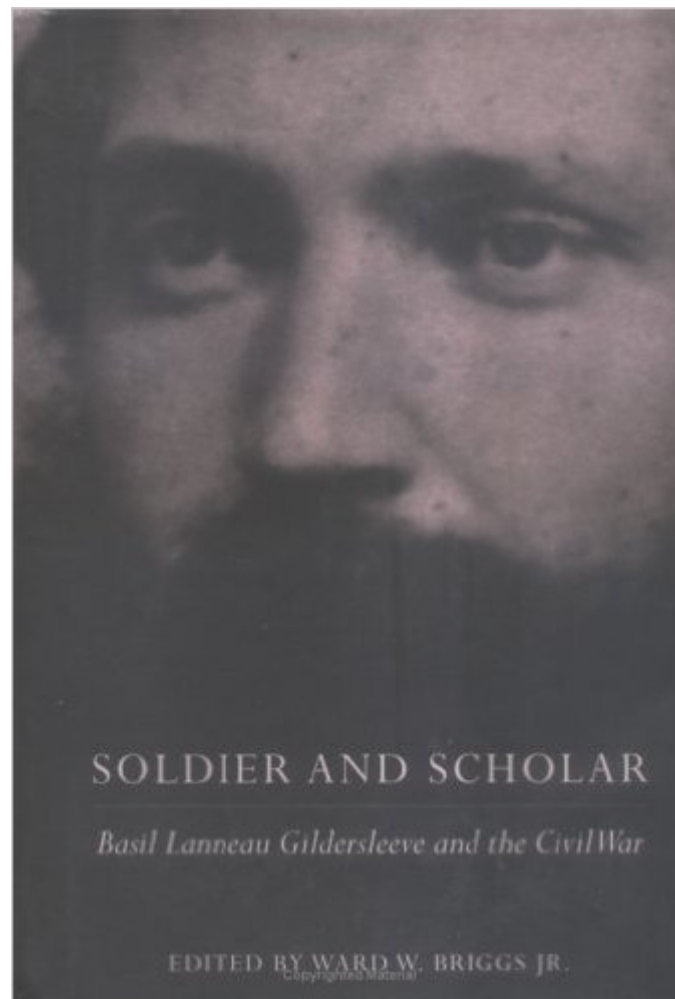


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Gildersleeve enlisted after Fort Sumter, but he continued to teach at the University of Virginia during the winters. Frequenting Richmond during the war, this young intellectual and passionate partisan who found the war, with its attendant social and political issues, as stimulating as his beloved classics. In *Soldier and Scholar*, editor Ward Briggs has assembled a revealing collection of Gildersleeve's writings: autobiographical essays, sixty-three editorials he wrote for the *Richmond Examiner* during the war, and a series of his reflections upon the causes and effects of the Civil War thirty years later. This collection, which offers a view of Gildersleeve's intellectual beliefs and his passions, should interest Southern historians, classicists, and Civil War buffs.

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