

Thus ended the fight at Diamond Island ; a fight which, if attended with better success, might have perhaps hastened the surrender of Burgoyne, and resulted in other advantages to the American arms. As it was, however, the British line of communication on Lake George was not broken, while the American leaders took good care to prevent this failure from reaching the public ear through the press. Thus Col. Brown's reports to Gen. Lincoln remained unpublished. They have now been brought out and put on permanent record, as interesting material for American history.

As regards the island in more recent times, there is little to tell. It once boasted a little house of entertainment ; but that has long since passed away. To-day the summer tourist who rows out to this lovely isle, which commands delightful views of the lake far and wide, will see no evidences of Col. Brown's fight, but will find the very atmosphere bathed in perfect peace. Of relics of the old wars, which for more than a hundred years caused the air to jar, and echoing hills to complain, — there are none. The ramparts that once bristled with cannon have been smoothed away, and the cellar of an ancient house is all the visitor will find among the birches to tell of the olden occupancy of man.

