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## WHAT GENERAL LEE SAID.

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I have before me a letter from the Rev. (Major) Giles B. Cooke of Matthew, Va., saying:

“May I ask you to make, at your convenience, the following correction in your interesting article, ‘Destroying Yankee Gunboats,’ page 344, CONFEDERATE VETERAN for September, 1930, so that the change will read: ‘An English officer, visiting Lexington, when General Lee was president of Washington College, asked the General who was the greatest military genius on both sides of the war between the States, General Lee said, “Gen. N. B. Forrest, who, with the least means, accomplished more than any other general.’ ”

In the article referred to by Major Cooke, it is stated that General Lee told the English officer, that General Forrest was “the greatest Confederate officer.”

I take pleasure in making the correction asked for by Major Cooke, particularly so because I am sure that General Lee was correct in his opinion. There was but one Shakespeare, but one General Lee, and there can never be but one Forrest.



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