

have some part in serving the State, to leave an honorable name to one's children: these are not the elements of which one may construct a romance. But such, happily, has been the outline of a typical American career. It is such lives which "constitute the State," and form the broad and stable basis on which our commonwealth has been built.

### HONOR TO THE BRAVE.

We were permitted, by the politeness of our fellow-citizen, Charles Nealley, to examine, at his store, the magnificent sword, manufactured in pursuance of a resolution of the last legislature of Iowa, to be presented to Capt. B. S. Roberts of this State, for gallant service in the Mexican war. It is a beautiful weapon, finished in Ames' best style, with a polished steel scabbard, gold mounted, with gold and silver hilt and guard. On the scabbard, engraved on a gold plate, is the following extract from Gen. Scott's official report:

"Capt. Roberts, of the mounted rifle regiment, who had greatly distinguished himself the preceding day in leading the advance company of the storming party at Chapultepec, was selected by me, *to plant the national flag on the capitol.*"

On the end of the hilt are the words, "State of Iowa, to Capt. Roberts;" and on the guard, in a crest, the words: "Presented by the State of Iowa to Capt. B. S. Roberts for meritorious and gallant services in Mexico."

On the right of the blade is the inscription:

"Contreras, Churubusco, Chapultepec, Streets of Mexico, Tlascalla."

And on the reverse:

"Vera Cruz, Puerta del Media, Cerro Gordo, San Juan de los Llanos."

Capt. R. is now in California—when he returns, the State of his adoption will present to him this fitting testimonial of his brave and patriotic services in his country's cause.—*Iowa Democratic Enquirer, Muscatine, May 23, 1850.*

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