

souri." He has a very unmilitary cap, coat and shirt, with no vest, and a face unshaven; altogether, a loafer or rowdy-looking character. But he is said to have had a liberal education at Princeton, N. J., from which he turned aside to this irregular warfare against the Union. His portrait is surrounded by a highly respectable group of Union men, Gen. Dodge, Gen. Tuttle and Gen. Herron, with the portraits of the late Col. Dewey, of Maj. Love, of Lieut.-Col. Small and others, enough to keep good watch and ward over the rebel Chief.—EDITOR.]

[It is proper to say that the writer below, is now promoted to be MAJOR GENERAL, and is in command of the South-western Division of the Union forces. The flag presented herewith, is a large bunting, Secession banner, with nine stars, and constitutes one of the finest military trophies in the cabinet of the Society. It was accompanied with an elegant portrait of the successful young Major General, whose gallant troops dashed into Van Buren and captured it.—EDITOR.]

LETTER OF GENERAL HERRON.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Feb. 9, 1863.

Gov. S. J. Kirkwood :

DEAR SIR,—With this, I send you a rebel flag captured by my troops, at Van Buren, Arkansas, in December last. This identical flag was floating on the court-house in that place, one year ago, while I was there, held as a prisoner of war; and, of course, it gave me considerable pleasure to take possession of it. Will you please pass it over to the State Historical Society, with my compliments, and oblige,

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't,

F. J. HERRON, Brig. Gen'l.

LETTER OF LIEUT. COL. JOHN SHANE.

[The following letter accompanied the presentation of a valuable work, published in London, A. D., 1722, making it one hundred and forty-one years

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