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SUBJECT.

President of Mexico,

P. Díaz.
During the year 1872 I was asked by D. Appleton & Co. to write a book for their Great Commanders Series on the life of General Zachary Taylor.

I enjoyed making a thorough study of Taylor's career, going to every place where I could find that he had been and treating a trip to old Mexico to his battlefields. On this pleasant visit I was accompanied by Captain J. Mrs. Lucy Howard, Captain Chas. R. Barnett and Mrs. Shermaker, daughter of Baltimore, his mother & sister. Before starting, the Mexican Minister Romero, who was generously befriended Gen. Grant in New York, gave me letters to the President of the Mexican Republic and to others. Their kindness met me as soon as I crossed the border. At Camargo the Commandant had his battalion under arms to do me honor, at ten o'clock at night. The same thing occurred later on our arrival at Matamoros. As soon as I reached, the city of Mexico an officer of rank and designated by the President Diaz met me at the station and stood our party every attention during our stay at the Capitol. I enjoyed more than anything, the visit...
reception President Diaz gave me. He showed at once his sincere interest in the education of his people, and desired me to visit the schools and particularly the Industrial and Reform School which he had established for delinquent youth.

By the courtesy of Gen. Fresher, of whom I had heard before, I was able to visit all the forts that became historic during our war with Mexico, and from his lips I obtained brief and intersting sketches of each notable conflict.

At the President's suggestion we took a trip to the vicinity of Vera Cruz, where General Scott, began his operations in 1847, but we were vastly more interested in the coffee plantations which we visited. President Diaz appeared to me to be a man of decided ability, who combined a marked courtesy with prompt decision. After seeing him, I have understood why he has continued so long at the head of affairs and aided so materially in the development and progress of Mexico.
Andrews, the art major, is technically trained, and we sometimes call on him to assist with various tasks.

I think he's quite talented, and we're lucky to have him as a part of our team.

Meanwhile, I'm working on a new project for this semester. It's a bit challenging, but I'm excited to see how it turns out.

As for this week's meeting, we discussed some updates on the current projects and assigned tasks for the upcoming weeks.

Overall, things are progressing well, and I think we're making good progress.