

MAJOR GENERAL PHILIP SCHUYLER,

AND THE

BURGOYNE CAMPAIGN IN THE SUMMER OF 1777.

"No head more gentle ever bowed o'er toil;
No neck more yielding bent to duty's yoke.
No lure could tempt him, no seduction soil,
Because his heart went with the word he spoke.
And God still guided him on MANHOOD'S way!
Well said, wise Shakespeare—'to thyself be true;
And it shall follow, as the night the day,
Thou can'st not then be false to any man!'
And thus in oneness with his nature's plan,
He wrought whate'er his hand might find to do—
With all his strength, his heart, his mind, his will!
God rest him! may his sweet EXAMPLE still
Stir, like the air of Liberty, which waves
Our starry flags, and woos our soldiers' graves!"

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY:—At the annual meetings in January, 1875, and in 1876, I exerted myself to portray to you the greatest patriot, citizen and soldier developed by the "Slaveholders' Rebellion," for the salvation of the national integrity. The paper for this evening will be an equally earnest endeavor to present to you the character of the purest patriot, the most self-sacrificing citizen, and by far the ablest military commander belonging to the State of New York, who was brought to the front by the American Revolution—the seven years' war—to usher into being and establish that which George H. Thomas did so much to preserve.

The great man now to be considered, was by birth and descent a real son of the Empire State, and his prescient sagacity discerned the very system which gave it pre-eminence. He was a