

General Samuel Jones, in a letter to the Secretary of War, dated October 14, 1862, says: "I telegraphed you on the 12th instant to say that I needed the services of a Brigadier-General to this department (East Tennessee), and that if you thought proper to order Brigadier-General Mackall, who, I understand, is without a brigade, to report to me, I should be glad to have him."

J. G. Shorter, Governor of Alabama, in a letter dated May 6, 1863, to the Secretary of War, says: "I telegraphed you today that the citizens of Mobile desired the assignment of Brigadier-General Mackall to the command in that city. . . . I need not remind you of the vital importance of assigning to such a high position of responsibility an officer of skill and energy, and whose qualifications will command the respect and confidence of the citizens of Mobile and the authorities of Alabama."

In General Orders No. 2, dated October 16, 1863, General Bragg says: "At his request, Brigadier-General W. W. Mackall is relieved from duty as Chief of Staff with the commanding General of the army. He will proceed with his aides and report to General J. E. Johnston, now commanding the department from which he was transferred. With a grateful sense of the distinguished services rendered by this accomplished officer in the high position he has filled, the commanding General tenders him his cordial thanks and wishes him all success and happiness in his future career. The General and the army will long feel the sacrifice made in sparing the services of one so distinguished for capacity, professional acquirements and urbanity."

General Leonidas Polk, in a letter to General J. E. Johnston, dated January 5, 1864, says: "I will return you Forney or M. L. Smith or Mackall with the recommendation of the latter for Major-General."

STONEWALL JACKSON INFIRMARY.—The necessity of a hospital building, detached from the living rooms at the Home, was early demonstrated. A building, which in the days of the Arsenal was used as a laboratory, was made available for this purpose. It is a substantial structure, removed some one hundred yards or more from the other buildings, and was fitted up for hospital use through the efforts of Mrs. J. H. Tegmyer, Mrs. R. B. Winder, Mrs. Harvey Jones, Mrs. J. H. Harris, Mrs. M. B. Brown, Mrs. John Brosius and their associates. The original building has been very considerably enlarged, and is now fitted up with nine beds, hot and cold water, bathroom and water closet, and has been found a great comfort. It has been named after the immortal Jackson, whose military genius was only equaled by his unshrinking faith and consistent Christian character. With him the watchword of life was comprehended in one word, "Duty." Wherever he recognized this principle his devotion was complete, whether it called him to face the dangers of battle in his country's service, or whether it led him to humbler, but no less noble deeds in the service of his God. His submission to the will of his Maker and recognition of Divine Providence in all things, both small and great, was as marked as those great abilities which made him the military hero of the war.