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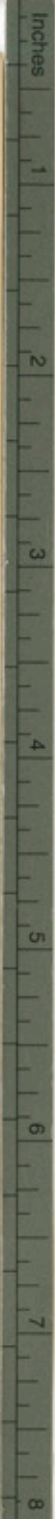
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During the year 1892 I was asked by D. Appleton & Co to write a book for their Great Commander Series on the life of General Zachary Taylor.

I enjoyed making a through study of Taylor's career, going to every place where I could find that he had been and ~~making~~ ^{see} a trip to old Mexico to ~~visit~~ his battlefields. On this pleasant visit I was accompanied by Captain & Mrs. Guy Howard, Captain Chas R. Barnett and Mrs. Shremaker & daughter of Baltimore, his mother & sister. Before starting, the Mexican Minister Romero, who so generously befriended Gen. Grant in New York, gave me letters to the President of the Mexican Republic and to others. Their kindness met me ~~at~~ 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 designated by ~~the~~ President Diaz met us at the station & showed our party every attention during our stay at the Capitol. I enjoyed more than anything, the kind



President of the
Board

During the year 1871 I was ordered by the
to make a tour for the first time
in the life of the Board. During my
I enjoyed making a tour of inspection
and going to every place where I could
find that the law was being
to the people to the best of my
this pleasant tour was accompanied by
Captains, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Captain John D. Brown
and the other members of the Board. In
order to save space, before starting the tour, I
wrote a letter to the President of the
Board, who was generally informed of the
in the fact, and in return to the President of the
Board, I received a letter and a check for \$100.00.
I met at the house of the President of the
Board, and the tour was a very successful one.
I was very much pleased to see the
of the people, and the fact that the
of the Board was being carried out in a
very satisfactory manner.

reception President Diaz gave me. He showed at once his intense 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. Frisbee 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 interesting 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.

