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OF THE COMMON COUNCIL,

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FOR THE

RECEPTION

OF

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At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, on the 15th of May, 1848, the following message was received from his Honor, Mayor HAVEMEYER, communicating the intelligence that MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT was daily expected at this port, on his return from Mexico, to wit:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, }
New York, May 15th, 1848. }

To the Hon. the Common Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Information has been communicated to me that MAJOR GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT, embarked on the 30th ult., for this port, and he may, therefore, be daily expected.

In view of the great and important services rendered to our country by this distinguished commander, during the recent campaign in Mexico, I deem it my duty to make this communication, and to submit the propriety of receiving him in a manner commensurate with a proper appreciation of his gallant achievements, and those of his companions in arms.

W. F. HAVEMEYER, *Mayor.*

Whereupon the following preamble and resolution were submitted by Alderman CROLIUS, in relation thereto:

Whereas, Information has been received that Major General Winfield Scott, of the United States Army, has taken passage from Vera Cruz to this port, and

Whereas, The citizens of New York would gladly welcome the hero who, from Lundy's Lane to the City of the Montezumas, has covered the flag of his country with imperishable honor, winning for himself a fame which will perish only when a grateful country shall cease to exist, and

Whereas, It is proper that the gallant soldier should be received in a manner commensurate with his own merits, and the estimation in which we, as American citizens, hold his faithful, arduous and valuable services in the late campaign in Mexico, through which he has passed so gloriously, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to make suitable arrangements for the reception of General Scott, and to tender to him, on his arrival, the hospitalities of the City.

The same were unanimously adopted by the Board of Aldermen,

And Aldermen Crolius, Maynard Hatfield, Smith and Gray were appointed such Committee on the part thereof.

To which the President, Morris Franklin, Esq., was added.

They were received the same evening by the Board of Assistant Aldermen, and having been unanimously concurred in,

Assistant Aldermen Fream, Schultz, Paxton, Britton and Sutton, were appointed the Committee on the part of said Board.

And the President thereof, Wilson Small, Esq., was added thereto.

The preamble and resolution were subsequently approved on the 16th May, by his Honor the Mayor.

The Committee met from time to time, in order to make and complete the necessary arrangements for the proposed reception, Major General Sandford, Brigadier Generals Storms, Hall, Morris and Ewen, Col. Crane and Major Raines of the U. S. Army, Captain Hudson and Commander McKeever of the Navy, and John C. Hamilton, Esq., a personal friend of General Scott, being on invitation of the Committee, present at several of their meetings.

The Committee having been informed by Mr. Hamilton, that it was the intention of General Scott to repair immediately to his home at Elizabethtown, without stopping in the City,—it was, after consultation, determined that the Committee would, on being informed of his arrival there, wait upon him in a body, in company with several of his personal friends, and urge upon him the propriety of his accepting the invitation to visit and receive the hospitalities of our City.

On Sunday the 21st of May, General Scott arrived in the brig "Petersburgh," and immediately proceeded to Elizabethtown.

On the following day the Committee repaired in a body to the residence of the General, where they were most

kindly received, and communicated to him the object of their visit.

The invitation extended by the Common Council through your Committee having been accepted by General Scott, they returned to the City on the same day.

The succeeding Thursday was fixed upon as the day for the reception, and the Committee proceeded to complete the arrangements for the same.

It was subsequently determined that on that day the Common Council, with their invited guests, consisting of the Governor and Lieut. Governor of the State of New York, the various United States military and naval officers on this station, and at the time in the City, Foreign Consuls, Members of Congress, of the State Senate and Assembly, heads of the various departments of the City Government, and other distinguished citizens, would proceed from Castle Garden, on board of the steamboat to be procured for the occasion, to Elizabeth-port, New Jersey, where they would receive on board, their distinguished guest.

That immediately on his coming on board, he would be addressed, on the part of the Common Council, by MORRIS FRANKLIN, Esq., President of the Board of Aldermen, and that after other ceremonies the boat would return to the City, and land at Castle Garden.

That on the approach of the boat to the City, salutes would be fired from Fort Hamilton, Castle William, and the Battery.

That on proceeding into the Garden, the Mayor of the City would receive and welcome the General, and extend to him, as Chief Magistrate, the hospitalities of the City.

After which he would be escorted to the Battery by the Mayor and members of the Common Council, where he would review the military drawn up in line, under the command of Major General Sandford.

The review being over, the military would form into column, and march as an escort through the various streets of the City, to be designated as the line of march, to the City Hall, after which the General would be escorted to his quarters.

In order the more fully to carry out these various arrangements, the following sub Committees were appointed, to wit :

Messrs. Schultz and Fream for the purpose of providing the steamboat for the occasion.

Messrs. Hatfield and Britton to obtain the necessary horses and equipments for General Scott and his aids.

Messrs. Hatfield and Smith to provide and have charge of the carriages for the Common Council and their invited guests.

Messrs. Smith and Small for the arrangements of the reception at Castle Garden, and

Messrs. Gray, Franklin and Paxton for the selection of quarters for General Scott.

The arrangements of the Committee for the procession being only for a military one,

THE FOLLOWING ORDERS FROM THE VARIOUS

COMMANDERS OF THE MILITARY,

WERE LAID BEFORE THEM :

FIRST DIVISION—NEW YORK STATE MILITIA.

DIVISION ORDERS.

NEW YORK, MAY 22, 1848.

This Division will parade on Thursday next, the 25th inst., for the purpose of receiving Major General Winfield Scott, General-in-Chief of the United States Army, upon his return from his triumphant and brilliant campaign in Mexico, which has reflected the highest honors upon the military reputation of our country.

The division line will be formed on the Battery, at a quarter before 2 o'clock, precisely.

Brigadier General Hall, having reported for duty, will resume the command of the Third Brigade.

The salute upon the landing of Major General Scott, will be fired under the direction of Brigadier General Morris.

By order of

Major General SANDFORD.

R. C. WETMORE, Division Inspector.

FIRST BRIGADE—NEW YORK STATE MILITIA.

BRIGADE ORDERS.

NEW YORK, MAY 22, 1848.

Pursuant to the foregoing Division Orders, this Brigade will parade on Thursday next, completely armed and equipped, and with full battery. The brigade line will be formed at the Battery, at half-past one o'clock, precisely.

The Brigade Staff will assemble at the Brigadier's quarters, 56 Franklin street, at one o'clock, precisely; you are hereby requested to join them.

By order of

Brigadier General STORMS.

J. A. BOGART, Brigade Major.

H. J. STORMS, Aid-de-Camp.

SECOND BRIGADE—NEW YORK STATE MILITIA.

BRIGADE ORDERS.

NEW YORK, MAY 22, 1848.

Pursuant to the foregoing Division Orders, this Brigade will parade on Thursday next, for the reception of Major General Scott.

The line will be formed on the Battery, at half-past 1 o'clock, precisely.

Colonel Yates will make requisition on the Commissary General, for amunition for the Major General's salute.

By order of

Brigadier General MORRIS.

————— Brigade Major.

THIRD BRIGADE—NEW YORK STATE MILITIA.

BRIGADE ORDERS.

NEW YORK, MAY 22, 1848.

In compliance with the above Division Orders, this Brigade will parade on Thursday next, the 25th inst., for the purpose of receiving Major General Winfield Scott, on his return from Mexico.

The line will be formed on the Battery, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Brigade Staff will assemble at the General's quarters, at 1 o'clock, precisely.

By order of

W. HALL,
Brigadier General.

————— Brigade Major.

FOURTH BRIGADE—NEW YORK STATE MILITIA.

BRIGADE ORDERS.

NEW YORK, MAY 22, 1848.

In pursuance of Division Orders, the several Regiments of this Brigade will parade in full uniform, for the reception of Major General Winfield Scott, on Thursday, May 25, 1848.

The brigade line will be formed in Washington Military Square, at 10 A. M.

The Brigade Staff will appear in full uniform, and report at the General's quarters, 293 East Broadway, at half past 9 o'clock, A. M.

By order of

Brigadier General JOHN EWEN.

N. BERGASSE LA BAU, A. D. C.

R. TAYLOR, Brigade Major.

FIRST REGIMENT—NEW YORK STATE MILITIA.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

NEW YORK, MAY 23, 1848.

Pursuant to Brigade Orders, this Regiment will parade fully uniformed, armed and equipped as Horse Artillery, on Thursday next, the 25th inst.

The regimental line will form in Broome, the right on Elm street, at half past 12 o'clock, M., precisely.

The Field and Staff Officers will assemble at the Colonel's quarters, at 12 o'clock, M.

By order of

JOHN STEWART, Col.

ISAAC O. HUNT, Adjutant.

SECOND REGIMENT—N. Y. STATE MILITIA.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

NEW YORK, MAY 23d, 1848.

In compliance with Division and Brigade Orders of 22d inst., this Regiment is ordered to parade in full uniform, on Thursday, 25th inst. at 12 o'clock, precisely.

The regimental line will be formed in Broome street, right on Mercer street.

Sergeant Thomas Thomas is appointed Assistant Sergeant Major, in place of Sergeant Austen, whose time of service has expired, and who is honorably discharged from the service.

A meeting of the officers of this Regiment will be held on Saturday evening, 26th inst., at half past 8 o'clock, at the Mercer house, corner of Mercer and Broome streets.

By order of

C. B. SPICER, Lt. Col. Commanding.

W. M. POSTLEY, Adjutant.

R. H. TIMPSON, Sergeant Major.

Head Quarters, Third Regiment, (Cavalry) M. S. N. Y.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

NEW YORK, MAY 23, 1848.

By Division Orders, this Regiment will parade on Thursday next, the 25th inst., for the purpose of giving a military reception to Major General Winfield Scott, General-in-Chief of the United States Army, late returned from the brilliant scenes of Mexico.

The Regiment will form at 1 o'clock P. M., at St. John's Park, and immediately march therefrom to the Battery.

By order of

S. BROOKE POSTLEY, Col.

Commanding Third Regiment M. S. N. Y.

C. D. STILES, Adjutant.

——— Sergeant Major.

FOURTH REGIMENT—N. Y. STATE ARTILLERY.

ORDERS No. 31.

NEW YORK, MAY 23, 1848.

In pursuance of Division and Brigade Orders, this Regiment will parade as cavalry and light artillery (the artillery, and field and staff, with white pantaloons) on Thursday, the 25th inst.

The line will be formed in White street, right on Broadway, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Commissary General Stewart will furnish the ammunition for a Major General's salute.

By order of

CHARLES YATES, Col.

JAMES P. POND, Adjutant.

H. SMITH, Sergeant Major.

FIFTH REGIMENT—NEW YORK STATE MILITIA.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

NEW YORK, MAY 23, 1848.

In pursuance of Division and Brigade orders, this Regiment will parade in full uniform, on Thursday, 25th inst., to render military honors to Major General Winfield Scott.

The regimental line will be formed in Broome street, right on Broadway, at a quarter before one o'clock, P. M.

The colors will be escorted to the ground by Company D.

The Colonel will attend at the drill room, Centre market, on the 5th of June, at 4 o'clock, P. M., to hear appeals for delinquencies of non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates of this regiment, in relation to the above parade.

By order of

Colonel ANDREW WARNER.

SAMUEL COULTER, Adjutant.

GOVERNOR'S GUARD—SIXTH REGIMENT.

SECOND BRIGADE—N. Y. S. MILITIA.

ORDER No. 1.

HEAD QUARTERS, 6th REGT. N. Y. S. M. }
 NEW YORK, May 23d, 1848. }

Pursuant to Brigade orders, this Regiment will parade in full uniform, (white pantaloons,) on Thursday, 25th inst., on occasion of the reception of Major General Scott.

The regimental line will be formed on the parade ground, Broome street. Company reports will be made to the Adjutant, at half-past 12, precisely, at the parade ground.

The color bearer and general guides will receive the colors at Military Hall, at 12 o'clock.

The staff, and also the band, will report to the Commandant at his quarters, at 12 o'clock.

By order of

Major THOMAS D. SMITH.

WM. O. DUNHAM, Acting Adjutant.

SEVENTH REGIMENT—N. Y. STATE MILITIA.

NATIONAL GUARD—REGIMENTAL ORDER.

NEW YORK, MAY 22, 1848.

Colonel Bremner having this day been relieved of the command of the Third Brigade, feels much satisfaction in returning to the Regiment.

In compliance with Division and Brigade Orders, this Regiment will parade on Thursday, the 25th inst., fully uniformed, armed, and equipped, (with white pants, and without knapsacks,) for the purpose of receiving Major General Winfield Scott, the General-in-Chief of the United States Army, on his return from his brilliant and successful campaign in Mexico.

The line will form in front of the City Hall, at quarter before 1 o'clock, P. M.

By order of

Colonel BREMNER.

J. L. MORGAN, Adjutant.

HEAD QUARTERS, EIGHTH REGIMENT, N. Y. S. M.

WASHINGTON GREYS—ORDER No. 8

NEW YORK, MAY 23, 1848.

The Regiment will parade in full uniform, with white pantaloons, and without knapsacks, on Thursday, the 25th

inst., for the purpose of receiving Major General Scott, on his return from his brilliant campaign in Mexico.

The line will be formed in Bleecker street, to the east of, and right on Broadway, at 12 o'clock, M., precisely. Capt. Lyons, with his command, will receive the colors at the Colonel's quarters, 37 Bleecker street, at quarter before 12 o'clock.

By order of

Colonel J. W. STILES.

JAMES HENRY DYER, Acting Adjutant.

JOHN V. HARRIOTT, Sergeant Major.

HEAD QUARTERS—NINTH REGIMENT, N. Y. S. M.

ORDER No. 13.

NEW YORK, May 23, 1848.

For the purpose of receiving with military honors, the illustrious hero and commander, Major General Winfield

Scott, and in accordance with Division and Brigade orders, this Regiment will parade, fully uniformed, armed and equipped, (grey pants,) on the regimental parade ground, Broome street, right resting on Broadway, on Thursday, the 25th of May inst.

Regimental line will be formed at 12 o'clock, M.

The Commandant of each company is directed, at each roll call on the day of parade, to read or cause to be read, to his company, the following notice; and also to have the same printed in his company order. The commanding officer of this regiment, in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided, gives notice, that he will attend at the Military Hall, No. 193 Bowery, in the City of New York, on Thursday, the 8th day of June next, at 8 o'clock, P. M., and will then and there hear all appeals that may be made to him for the remission of any penalty incurred by any non-commissioned officer or private under his command.

Lieutenant Colonel Ferris will assume the command of the regiment on the day of the above parade.

By order of

E. JESUP, JR.,
Colonel 9th Regiment,
N. Y. S. M.

S. VAN WINKLE, Adjutant.

TENTH REGIMENT—NEW YORK STATE MILITIA.

REGIMENTAL ORDER.

NEW YORK, MAY 23, 1848.

Pursuant to Division and Brigade orders of the 22d inst., this Regiment will parade fully uniformed and equipped, with white pantaloons and without knapsacks, on Thursday next, the 25th inst., in honor of Major General Winfield Scott.

The regimental line will be formed on Washington military square, at half past 10 o'clock, A. M.

Captain James R. Dodge will act as Adjutant.

The commandant of the regiment gives notice that he will attend at Military Hall, No. 193 Bowery, on Wednesday, the 31st inst., at 8 o'clock, P. M., and will then and there hear all appeals that may be made to him for the remission of any penalty incurred by any non-commissioned officer or private of said companies.

The captain of each company is directed at each roll call, to read or cause to be read, the above notice to his company.

By order of

Col. WILLIAM HALSEY.

ELEVENTH REGIMENT—N. Y. STATE MILITIA.

 WASHINGTON GUARD—ORDER No. 9.

 HEAD QUARTERS, CITY OF NEW YORK, }
 MAY 23, 1848. }

This Regiment is ordered to parade in full uniform, (white pantaloons) on Thursday, the 25th inst. The line will be formed at 10½ o'clock, A. M., precisely, in Lafayette place, right on Great Jones street.

By order of

Col. ROBERT C. MORRIS.

JOHN P. PRALL, Adjutant.

 TWELFTH REGIMENT—N. Y. STATE MILITIA.

 ORDER No. 6.

NEW YORK, MAY 23, 1848.

Pursuant to Division and Brigade orders, this Regiment will parade fully armed and equipped (dark pantaloons,)

on Thursday the 25th inst., to unite with our fellow citizens in a demonstration of regard for the valuable services of the Commander-in-Chief of the American army in Mexico.

The regimental line will be formed in Bond street, right on Broadway, at 12 o'clock A. M. precisely.

In accordance with the requirements of sections 30 and 31, of the act organizing the First Division of the N. Y. State Militia, the commandants of companies will make their returns for the said parade, to the commanding officer of the regiment, on or before the 3d day of June next.

The commandant will hear appeals for the remission of any penalty or fine, incurred by any non-commissioned officer or private belonging to his command, at the Branch Hotel, 36 Bowery, on Monday, the 12th day of June next, at 8 o'clock P. M.

By order of

JONAS BARTLETT, Major,
Commanding Twelfth Regiment.

JOHN KEELER, Adjutant.

The various arrangements for the occasion being nearly completed, and the several sub-committees having submitted their reports,

Messrs. Franklin and Smith were appointed a sub-committee to prepare a full programme of arrangements for the proposed reception.

The programme not being yet fully arranged, the following notice was inserted in the evening papers of Wednesday, the 24th inst :



RECEPTION OF MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT BY THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.—It is expected that Major General Scott, accompanied by his staff, will arrive in this City, by way of Elizabethtown Point, New Jersey, at or about the hour of 2 o'clock P. M., on Thursday, the 25th inst., landing at Castle Garden.

A full programme of the arrangements will be published in the morning papers.

If the weather should prove to be inclement the flags will not be hoisted at the City Hall, which will be considered a signal that the reception will not take place until further notice.

CLARKSON CROLIUS,
Chairman of Joint Special Committee.

The sub-Committee on the Programme subsequently reported the following, which being adopted was published, under the direction of the Joint Special Committee, in the several morning papers :

PROGRAMME OF ARRANGEMENTS

FOR THE

RECEPTION

OF

MAJOR GENERAL WINFIELD SCOTT,

BY THE

Municipal Authorities of the City of New York,

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED
FOR THAT PURPOSE.



The Common Council with their invited guests, and the Heads of Departments of the City, will embark on Thursday, 25th inst., in the steamboat St. Nicholas, (which has been politely tendered for the occasion,) from Castle Garden, at 11 o'clock A. M. precisely, and proceed directly to Elizabethport, where they will receive their distinguished guest, who will there be addressed by MORRIS FRANKLIN, Esq., President of the Board of Aldermen, on the part of the Common Council.

The boat will then return to the City, and arrive at Castle Garden at or about 2 o'clock, P. M.

On entering the Bay, national salutes will be fired from the several military posts in the harbor.

On the arrival at Castle Garden, his Honor the Mayor will be in attendance to receive the General as the guest of the City.

The ceremonies of reception being concluded, the General and his Staff will be received by a Guard of Honor, and escorted to review the line formed upon the Battery, under the direction of Major General Sandford. After the review the line will break into column, and take up its march in the following order:

The First Division of New York State Militia,

UNDER THE COMMAND OF

MAJOR GENERAL SANDFORD,

ACTING AS THE ESCORT TO

MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT,

IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

THE FIRST BRIGADE,

UNDER THE COMMAND OF

BRIGADIER GENERAL STORMS.

THE SECOND BRIGADE,

UNDER THE COMMAND OF

BRIGADIER GENERAL MORRIS.

THE THIRD BRIGADE,

UNDER THE COMMAND OF

BRIGADIER GENERAL HALL.

THE FOURTH BRIGADE,

UNDER THE COMMAND OF

BRIGADIER GENERAL EWEN.

THE CIVIC PROCESSION FORMED AS FOLLOWS :

Ex-President of the United States,

GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,

Senators and Representatives in Congress,

SENATORS OF THIS STATE. MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY.

Officers of the Army and Navy of the United States.

Joint Special Committee of the Common Council.

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR,

MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Heads of Departments of the City Government.

Collector of the Port of New York.

Surveyor of the Port of New York. Naval Officer.

Postmaster of the City of New York.

U. S. District Attorney.

Marshal of the United States for this District.

Citizens in carriages and on horseback.

THE LINE OF MARCH WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Up Broadway to Chatham street; through Chatham street to the Bowery; up the Bowery to Astor place; thence to Broadway; down Broadway to Chambers street, when the military will halt and form line, and the Common Council, with their guests, will pass through Chambers street and enter the Park by the east gate, to the City Hall, where a marching salute will be paid to their distinguished guest.

The ceremonies being concluded, the Guard of Honor will escort the General to his quarters.

Committee of Board of Aldermen :

CLARKSON CROLIUS,	AMOS F. HATFIELD,
MOSES MAYNARD, Jr.,	WASHINGTON SMITH,
NIEL GRAY,	MORRIS FRANKLIN.

Committee of Board of Assistant Aldermen :

WILLIAM W. FREAM,	JOSEPH BRITTON,
ALEX. H. SCHULTZ,	JOHN R. PAXTON,
NATHAN A. SUTTON,	WILSON SMALL.

If the weather should prove inclement, the flags will not be hoisted on the City Hall, which will be considered a signal that the reception will not take place until further notice.

THE DAY

Was a most auspicious one. The sun shone from a sky unobscured with a single cloud, and long before the hour fixed for the arrival, the several streets through which the procession was to pass, were filled with a dense crowd of citizens and strangers eager to behold, and to receive with shouts of welcome, the gallant HERO on his return from the scenes of his brilliant triumphs in Mexico.

During the day cannon were fired from the Battery and other places, the national flag floated from the City Hall, and from the several public buildings in the City, while colors and streamers waved from the numerous shipping in the port.

The steamboat "St. Nicholas," which was generously tendered for the occasion, by ISAAC NEWTON, Esq., was at Castle garden pier at the appointed hour, gaily decked with flags, and the Common Council, with their invited guests, among whom were the Governor of the State, Senators and Representatives in Congress, Officers of the Army and Navy, Foreign Consuls, ex-Mayors of the City, members of the State Senate and Assembly, Heads of Departments of the City Government, principal officers of the General Government in the City, and a number of other distinguished citizens and strangers, having proceeded on board, she shoved off, and was soon on her way for Elizabethport.

Passing down the harbor, to and through the Kills, the boat reached Elizabethport at about 12 o'clock M., and

came to the wharf under a salute fired from a field piece on board, furnished by Commissary General Stewart, of the City Arsenal.

Immediately after arriving, the General was seen approaching towards the wharf, escorted by the Mayor and Corporation of Elizabeth-town, together with a large concourse of the citizens of the place.

Arrived at the wharf, he was received by the Committee of Arrangements, to whom he was presented by MAYOR SANDERSON, of Elizabethtown, who delivered on the occasion the following

ADDRESS :

MR. PRESIDENT, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF NEW YORK: On behalf of the corporate authorities and people of the borough of Elizabeth, I have the pleasure of committing to your charge our most eminent and distinguished citizen, General Winfield Scott.

We rejoice with the joy of friends in every manifestation of respect and gratitude towards one for whom, ever and above the estimate which, in common with the whole Nation, we put upon the unsurpassed brilliancy of his public services, we, as neighbors, townsmen and friends, entertain the warmest feelings of personal attachment.

Take him with you, gentlemen, to your metropolis, present him to your fellow-citizens, honor him as you know how to honor a well deserving patriot and soldier, well assured that every cheer which within your confines, shall greet our townsmen, and your honored guest, will find an

echo in the hearts of Americans everywhere, and tend more and more to cement a feeling of common pride in, and attachment to our common country, and its great and heroic names—a feeling which is at once the bond and strength of the glorious union that makes us one people.

Mr. President and gentlemen, I present you General Winfield Scott.

The cheering which succeeded this address having subsided, the General was escorted to the forward deck of the boat by Aldermen Crolius, Schultz and Smith, where he was presented to Morris Franklin, Esq., President of the Board of Aldermen, amid the continued huzzas of those assembled on board.

Mr. FRANKLIN addressed the General in behalf of the Common Council, as follows :

GENERAL SCOTT : Among the many duties which devolve upon the Common Council of our City, there are none which commend themselves more strongly to our feelings than that of extending the rights of hospitality to distinguished strangers, and assuring them of a sincere and cordial welcome. Under the influence of such feelings, and animated by the approving voice of our united population, we tender to you a cordial invitation to become the guest of our City, and assure you of our hearty congratulations, that, after the perils and dangers to which you have been exposed, you are permitted again to mingle with your fellow citizens in the enjoyment of that social intercourse which the life of a soldier so peculiarly qualifies him to appreciate and enjoy.

In contemplating upon the thrilling events which have characterized your history, we find so much to excite our admiration, and to call into action the patriotic emotions of the heart, that we feel proud, as American citizens, that among the many illustrious names which now are, or may hereafter be emblazoned upon the escutcheons of our country, yours will appear in bold relief, as among her noblest and most honored sons; for whether upon the plains of Chippewa, or Lundy's Lane—whether at the sortie of Fort Erie, or on the heights of Queenstown—whether landing on the shores of Vera Cruz, or bravely contending at the pass of Cerro Gordo—whether entering in triumph the capital of Mexico, and there planting the American standard upon its battlements—whether in the warriors' tent, at the solemn hour of midnight, arranging the operations of the coming day, while your faithful soldiers were slumbering around you, dreaming of their friends and their homes—or whether attending upon the wounded, the dying and the dead, regardless of yourself in your anxiety for others—we find all those characteristics which mark the true dignity of man, and bespeak the accomplished and victorious chieftain.

Under circumstances such as these, and fresh from the well fought battle-fields of our country, we now welcome you within our midst, as one worthy to receive and forever wear that victorious wreath which the American people have entwined to decorate and adorn your brow; and we cannot omit upon this occasion to bear our testimony to the valor, bravery and skill displayed by that noble band of our adopted fellow citizens, who, side by side, with the natives of our soil, stood bravely by the common standard

of our country, or fell nobly struggling in its defence. Peace be to the ashes of those who thus sacrificed their lives, for they died as brave men love to die, fighting the battles of their country, and expiring in the very arms of victory.

To you sir, who have been so long familiar with the exciting scenes of a military life, tame indeed will be the reception which we can offer upon your visit to our commercial City, for there no foreign army awaits your coming—no hostile flag waves upon the breeze; but the citizen soldier, and the martial strains of our native music, mingled with the shouts of an assembled multitude, will present to you a welcome as sincere and cordial as the minds of freemen can conceive, or the overflowing of their hearts express; for, although we are a stirring, active people, eager in the pursuit of business and of wealth, yet we can turn aside from the dull routine of daily avocations, to welcome a distinguished stranger, and testify by our actions, that, although republics are said to be ungrateful, in the present day there remains that natural pride and devoted patriotism, which would shrink from withholding the right hand of fellowship from one so intimately identified with our country's glory, and whose life has been devoted to the protection of its honor and its fame.

Far distant be that day when the people of our City shall so far forget their own honor and true dignity of character, as to turn their backs upon the acknowledged bravery of one, the record of whose life will cast a halo of glory around the history of our country, upon which in future ages, generations yet unborn, will love to linger,

and as the hoary head of age recounts the battles you have fought, the dangers you have passed, and the victories you have won, the sparkling tear of gratitude will kindle in the youthful eye, and animate his soul to deeds of daring and of valor—for your life, sir, will present to the ambitious soldier an example worthy of imitation, and fresh indeed will be his laurels, if, in the evening of his days, he can look back upon a career as brilliant as that of the conqueror of the capital of Mexico, whose presence we this day hail with acclamations of gratitude, and welcome again with renewed evidences of our confidence, that with such a commander, and with a bold and courageous soldiery, such as those who wept over your departure at Vera Cruz, we may confidently hope that the flag of our country will remain untarnished, and whether upon the ocean or the land, at home or abroad, the stars of that flag will illumine the path of freedom throughout the world, and the terror of its stripes drive oppression from its standard.

We hail you, then, most gallant General, as the honored guest of our City, and desire that you may feel and realize that you are surrounded by a grateful and confiding people, and who are as anxious to render this visit as pleasant and agreeable to yourself, as it will be gratifying to those by whose authority the invitation has been extended.



This address was received with the most enthusiastic huzzas, portraying the depth of feeling which animated those present for the brave and gallant hero.

GENERAL SCOTT made the following reply :

Mr. President, gentlemen of the Common Council of New York, and fellow citizens generally: Designing to spend quietly a few days in this neighborhood, I have, on your kind demand, come forth from retirement, to surrender myself a prisoner into the hands of my friends. The grand City of New York, already the emporium of our hemisphere, and destined to become the emporium of both—having determined, through her authorities, to do honor to a public servant of our country—true to her own great—without measuring his little merit, performs that generous office in a manner worthy of herself and of the United States.

If I had looked to considerations merely personal, I should have declined the high distinction tendered me, but I knew I was to be received by you as the representative of that victorious army it was so lately my good fortune to command—an army that has carried the glory of American arms to a height that has won universal admiration, and the gratitude of all hearts at home.

A very large portion of the rank and file of that army, regulars and volunteers, went forth from the City of New York, to conquer or to die. It was my happy lot to witness their invincible valor and prowess. All dangers, difficulties and hardships, were met and conquered.

You have been pleased, sir, to allude to our adopted citizens. I can say that the Irish, the Germans, the Swiss, the French, the Britons, and other adopted citizens, fought in the same ranks, under the same colors, side by side with native born Americans—exhibiting like courage and effi-

ciency, and uniting at every victory in the same enthusiastic shouts in honor of our flag and country. From Vera Cruz to the capital of Mexico, there was one generous rivalry in heroic daring and brilliant achievement. Let those who witnessed that career of valor and patriotism, say, if they can, what race, according to numbers, contributed most to the general success and glory of the campaign. On the many hard fought battle-fields there was no room for invidious distinction—all proved themselves the faithful sons of our beloved country, and no spectator could fail to dismiss any lingering prejudice he might have entertained as to the comparative merits of Americans by birth and Americans by adoption. As the honored representative of all, I return among you, to bear testimony in favor of my fellow brothers in the field—the army of Mexico—and I congratulate you and them, that the common object of their efforts, and of your hopes, the restoration of peace, is in all probability, now attained.



Cheer on cheer, of the most enthusiastic kind, rent the air at the conclusion of the General's reply.

A salute was then fired, the band on board struck up a national air, and the boat left the wharf on her return to the City.

The General was immediately after conducted by the Committee of Arrangements, to the upper saloon, where the invited guests of the Common Council, were in turn presented to him, by MORRIS FRANKLIN, Esq., President of the Board of Aldermen.

Soon after the conclusion of this ceremony, a most interesting event occurred, being the singing of the following lines, by JAMES W. WOODRUFF, Esq., of Elizabethtown, assisted by others, and which was composed by him, impromptu, for the occasion :

A few brief months have passed away
 Since the General left our shore,
 Determined not to spare a day,
 Till he reached the seat of war.
 And when the hero did arrive,
 He found them on the spot,
 The New York boys were all alive
 To welcome General Scott.

Oh, Winfield Scott,
 You ne'er shall be forgot,
 Though absent from us you may be,
 You ne'er shall be forgot.

New Jersey boys, they came up too,
 To take him by the hand ;
 The Yankee Volunteers, " true blue,"
 Were another gallant band.
 At Vera Cruz, a few miles off,
 Bright shone their golden spires ;
 They marched up to their battlements ;
 They could not stand our fires.

Oh, Winfield Scott, &c.

The blazing steel was pointed out,
 Their hearts so light and free,
 When you rose up and gave a shout,
 " March on to victory !

Now blaze away at the capital,
 And in a few short hours
 They shall surrender us their all,
 For Vera Cruz is ours!"

Oh, Winfield Scott, &c.

And when possession you had got,
 The Mexicans looked shy ;
 The stars and stripes were soon unfurled,
 And floating mountain high,
 Our army cried out with a shout,
 " We do not fear the foe ;
 But give us General Winfield Scott,
 And we'll take Mexico!"

Oh, Winfield Scott, &c.

Welcome home to his native land,
 The gallant hero of his band,
 Who faced the storm, and feared it not,
 The brave, the honored Winfield Scott.

You are now landed safe at home,
 Around your own fire-side,
 With wife and kindred, all your own,
 And friends' arms open wide ;
 Your battles fought, the victory's won,
 You need not ask for more,
 You are a second Washington ;
 You're welcome to our shore.

Oh, Winfield Scott, &c.

We now soon must leave you,
 And to our homes will go ;
 Our hearts and hands we'll give you,
 Hero of Mexico.
 We soon will bid a short adieu,
 But hope to meet again,
 Your friends will always welcome, too,
 The hero of Lundy's Lane.

Oh, Winfield Scott, &c.

As the boat swept on her way to the City, she was saluted at numerous points by groups of people, who had gathered on either margin of the kilns, with the waving of handkerchiefs and other demonstrations of respect and rejoicing. At the Sailor's Snug Harbor, she received a cheer from the united voices of its invalid inmates, who were drawn up in line in front of the hospital, which told that the gallant deeds of the brave hero on board were known and admired by them.

Passing on, after receiving national salutes from Fort Hamilton, and from Castle William, as well as from the numerous craft in the harbor and river, she returned about 2 o'clock P. M. to the pier at

CASTLE GARDEN.

After a short delay, the General landed, under a *national salute*, fired by the Fourth Light Artillery, Col. Yates, under the direction of Brigadier General Morris, and was escorted into the saloon of the garden by the Committee of Arrangements, and the remaining members of the Common Council, followed by the distinguished persons who were on board.

Immediately on his appearance, he was received by the vast assemblage within, with shouts of applause, which were repeated and continued for a long time.

After being conducted to the stage, on which were the members of the Common Council, wearing rosettes and badges commemorative of the occasion, and their invited guests, and order being restored, he was received by Morris Franklin, Esq., as acting Mayor of the City, and welcomed to the hospitalities thereof, in the following address:—

SIR :—In the absence of the Chief Executive of this City, the pleasing duty devolves on me, as acting Mayor, to congratulate you on your return to your home, and to the circle of your affectionate and your confiding friends.

It would be unnecessary on an occasion like this, to dilate on the noble traits which are characteristic of your history, for they are emblazoned in colors of living light on the proudest tablet in the niche of fame.

And now, fellow-citizens, you have before you the hero of Chippewa, of Queenstown, of Lundy's Lane, and the conqueror of Vera Cruz and the Capital of Mexico, and it remains for you to say, whether you will receive and welcome him as the guest of our patriotic and noble City, and for the purpose of testing this, I propose that all who are in favor of receiving him as such, will signify by saying, aye—

One universal aye burst from the immense assemblage—after which, Mr. Franklin, turning to the General, continued as follows :

GENERAL SCOTT :—You are now the guest of the City you have surrendered to the entreaties of your fellow-citizens, and we shall celebrate the victory in such a way as will satisfy you and them, that we appreciate the services of one of the best and noblest sons connected with the great American family.

The cheering, on the conclusion of the address, from all parts of the immense saloon was such as is seldom heard within its walls, and it denoted how fervently the words of welcome extended to the General by the acting Mayor, were responded to by the citizens of the metropolis of the Union.

The cheering having subsided, and order being restored GENERAL SCOTT replied in the following words :

FRIENDS AND FELLOW-CITIZENS :—You have indeed made me welcome. You have indeed made me happy, and I am exceedingly happy to be in the hands of my fellow-citizens of New York, a city with which I have been long acquainted ; a city in which my lot has been cast for a portion of thirty years of my life, in and around it, as well as on the frontiers of this great Empire State. I am in your hands, and most happy am I to be a prisoner with you. From the warm and generous greeting which you have given me, I feel that you have done no more than justice for the poor services which I have done my country, and for all that you have thought proper to do I again return you my thanks, I am too much overwhelmed to say more

than to thank you kindly, to thank you sincerely for your kind reception.



The enthusiasm of the assemblage again burst forth, as the General concluded his reply, with renewed cheering, which continued until he left the saloon, followed by his aids and the members of the Common Council, for the

BATTERY.

At the outer entrance of the garden, the General was met by Major General Sandford, Brigadier Generals Storms, Morris, Hall and Ewen, with their respective staffs, and, he and his aids having mounted the horses in readiness for them, provided by the Committee of Arrangements, from thence proceeded to REVIEW THE LINE OF MILITARY drawn up on the Battery, under the command of Major General Sandford.

On returning, after passing along the lines, the greatest enthusiasm was displayed on the part of the several regiments—cheer on cheer, as the gallant hero rode by, burst forth from their ranks—cheering in which all, officers and men, joined, and which testified the admiration of the citizen soldiery of New York, for the *man* and the *officer* who had marked out the path of victory to the valiant spirits of the army, from Vera Cruz to Cerro Gordo, from Cherubusco and Chapultepec to Mexico.

The review being concluded, the line of military broke into column, and the

PROCESSION

moved in the order and through the several streets as laid down in the Programme of Arrangements for the day, to the

PARK.

Arrived there, the General dismounted, and after a brief delay, received a marching salute from the whole division of the military, formed in front of the City Hall. He then proceeded, with the members of the Common Council, and several of the prominent officers of the military, and of the army and navy, as well as a number of distinguished individuals, to the Governor's room, from whence, after receiving the congratulations of those present, he was escorted to the Astor House.

His reception by the citizens was most enthusiastic. From every point—from the stoops and balconies, the windows and housetops of the numerous buildings on the streets through which the procession moved, the warmest greetings of welcome met him on the part of the thousands of both sexes, and of all ages that lined and crowded the same.

In the evening, the General was received by the officers of the military of this City, at the Astor House.

On the succeeding day, Friday, the General was waited upon by Aldermen Crolius and Franklin, and by them conducted to the City Hall, for the purpose of receiving the calls of the citizens in accordance with the notice published by the Committee of Arrangements.

Immediately after his entrance into the

GOVERNOR'S ROOM,

The General was addressed by Alderman Crolius as follows :

General Scott—In performing the duty which has devolved upon me as Chairman of the Committee of Reception, I cannot withhold the expression of the gratification I feel, as one born in the City, and who has grown up with its growth, and all whose interests are identified with it—I cannot but hail in you one who is justly regarded as the first living soldier of our country, the especial advocate and champion of peace. It is in this respect that this City, whose welfare is mainly dependent upon the preservation of friendly relations with all the world, especially welcomes you ; preferring, as we do, to the brightest laurels of war, the olive branch of peace.

These remarks were received with shouts of applause from those present.



The General made the following reply thereto :

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL—My obligations to the City of New York are known to you all ; but the kind reception of the Common Council, and of the inhabitants of this great emporium of commerce, has bound me to it for ever. Had my life been twice as long—had my services been treble what they have been—had my sufferings been multiplied, no matter by what

figure—all would have been more than compensated by the generous welcome you have given me.

In the growth of this great City, I have felt myself much interested. It may not be known to many of you present, that since the termination of the last war with Great Britain, now thirty-four years, I have resided a portion of every year, with the exception of four or five, among you. I am identified with its welfare. It was on the frontier of your State that I first drew my maiden blade. The first honors I ever received, were from the hands of the Legislature of this Empire State; well, then, may it be believed, that every pulsation of my heart beats in unison with her well-being. Happily New York has secured her own prosperity, by the industry of her own intelligent inhabitants. Her natural advantages are, indeed, unsurpassed. The broad ocean in front—a wide river penetrating through mountains, deep into her interior—her net work of railroads and canals checquering her surface; while on the other hand, the vast lakes stretching to the heart of the great and growing west, secure to her an indefinite and almost unlimited progress. An extension of these advantages, by the further aid of internal improvements (Illinois has already done her part), some little aid from the General Government which is due to such efforts, and New York may challenge the world for a rival. This is all, with the preservation of peace, that is necessary to complete her greatness.

Though I am a soldier, and therefore supposed to be fond of fighting, I abhor war, except when prosecuted in the defence of our country, or for the preservation of its honor, or of some great, important, nay, cardinal interest.

I hold war to be a great moral evil. It must be for good and substantial reasons, for no forced or false pretext, however plausibly set forth, that war can warrantably be waged, or that can justify one man in shedding the blood of his fellow being. The interests of New York, and of our whole country, are identified with peace and with every duty of Christian morality. I doubt if there be any member of that respectable body of our fellow-citizens, the Friends, who is a more zealous advocate for peace. Unhappily, too much of my life has been spent on the field of battle. Let us, then, maintain our peace by all honorable efforts—by such efforts as Washington, the father of our country, made, to establish and to preserve a system of equal and impartial neutrality—a system which some of his most distinguished successors, even to a recent period, have commended, with the entire approbation of the American people.

And now, Mr. Chairman, in offering again my thanks to your Common Council, and to the inhabitants of your city, which have made an old soldier's heart to throb with gratitude, and caused him to forget all his toils, all his hardships, all his suffering of mind and body, I desire to acknowledge to yourself, especially, and to the gentlemen of both Boards, who compose your Committee, the obligations you have imposed upon me by your kind and gracious attentions. Thanks, my warmest thanks, I return through you to the inhabitants of this City.

After the cheering, which followed the reply of the General, had subsided, the ceremonies of introducing to

him the citizens was proceeded with, and thousands availed themselves of the opportunity of taking by the hand the distinguished Commander of the Army, which had won for itself and for its country on the soil of Mexico, the brilliant victories of Cerro Gordo, Churnbusco and Mexico.

The crowd of citizens continued to increase until 12 o'clock, the hour limited for the occasion, when preparations were made for presenting a silver

MEDAL

in behalf of the municipal authorities of the City, to its illustrious guest.

Order having been obtained, Alderman Franklin, with the medal in his hand, addressed the General as follows:

GENERAL SCOTT—I am requested, on behalf of the Common Council of our City, to present for your acceptance a medal, which they caused to be prepared, commemorative of the battles of Chapultepec, Churnbusco, Cerro Gordo, and Vera Cruz, to be presented to the survivors of that gallant band of volunteers from our own State, who, under your command, were eminently successful in maintaining the honor of our flag, and achieving glorious and triumphant victories.

We present this to you, sir, not on account of any intrinsic value which it possesses, but in the hope that, when your eye rests upon this memento of our confidence and esteem, it may serve to call up recollections which will bring around you the noble spirits of those who, with yourself, sacrificed the comforts of home, and all the en-

dearments of domestic life, and, listening only to the call of duty and their country, rallied around the standard which you have gloriously sustained, and which now floats in triumph along the route of your victorious march.

Take it, then, sir, and retain it as an evidence that the people of our City know how to appreciate the conduct of those who have done good service in their cause; and who, by the blessing of an overruling Providence, have been preserved from dangers upon the right hand and upon the left, and are again permitted to mingle in their social and domestic relations. Keep it, sir, so long as your valuable life shall be spared to a grateful and admiring people; and when your last battle shall have been fought, and you are obliged to surrender to the king of terrors, transmit it to your children as an assurance that the people of our City hold in grateful remembrance the many valiant exploits which their parent has achieved, and that they may cherish with recollections of filial gratitude, the memory of his virtues and his worth.



The large assemblage of citizens present manifested their cordial approval of this token of respect and admiration for the gallant Hero, in loud and long continued applause.

General SCOTT having received the medal, in reply said :

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMON COUNCIL—It is with feelings of great pleasure that I receive this memento of your esteem and respect for the services which have been rendered by an old soldier. I shall keep it and prize it more than gold and precious stones.

I thank you for all the kindness you have shown me, and will again say that you have more than compensated me for all my services. In the late campaign, it was my good fortune to command the victorious army—a large portion of which was from this City—who fought bravely, and rushed on to victory. They were a brave and patriotic band, and proved themselves worthy of their country's honor. From this day you may enrol me as a New York Volunteer, for I am, indeed, a New York Volunteer. I take this medal, sir, and will wear it next my heart.



The following is a description of the medal :

It is struck from fine silver, about two inches in diameter, and of the weight of two ounces.

On the reverse side is a female figure, the head of which is surrounded with stars, representing the genius of America, grasping in her right hand the fulman and pointing with her left to the rising sun—while her left foot is resting upon the cactus and the Mexican serpent lying prostrate beneath the American eagle—mountains form the back-ground, the palm indicating the South, and a walled city representing Vera Cruz, with the American shipping in the harbor. The figure rests on the stern of a Roman galley, which is intended to represent the naval power of the United States, and around the whole are the words “Vera Cruz, Cerro Gordo, Chapultepec and Churubusco.”

On the obverse side is a new and beautiful arrangement of the City Coat-of-arms, designed by Mr. Chapman, with the marginal inscription—“Presented by the City of New York to Major General WINFIELD SCOTT.”

The ceremonies of the reception of the citizens, and the presentation of the medal in the Governor's room, being concluded, the General was escorted by the Committee of Arrangements to the keeper's room of the City Hall, from whence, after a short delay, the Committee, with the remaining members of the Common Council, proceeded with him in carriages on a visit to several of the public institutions of the City.

THE NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND, situated on the Ninth avenue, between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, was the first one visited.

The company arrived there at about two o'clock, and having alighted from the several carriages, they were received at the principal entrance by James F. Chamberlain, Esq., Superintendent of the Institution, and several of its managers, by whom they were escorted through the work-shops and other parts of the building to the chapel, which was tastefully decorated with American flags and several banners, upon one of which was the inscription :

“MEXICO.”

“WELCOME TO GENERAL SCOTT.”

While others bore the names of the principal battles of the General, on the frontier and in Mexico.

General Scott, together with the members of the Common Council and those accompanying them, having been conducted to the platform in the west end of the chapel, was then introduced to the pupils of the Institution by Mr. Chamberlain, the Superintendent, in the following address :

MY PUPILS AND FRIENDS—I have the honor of presenting to you one of the most distinguished men of the age, General WINFIELD SCOTT. Allow me, sir, on behalf of the managers, the officers, and the pupils of this institution, to bid you a sincere and cordial welcome. Although cut off from many sources of information enjoyed by our fellow countrymen, with the history of your life, identified as it is with some of the brightest pages of our country's fame, we are not unacquainted. We have heard of Fort Erie, and of the heights of Queenstown; of the plains of Chippewa, and the sanguinary contest of Lundy's Lane. With our fingers we have traced the progress of that brave army, which from the storming of Vera Cruz to the capture of Mexico, you have led to triumph and to glory; and we have heard, too, that when the "red field was won," and patriotism had sheathed her victorious sword, the claims of humanity were not forgotten. We have heard that the same heart, which in the iron tempest of battle was firm as adamant, could dissolve in tenderest sympathy by the couch of the wounded and the dying. All this, sir, we have heard, and while we have not admired the hero less we have loved the man more. It is for this, sir, that we cherish the name of WINFIELD SCOTT, one of the noblest names that Fame has ever inscribed upon our national escutcheon.

"One of the few, the immortal names,
That were not born to die."

But I am reminded that of these precious moments, but very few can be accorded to us, and before we bid you adieu, I would have one boon in behalf of my sightless

charge. Some of these, when you shall have filled up the measure of your fame, and to you the praise and the censure of man shall be alike indifferent, will survive; and when they shall recount your achievements, and tell to coming generations of Chippewa, and of Cerro Gordo, and of Contreras, and the many other fields where you have covered the proud flag of our country with imperishable glory, I would have them say too, that once, at least, it was their fortune to listen to the tones of that voice, whose word of command was ever to the brave the talisman of assured victory.

To which the General replied in the following words:

MR. PRINCIPAL, FRIENDS, AND YOUNG LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—I am deeply affected while standing in this place. I have stood upon the battle field, when the cries of the wounded went up from every quarter, and death made desolation in our ranks; but they failed to create the feeling which I now have. I know not that I have ever been so deeply affected as I now am, while standing in the midst of this enlightened, though sightless assembly. Some years ago while in Washington, in the House of Representatives, I saw several of the pupils of this institution and their work, which excited my wonder and approbation. My young friends, you have teachers that have shown you the beauties of the Christian religion, and I know you have drunk from that pure spring. I have stood upon the field when the fight raged, but in all my relations of life I have never forgotten my duties to my God. I would say more, but am overcome; I am too much affected. May God bless you all, my young and sightless friends. Again, I say, God bless you all.

On the conclusion of this reply, the band, composed of the pupils of the Institution, played a beautiful national air.

The following lines, composed by Miss FRANCES J. CROSBY, formerly a pupil of and now attached to the institution, were then sung—all the pupils uniting in the same :

Hark ! hark ! what merry shouts of joy,
 Proclaim a conqueror near ;
 He comes, a noble hero comes ;
 Oh, bid him welcome here.

Brave General, thou hast nobly fought,
 Rest from thy toils awhile ;
 Thy native land her arms extends,
 And greets thee with a smile.

Yes, sheathe thy sword, for gentle Peace,
 Her silv'ry wings hath spread,
 Where thou to meet thy country's foe,
 A fearless band hast led.

Hurrah, hurrah, for General Scott,
 His name we'll proudly sing ;
 The north, the south, the east, the west,
 Shall with his triumph ring.

After the reciting of a dialogue by two little girls, which, from its simplicity and relation to their condition, caused tears to moisten the eyes of the brave warrior, as well as those of the other visitors present, and the reading by one

of the pupils, of several paragraphs, with great proficiency, from a book used in the institution, printed in raised letters, the General was addressed by Miss CROSBY in the following beautiful manner :

Hail, son of Columbia ! the patriot flame
Burns bright in each breast while we tell of thy fame ;
We have heard of the deeds thou so nobly hast done—
We have heard of thy battles, so fearlessly won.

Thou hast carried our flag to a far distant shore ;
Now it streams from its towers—San Juan d’Ulloa ;
And the eagle hath perched on those battlements high,
To rest in his course through the blue ether sky.

When the war-cloud hung dark, ’twas thy voice that
inspired,
And the hearts of thy soldiers with energy fired ;
The foremost in battle, the fearless in fight,
While thy lance in the sunbeam was glittering bright.

In the halls of Mont’zuma now revel the brave,
’Tis thine arm that hath conquered the Mexican slave ;
Thou hast buried thy sword in the enemy’s breast ;
They quailed at thy glance—thou hast laid them at rest.

A prey to the vultures that thirsted for gore,
They fell by its town, St. Juan d’Ulloa ;
And the raven’s wild screech will their requiem be,
While around them is floating the song of the free.

The bugle is hushed, and the cannon's loud roar
 Shall wake thee from slumber to battle no more ;
 Thy hand we now grasp, and we hail thee with pride—
 Huzza for the heroes who fought by thy side.

Yes, welcome, thrice welcome, again and again—
 With transport unbounded we echo the strain ;
 Thy triumphs so glorious, shall ne'er be forgot—
 Hurrah for our patriot, the brave General Scott.

The General deeply moved by these manifestations of kindness and respect towards him, replied, that there was no reveling on the occasion of the American army coming into possession of the Capital, but that on bended knee they sought the blessing of God, and thanked Him for the protection afforded them throughout the campaign.

After other interesting ceremonies, the General took leave of the pupils of the institution in a few appropriate words, and the band having struck up a beautiful air, the company left the room, and were soon afterwards on their way for the

DEAF AND DUMB INSTITUTION,

located on Fiftieth street, between the Fourth and Fifth avenues, where they arrived about three o'clock, P. M.

On proceeding into the hall of the building, the General was received by H. PRINDLE PEET, Esq., Principal of the Institution, and by him introduced to several of its managers, and a number of ladies, who were present on the occasion.

He was then conducted to the chapel of the institution, where he was received by the pupils, with the liveliest demonstrations of rejoicing, manifested by the waving of handkerchiefs by the girls and clapping of hands by the boys.

Order being restored, the following address was made to the General by the Principal :

GENERAL SCOTT—I am happy to avail myself of the opportunity afforded by the invitation of the Common Council to visit our City, to tender to you, in behalf of the institution with which I have the honor to be connected, a sincere and cordial welcome.

We of this community, are separated, both by necessity and choice, from the direful trade of war, and devoted to the acquisition of knowledge, and the cultivation of the domestic and social virtues. We, nevertheless, participate in the admiration expressed by your fellow-citizens, for the brilliant exploits achieved by the army of Mexico, under your direction and control. The victories you have won, in the whole line of your march from Vera Cruz to your triumphal entrance into the City of Mexico, great and splendid as they are, and hereafter to be associated with the spirit stirring memories aroused by the mention of Bunker Hill, and Trenton and Yorktown, do not of themselves constitute the only claim to our respect and gratitude. The science and skill employed in arranging and conducting the campaign which resulted in such brilliant success, the solicitude and care to protect and preserve the lives of your men, the humanity exhibited for the sick and the wounded, and the consummate wisdom displayed,

in halting your enthusiastic columns before the City of Mexico, the great object of their desires, when flushed with victory, lest by any excesses they might tarnish their well-earned glory, have won for you the confidence of the army, the respect and love of your countrymen, and cannot fail to enhance your historic fame.

Your visit here to-day, will make an epoch in the lives of these children and youth. It will form a topic of conversation, and an item of intelligence to their friends, and will serve to increase their interest in the history of your achievements.

To which the General replied in the words following :

MR. PRINCIPAL—I have received no welcome, since my return, which has afforded me more satisfaction than that which I now receive and have just received. It is here that civilization shines forth in all the beauties of Christianity. I am deeply affected with the proceedings of the day, and return my hearty thanks for this kind reception on the part of this interesting company, not forgetting the ladies, who welcomed me with the waving of their handkerchiefs.

After several interesting exercises on the part of the pupils, girls and boys, which exhibited great proficiency in them, as well as calling forth the admiration of the General and the company present, he was conducted to the dining-room of the institution, on the lower floor, where a sumptuous entertainment had been provided for the occasion.

On its conclusion the General took leave of the Principal and others of the Institution, and of the ladies present, expressing himself greatly delighted with his visit thereto.

It was the intention of the Committee of Arrangements to visit the Nurseries on Randall's Island, the High-bridge, and several other places of interest in the City, with the General, but on account of having received orders from the War Department at Washington, to repair to Fredericksburgh, without delay, he was compelled to forego the same.

The Committee of Arrangements then escorted him to his quarters at Julien's hotel, from whence they took a most cordial and affectionate leave of him. He was soon after on his way, that afternoon, for Fredericksburgh.

The preamble and resolutions which were adopted by the Common Council, were subsequently, by the direction of the Committee, beautifully engrossed by A. WHEELER, Esq., of this City, with a most correct likeness of the General, executed with a pen by the same gentleman, in the centre thereof.

They were subsequently placed in a richly ornamented frame, encircled with an oaken wreath, and ornamented with the insignia of war, manufactured by Messrs. Williams and Stevens, of this City, and presented to General Scott.

On the occasion of the presentation, the Committee addressed the General the following letter :—

CITY HALL, New York, }
 March 14, 1849. }

DEAR GENERAL:—The Joint Special Committee appointed under the preamble and resolutions adopted by the Common Council of this City, on the 16th day of May, 1848, for the purpose of making suitable arrangements for your reception on the occasion of your arrival here from your late brilliant campaign in Mexico, and to extend to you the hospitalities of the City, have deemed it fitting to cause said preamble and resolutions to be engrossed and framed for the object of presentation to you.

In the performance of this portion of their duty, they take the opportunity of expressing to you the high regard which they, and their fellow-members, entertain for your distinguished services in the fields of American glory, “from Lundy’s Lane to the City of the Montezumas,” as well as for your worth as a citizen of our common country.

They pray your acceptance of the same, accompanied herewith, and

With assurances of high respect,
 They remain your obedient serv’ts,

WASHINGTON SMITH,
 CLARKSON CROLIUS,
 WM. W. FREAM,
 MOSES MAYNARD, Jr.
 ALEX. H. SCHULTZ,
 JOHN R. PAXTON.
 AMOS F. HATFIELD,
 JOSEPH BRITTON,
 NATHAN A. SUTTON,
 NEIL GRAY,
 MORRIS FRANKLIN,
 WILSON SMALL,

*Joint Special
 Committee of
 the Common
 Council.*

To Major General WINFIELD SCOTT.

The following answer thereto was subsequently received from the distinguished commander of the army of Mexico :

NEW YORK, March 31, 1849.

GENTLEMEN :—Under the highly complimentary resolutions of the Honorable the Common Council of the City of New York, and your zealous management, as a Committee, I had, in May last—returning from a foreign country—the happiness of a most brilliant reception by the authorities, the citizens and volunteer troops of the emporium of America.

The resolutions, beautifully engrossed and framed, with a pen likeness of myself in the centre, I found, a day or two since, hanging up in my quarters—placed there by your continued attentions.

This memorial, in behalf of one New York has been pleased to consider as having done well in the service of our common country, will ever be highly considered by him and those whom he may leave behind, and gentlemen, thanking you for your kind letter,

I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Your friend and fellow-citizen,

WINFIELD SCOTT.

To Aldermen and Assistant Aldermen, Clarkson Crolius, William W. Fream, Moses Maynard, Jr., Alexander H. Schultz, John R. Paxton, Amos F. Hatfield, Joseph Britton, Washington Smith, Nathan A. Sutton, Neil Gray, Morris Franklin and Wilson Small,

Committee &c., &c.

The Committee in reporting a history of their proceedings and of the ceremonies on the occasion of the reception of the gallant and patriotic hero of Mexico, would take the opportunity of tendering their thanks

To MAJOR GENERAL SANDFORD, BRIGADIER GENERALS STORMS, MORRIS, HALL and EWEN, and to the military in general, for the prompt and admirable manner in which they seconded their arrangements.

To ISAAC NEWTON, Esq., for his kind and generous offer of the steamboat "St. Nicholas," for the use of the Committee.

To MESSRS. FRENCH and HEISER, of Castle Garden, for the liberal use of the garden on the occasion.

To the Superintendent of the New York Blind Institution, and

To the Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, for the civilities and attentions shown to the distinguished guest of the City, on the occasion of his visits thereto.

To GEORGE W. MATSELL, Esq., Chief of Police, for his efficient police arrangements, and to his aids and the police in general, for the excellent manner in which the same were carried out.

And to all others, who in any way assisted the Committee on the occasion in carrying out the several arrangements thereof.

The Committee will conclude with the following beautiful
and noble lyric, called the

“Soldier’s Welcome Home,”

written on the occasion of the General’s return, by GEORGE
P. MORRIS, and admirably sung at the

BROADWAY TABERNACLE,

on the evening of the day of the reception, by Mr. NASH,
assisted by a chorus of upwards of a thousand voices.

It was received with great enthusiasm, and truly ex-
presses the deep hold that the “hero of two wars” has
upon the feelings and affections of his countrymen.

I.

Victorious the Hero
Returns from the wars ;
His brow bound with laurels
That never will fade,
While streams the free standard
Of stripes and of stars,
Whose field in the battle
The foemen dismayed.

When the Mexican hosts
In their madness came on,
Like a tower of strength
In his might he arose !

Where danger most threatened,
 His banner was borne,
 Waving hope to his friends
 And despair to his foes.

Chorus :

Huzza—huzza—huzza !
 The Hero for ever !
 Whose fame is the glory
 And pride of the land !

II.

The Soldier of Honor
 And Liberty, hail !
 His deeds in the temple
 Of Fame are enrolled ;
 His precepts, like flower seeds
 Sown by the gale,
 Take root in the hearts
 Of the valiant and bold.

The warrior's escutcheon
 His foes seek to blot,
 But vain are the efforts
 Of partisan bands,
 For freemen will render
 Full justice to SCOTT,
 And welcome him home
 With their hearts in their hands.

Chorus :

Huzza—huzza—huzza !
 The Hero for ever !
 Whose fame is the glory
 And pride of our land !

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CLARKSON CROLIUS,
 MOSES MAYNARD, Jr.
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