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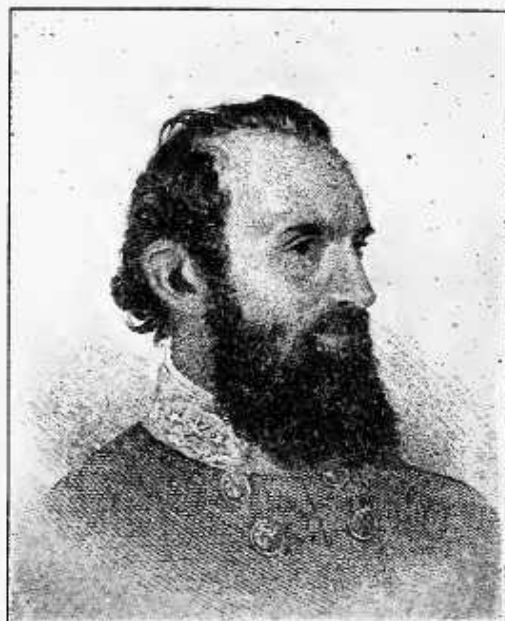
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## P R E F A C E .

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What a man says and what a man does are the indices of his worth, character and accomplishments. Hence, biography is the most interesting and instructive of literary work. It informs us of men—the highest type of creation on earth and the companions of our daily life—the custodians, in an exalted degree, of our happiness, and the friends or foes, as our intercourse makes them, of our progress, our success and our liberties.

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## CHAPTER ONE.

### STONEWALL JACKSON'S MAXIMS OF MILITARY STRATEGY.

**Description of Jackson's Maxims of Military Strategy, by Gen. John M. Imboden, C. S. A.—Statement of Jackson's View of War by Dr. Hunter McGuire—Jackson's Knowledge of the Operations of the Enemy—Jackson Made Himself the Master of the Topography of the Country in Which He Was Operating—Jackson's Tactics—Account of in Lecture by One of His Staff, Capt. James Power Smith.**

**Stonewall Jackson's Maxims of Military Strategy.**—"Jackson's military operations were always unexpected and mysterious. In my personal intercourse with him in the early part of the war, before he had become famous, he often said there were two things never to be lost sight of by a military commander—'Always mystify, mislead, and surprise the enemy, if possible; and, when you strike and overcome him, never let up in the pursuit so long as your men have strength to follow; for an army routed, if hotly pursued, becomes panic-stricken, and can thus be destroyed by half their number. The other rule is, never fight against heavy odds, if, by any possible manoeuvring, you can hurl your own force on only a part, and that the weakest part, of your enemy and crush it. Such tactics will win every time, and a small army may thus destroy a large one in detail, and repeated victory will make it invincible.' His celerity of movement was a simple matter. He never broke down his men by too-long-continued marching. He rested his whole column very often, but only for a few minutes at a time. I remember that he liked to see the men lie down flat on the ground to rest, and would say, 'A man rests all over when he lies down'."—*General John M. Imboden, in Battles and Leaders of the Civil War, Vol. 2, pp. 297-8.*