

Resaca de la Palma. When the Civil War began he enlisted at once in the Confederate army, and was a gallant soldier throughout the four years' struggle.

After the war, in which he attained the rank of lieutenant-general, he spent some time abroad, where he was received in the highest official and social circles with marked consideration. Later he made his home in New Orleans, and in time of peace, as of war, devoted himself loyally to the interests of his section. He was a man of distinguished literary ability, and wrote one of the most vigorous and striking books yet published upon the epoch of the Civil War. "Destruction and Reconstruction" will long hold a place among the histories of the period to which it relates. He died in New York, 1879, while correcting its proof-sheets.

"Old Rough and Ready," Zachary Taylor³ was called in the early days when Indian warfare meant conflict in primeval forests of the Western frontier, through swamps and underbrush, with the fleetest and most treacherous of foes, and battle with the pestilent climate in the marshes and under the tropic sun of Florida. But this sobriquet has been to a certain extent misleading. The emergencies presenting themselves during the most trying experiences found him ever "*ready*" for their demands. A slow fever of five weeks' duration did not keep him from the saddle a single day. With the heaviest odds in favor of the adversary, he was always ready for the fray, and, despite the odds, always held the field victorious.

But "*rough*" he was not. He was utterly indifferent to pomp and ceremony, to gaudy regalia or showy uniform. "He was quiet in expression, strong in action,