865 - General Joseph E. Johnston verses General William T. Sherman. Casualties: 2606 Confederate, 1646 Union!

### **Battle of Kernstown - Kernstown Virginia**

22-23 March 1862 - General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson verses General Nathaniel P. Banks. Casualties: 700 Confederate, 590 Union!

### **Battle of fort Stedman - Fort Stedman Virginia**

25 March 1865 - General John B. Gordon verses Generals Hartranft and Meade. Casualties: 4400 Confederate, 2080 Union!

### **Battle of Dinwiddle Courthouse and White Oak Road - Dinwiddle Virginia**

29-31 March 1865 - General Robert E. Lee verses General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: 2000 Confederate, 2198 Union!



## **NATIONAL CONFEDERATE FLAG DAY**



Compatriots,

I am declaring Saturday, March 7, 2020, as National Confederate Flag Day. This is your opportunity to **SHOW OUR COLORS!!!** I encourage EVERY Division to plan whatever activity works best for your area. We will not be managing a website this year like what has been done in the past.....but that is no excuse for you to not do anything. This event, in my humble opinion, is a no-brainer.

I am depending on each Division, as they have in the past four years, to make this special day a huge success. Also, please take pictures of your event and share with the rest of the Confederation.

Thank you for your participation!

Paul Gramling, Jr.  
Commander-In-Chief  
Sons Of Confederate Veterans

## LIBERTY, A TEXAS TRADITION

*by Christian Lee*



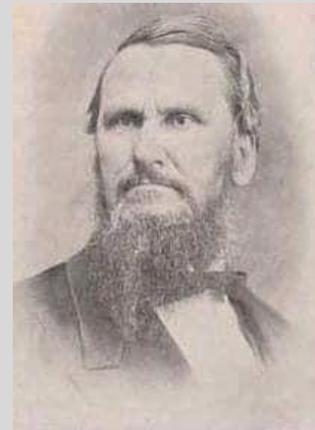
*Gen. Robert Hamilton Crockett  
(Grandson of David Crockett, a native of Paris, now of  
Stuttgart, Ark, and his little Great Granddaughter)*

March is Texas Independence month. We celebrate immigrant settlers. Settlers whose rights were infringed upon by their government and their nation invaded by an authoritarian dictator. The slaughter at the Alamo is as legendary as the men who fought and

died during the siege. Some consider it Texas' Thermopile.

One of my favorite Alamo defenders was none other than the 'King of the Wild Frontier', Davy Crockett. His Grandson was a CSA Colonel for the Company H, 1st Arkansas Infantry also known as Crockett's Rifles. According to the legend he was likely promoted to General by the end of the war.

Imagine that, liberty courses the veins of generations upon generations of hero's. The blood of hero's like Davy Crockett and the Spartan King Leonidas runs within all of our veins and it is up to us to stand in defense of our ancestor's good names.



**Robert Lewis  
Dabney**

Chaplain  
for  
Stonewall Jackson

**"Sirs, you have  
no reason to be  
ashamed of your  
Confederate  
dead; see to it  
they have no  
reason to be  
ashamed of  
you."**

## Our Honored Ancestors

**William R. McCullouch  
4th Sergeant  
Company B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Texas Cavalry**

William Robert McCullouch was a free man of color, born on September 24th, 1839 in Austin Colony #1 Jackson County, Texas to Samuel James McCullouch, Jr. He and the rest of his family moved to the land that was awarded to his father in service to the Republic of Texas, which is now present day Von Ormy, Texas along the banks of the Medina River in early 1851. Three months after Texas citizenry voted to secede from the Union, in May 1861; William mustered into the Confederate States Army at San Antonio - most likely at the Alamo. He was assigned to Company B of the 2nd Texas Cavalry under the command of Colonel John S. Rip Ford. During his time in the CSA, William served as part of the garrison at Fort Brown, New Mexico and was present at the Battles of Valverde and Glorietta in early 1862 where the unit was briefly attached to Sibley's Brigade during the Confederate's Invasion of New Mexico. By mid 1862, William and the 2nd Texas Cavalry were reassigned to the Houston & Galveston district and at some point the unit mutinied and was dismantled as a result, In January 1863, the dismantled regiment was now operating the western district of Louisiana under the command of Colonel Xavier B. Derbray.

While several companies were captured at Arkansas Post, Arkansas, William's company was part of other forces composed of the 2nd and 4th Texas Infantry and the 26th Texas Cavalry that took part in the recapturing of Galveston. In the spring of 1863, William and his Company were engaged at Bayou Vermillion, Bayou Beouf, LaFourche Crossing, and campaigns in the Teche Country. By September of 1863, William returned to Texas where he was part of the reorganization of the 2nd Texas Cavalry where they remained in Texas until the conclusion of the War Between the States under the 7th Texas Cavalry Brigade. In March of 1865, William began to see the unit slowly disband as a number of men abandoned their post and fled across the Rio Grande River into Mexico, William's company was present when the 2nd Texas Cavalry officially surrendered with General Edmund K. Smith at Galveston on June 2nd, 1865. William

returned to his family in Von Ormy, Texas where lived out the rest of his life until the lord call him from across the river on April 3rd, 1927. He is at peace, resting in the McCullouch Cemetery that was once part his family's ranch on the banks of the Medina River in Von Ormy, Texas.



I have been fascinated with archeology ever since my class days as a student at The University of North Texas (it was called North Texas State University back when I attended) and I chose as an elective Archeology 101. On the first day of class our professor, Nelson Leo, came into the classroom with a shovel across his shoulder, slammed the shovel down on desk, and with the voice of authority announced: "If you get out of this course with a good grade, you are going to have to dig!"

I have never forgotten this emphatic introduction to the study of archeology. Professor Leo "The Lion" was trying to make a point, and we clearly, very clearly, understood what that point was. Archeologists have an interesting job. They dig where past history took place. The archeologist's goal is to find all kinds of stuff: pottery, building materials, weapons, coins, but especially bones!

Bones are important-and we are full of them. Babies are born with 300 bones, but when they reach adulthood that number is reduced to 206. Some bones, like skull bones get fused together, reducing the total number. The 206 bones in an adult include the following: hands-54, skull-8, vertebral column-26, legs-8, arms-6. If you didn't have these, it wouldn't function. There are three additional bones every person needs in order to enjoy life. They will

keep us moving forward in a productive way, especially when the tough times roll. You will not find these three bones listed in any medical book. They are: **backbone, wishbone, and funnybone.**

The **backbone** stands for the strength and courage we need when we face challenges or have difficulties to overcome. Paul, the apostle, faced numerous difficulties-he was severely beaten more than once, stoned, shipwrecked, bitten by a snake, imprisoned, and so on- but he kept going with courage to accomplish the mission he had been assigned by God to accomplish. He had backbone. It is the only way any of us will get through the kind of things we will likely have to face in life. A strong backbone is important.

The second bone, your **wishbone**, is linked to our dreams and goals. Perhaps we want to have a better family life, a better job, to acquire more skills and become a better leader in our SCV camp, to be able to reach out and retain members and to reach others interested in SCV. Those who have no dreams have no need of a wishbone. Do you have one? If so, is it in good working order? What are you doing to make your dreams come true? Or has your wishbone been buried under a list of obstacles that you believe stand in your way? Let God guide your dreams.

The third bone you will need throughout life is a **funnybone** - that is, if you would like to experience joy and fulfillment. I remember reading somewhere that the average person has seventeen laughs per day. A sourpuss has a lot less; joyful people often have more. I believe laughing is good for what ails you. I have no way of knowing how many laughs you have each day, but I sincerely hope you enjoy each one of them to the fullest. If having a long face is what it takes for a person to be considered dedicated Christian, Maude and Claude, the mules my grandfather Will plowed his fields with back in the 20's, were the two finest Christians I knew.

*Initum sapientiae tumor Domini. Deo Vindice*

*Jack Bowen-Chaplain*



“Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me. That is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave.”

*Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson*



## **BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Tommy Lee Reynolds

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Charles Richard Hess

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** – Austin Gregory Young

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Misty Reynolds

**March 5<sup>th</sup>** – Patricia Guy

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Jamee Lynn Mars

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** – Flag Day for the confederate States of America.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** – Confederate States Constitution Day - 1861

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** – This day in 1861 the Arizona Territory secedes from the union. April - Confederate History Month - Texas.



“As for the South, it is enough to say that perhaps eighty per cent. of her armies were neither slaveholders, nor had the remotest interest in the institution. No other proof, however, is needed than the undeniable fact that at any period of the war from its beginning to near its close the South could have saved slavery by simply laying down its arms and returning to the Union.”

Major General John B. Gordon, from his book, *Causes of the Civil War.*

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