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General Patrick H. Jones, Postmaster of New York City.

General Patrick H. Jones, the newly-appointed Postmaster of New York city, was born in the County of Westmeath, Ireland, November 20th, 1830.

In 1840 he came to this country with his parents, who settled on a farm in Cattaraugus County in this State. At the age of twenty General Jones became connected with a leading New York journal, and traveled through the Western States as its correspondent. The pursuits of journalism not being congenial to his tastes, he began the study of law at Ellicottville, N.Y., in 1853, and was, three years later, admitted to practice. The outbreak of the rebellion found him in the enjoyment of a lucrative practice, and surrounded by a large circle of personal friends, whose admiration had been won by his many genial qualities, and his legal acumen. Withdrawing from a profession which was to him both pleasant and remunerative, he entered the service of his adopted country in 1861, as Second Lieutenant, 37th Regiment, New York Volunteers, and was at once assigned to duty with the Army of the Potomac. For gallant conduct throughout the whole of the famous campaign of the Peninsula, he received the commission of major of his regiment.

In October 1862, we find him commissioned as Colonel of the 154th Regiment New York Volunteers, with orders to report to General Sigel. On the retirement of General Burnside, in the new organization of the army, Col. Jones' regiment was a portion of the command of General Howard, under whom he fought at Chancellorsville, where he fell, severely wounded. During that battle he fell into the ~~enemy's~~ enemy's hands, but was soon after exchanged. He rejoined his regiment as soon as his wounds would permit, and took command the day before the battle of Chattanooga, his regiment having been ordered west to reinforce Hooker. He commanded a brigade during Sherman's triumphant march to the Atlantic, and for his ~~brave~~ vigilance and sagacity was promoted to the rank of brigadier-general. Returning to New York city at the close of the war, General Jones was elected to the position of Clerk of the Court of Appeals. On the death of Gen. Charles G. Halpine, Register of New York city, August 2, 1868, General Jones was appointed to succeed him, and, with characteristic generosity, he agreed to present to the family of the lamented "Miles O'Reilly" the salary of the office during the remainder of the term.

General Jones is a gentleman of slight proportions, but plainly possessing powers of great endurance. He has a mild, calculating eye, a pleasant face, and a courteous, modest mien.

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