A GOOD BOOK TO READ

LEE'S LIEUTENANTS, Vol. 1. By Douglas Southal Freeman; Scribners, $5.00

(Reviewed by Dr. Gilbert W. Mead, President, Washington College, Chestertown, Md.)

Since the publication eight years ago of his magnificent and definitive life of Robert E. Lee, Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, editor of the RICHMOND NEWS-LEADER, has continued his work as a military historian by making a further exhaustive study of the campaigns of the War Between the States in terms of the rise and rule of the generals, aside from Lee, who were the hope of the Confederacy. This is the first of the three projected volumes to be completed, and follows the fortunes of the Army of Northern Virginia from its opening engagement at Manassas to the close of the first successful defense of Richmond in the summer of 1862. Later volumes will carry on the story, the second echo the increasing thunder of Antietam and Chancellorsville, and the third to center its attention on Gettysburg and the collapse of the final campaign.

Dr. Freeman calls his work "A Study in Command". It is in fact a progressive portrait gallery of the men who came to leadership during the opening campaigns of the war, with carefully analyzed studies of their plans of attack and defense and of their movements toward success or failure.

Students of military history will follow with pleasure the details of battles and campaigns; the less close reader will be attracted by the brilliance of the portraits of men like Beauregard, "Stonewall" Jackson, Longstreet, "Jeb" Stuart, and lesser lights who clustered about the greater stars. Dr. Freeman knows them as men, not merely as warriors. Their habit of dress and speech, their physical appearance and characteristics, their weaknesses and their strengths—these are vivid accompaniments to the story of their tactical abilities, and contribute to their power or their lack of it in leading men. Under the author's careful pen they come alive, with their distinct individualities and unique qualities.

It is evident that "Stonewall" Jackson is to the author a hero whose stature approached that of his commander, Lee. Devout, domestic careful of details, sober in garb and in life, he is reminiscent of Cromwell. Beauregard, who came to first command as the "Hero of Sumter" looked and acted the soldier of Napoleonic stamp. Yet Jackson's great campaign in the Valley of Virginia far outshone Beauregard's almost accidental victory at Manassas.

Here too is Johnson, "small, soldierly and graying, with a certain gamecock jauntiness"; Longstreet, "deaf, dignified, impressive.....not brilliant in strategy or conversation, he is solid and systematic"..... And Ewell, popular and efficient in spite of his appearance, "bald, pop-eyed and long-beaked, with a piping voice." Here emerges too a man who will play a larger part in later volumes, the flashy, theatrical and praise-loving "Jeb" Stuart, not handsome to look upon, "massive and nearly square" in build, satrically called "Beaut" by his fellow officers. The early narrative also brings to the fore the dyspeptic and cadaverous Daniel H. Hill, church deacon and textbook author "with a spinal ailment and a sharp tongue," who played no little part in the fortunes of the army in the first years of battle.

These men, with their subordinates, hold the center of the great canvas on which the aurthor portrays the first eighteen months of the struggle. We know that honorable death or military failure lies before them, and Dr. Freeman's years of study and research will be solidly justified when the remaining volumes join this one to form a complete story. Surely he has made a great beginning.

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NEWS ITEMS OF KENT CHURCHES

CHRIST METHODIST CHURCH
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November 29, 1942

10 a. m. Sunday School. T. D. Bowers, Supt.

11 a. m. Worship. Subject, "Blest to Bless."

5:45 p. m. Junior Fellowship.

6:30 p. m. Youth Fellowship.

7:30 p. m. Worship. Subject, "Seed Time and Harvest."

Tuesday—The Official Board will meet at the parsonage at 7:30 p. m. Triangle Club War work at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday—Leadership Training School at 7 p. m. in First Church.

Next Sunday a. m. Holy Communion. P .M. Pearl Harbor Memorialized.

December 13, White Gifts Christmas Service.

December 20, Christmas Vespers at 4 p. m.

December 27, Thoughts after Christmas.

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10:30 a. m. Study of the lesson. Mr. George A. Carroll, Superintendent.

11.00 a. m. Devotional Period. Miss Annie Parsons, organist.

11.30 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. "Thanksgiving" will be the theme of the service. A thank offering will be taken.

12 a. m. Noon Benediction

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Sunday, Nov. 29, 8 a. m. Holy Communion.

9:45 a. m. Church School.

11 a. m. Morning Prayer. Sermon by the Rector.

7:30 p. m. Eevening Prayer.

Wednesday, December 2, 7:30 p. m. Union Services in First Methodist Church.

8:30 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

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9:45 a. m. Church School. E. Rumsey Anthony, Supt.

11 a. m. Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor.

6:30 p. m. The M.Y.F. will meet at the church.

7:30 Evening worship, praise, prayers, message for everyone to enjoy.

7 p. m. Wednesday, Study Course followed by a devotional half hour at 8 o'clock.

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Evening service at 7:45. MYF meets at the chapel at 7:30. Cottage devotional meeting at Mrs. Stauffer's in Locust Grove at 6:30.

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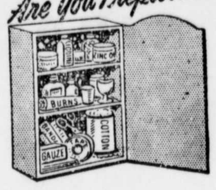

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