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Dear Major That was a graceful & well-timed speech you made to the Mexican Veterans and I thank you for sending me a copy of it, which I have read with much interest. I can well remember when at fourteen years of age I saw Col Baker (who was killed at Ball Bluff Va) at the head of his Ill Regiment, start from Springfield Ill for Mexico, & how I longed to go with them. The martial spirit completely took possession of me. and my dear father had trouble in restraining me. How time does change our feelings & tone down