

MAJOR PARRY.—*Continued.*

and on re-organization of the army, was promoted to a majorality for gallant services. He was in the terrible fighting along the line of the Weldon Railroad, and before Petersburg, Va., commanding his regiment in several actions. In 1865 he was Assistant Adjutant-General of the Regular Brigade, Army of Potomac, and served upon the staff of General Winthrop when he was killed. At Lee's surrender he was attached to Army Head-quarters. In 1868 Major Parry commanded Forts Philip and Jackson, at mouth of Mississippi river, and Fort Ripley, in Minnesota, in 1869. He resigned, on account of ill health, in 1871. Major Parry was the grandson of Major Edward Randolph, who served from the beginning to the end of the Revolutionary war.

Major Parry, during the war, of course, became the possessor of many war relics, which will become more and more valued by posterity, as time rolls on, the most precious of which, probably, is a piece of the Drum which was used by our troops at "Fort Sumpter," (at the time it was evacuated by Major Anderson,) when the Flag was first fired upon by the Confederates, at the very inception of the war. They played upon it the national air of "Yankee Doodle," and marched out of the fort with colors flying, and the drum in full blast. General Dimick, (the father-in-law of Major Parry,) was at this time colonel of the regiment, with its head-quarters at one of the forts in Boston harbor, and the drum and many other articles, were sent north to the head-quarters. Through General Dimick, Major Parry obtained a piece of the drum, and of it gave pieces to the "Historical Society of Massachusetts," and to the "Historical Society of Pennsylvania," were they now are, in their cabinets of curiosities. The Major was presented, in Richmond, by the surgeon on General Lee's staff, with a small piece of the tree under which the army was surrendered to General Grant, by General Lee. It was subsequently presented to Richard R. Parry by Major Parry.

Major Edward R. Parry, U. S. A., served at different times during the war, upon the staff of General Justin Dimick, (his father-in-law,) on staff of General Macey; on staff of General Patrick, and on staff of General Schofield, (afterwards Secretary of War.)