

—We understand that Major Douglass, whose interesting lectures, illustrative of the Campaigns upon our Northern Frontier, during the last winter, afforded so much gratification to his auditors, is about putting his views in a more permanent form, and that a detailed history of those events, in which he was an actor, may soon be expected from his pen. Major Douglass is the sole surviving member of the corps of Engineers who, in 1814, at Fort Erie, gave such evidence, when opposed to the most accomplished European officers, of practical science; and as his work will afford an enlightened soldier's account of the movements anterior to the Niagara campaign, including the events on the northwestern frontier, where Gen. Harrison, after creating, as it were by magic, a new army, wiped off the stain of Hull's defeat, and freed the States of Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana, from the presence of a foreign foe, it cannot otherwise than meet with universal attention at the present moment.

It may be here remarked, that the talents of Major Douglass have not been always confined to the military branch of his profession. After leaving West Point, where he filled an important place in the Academic Staff, and constructing the Jamaica Railroad, confessedly inferior to none in the country, though built at half of the expense of the cheapest, Major Douglass was employed by the Water Commissioners of this city, and all the preliminary examinations, which led to the adoption of the Report that obtained legislative sanction, were made under his direction. The plan of the work, as suggested by him, has been pursued throughout except in the attempt to cross the Harlem River in a manner palpably illegal, and which was arrested by the unanimous vote of the Legislature.—That the late Board, after availing themselves of Major Douglass' talents in originating the plan of the work, and gaining all that they thought could not be obtained from inferior sources, should have considered an *élève* of the Albany Regency a more suitable instrument to subserve their political objects than a Whig, and an accomplished officer, is not surprising; but it is hoped that those who occupy the places of the former Commissioners, and who know how to appreciate the services of the illustrious Harrison, will not permit another old soldier to lie under any unmerited obloquy. At a

worked, where he is always getting in the world the  
best of his opportunities for the ordinary demands of his  
profession, it is especially clear to him that no student  
should rest on his reputation for an average accomplish-  
ment of a connection with a work of a different na-  
ture, which, carried out according to Major Dwyer  
Lester's design, must be a source of corresponding satis-  
faction, as well as satisfaction for another student, because one  
cannot with others be compared.