A LETTER FROM GENERAL GRANT'S DAUGHTER.

1130 Lake Shore Drive.

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Honorable F. G. Blair, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Springfield, Illinois.

Dear Sir: You earnestly request me to write a letter about my father, Ulysses S. Grant, to be printed in your Memorial Day pamphlet for the use of the children in the public schools of Illinois.

I am so grateful for the many proofs of affectionate esteem in which the people of Illinois remember my father that I am anxious to comply with your request, difficult as it is for me to tell the school children anything about my father which has not been told in the many books published about him.

Doubtless, the school children think more frequently of him as General Grant, and while I should want them to remember and honor him for his services to our country as a soldier, I would not want them to think of him only as a fighting man who loved war for war's sake, but rather as one with a deep sense of duty to his country, fighting to save and preserve it.

My father loved peace and hated war, but he loved this country and was devoted to its high purposes, and believed it to be the duty of every able-bodied citizen of the United States to give loyally and promptly his services when this country is attacked and the life of this Republic is threatened.

My father took great interest in our schools and was anxious his children should apply themselves diligently to their studies. If we were interested in some subject or he thought we should be and might not understand it, he was never too busy with more important affairs to patiently and clearly explain it to us.

My father would not tolerate in the family idle gossip and disagreeable criticism of others. His rule was if one could not speak kindly and favorably of another, to say nothing.

His sense of fairness in judging men and their acts was admirable—free from prejudice and bitterness. Even when one who had unjustly criticised him was involved, he would calmly and free from anger decide upon the merits of the case from the facts before him, and this was his attitude of mind if the same were discussed in the family circle where one usually speaks more freely and unreservedly.

These were some of the characteristics of my father which made a deep impression on me.

With all good wishes for the school children everywhere, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Nellie Grant Jones.