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PARIS, November 7th, 1878.

HON. R. C. McCORMICK.

DEAR SIR,



SOME of your fellow-countrymen, now in Paris, desirous of showing you their high appreciation of your valuable services as Commissioner-General of the United States to the Paris Exhibition of 1878, which have so much contributed to the success of the American Department, wish to tender you a complimentary dinner.

Hoping that you will accept, we beg you to name the day most agreeable to you.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours most respectfully,

EDWARD F. NOYES.
THOMAS W. EVANS.
WM. SELIGMAN.
LUCIUS FAIRCHILD.

JOHN H. HAEJES.
JOHN MUNROE.
A. VAN BERGEN.
JOHN J. RYAN.

Committee.

PARIS, November 8th, 1878.

GENTLEMEN,—I have received your letter of the 7th instant, tendering me, on behalf of my countrymen in Paris, a dinner in appreciation of my services as Commissioner-General of the United States to the Universal Exhibition of 1878. The compliment, indicating, as it does, that my official labours, now about to close, are favourably considered, is highly valued, and I have pleasure in designating Tuesday, the 26th inst., as a day entirely agreeable to me, if to you, for the proposed dinner.

Respectfully and gratefully yours,

R. C. McCORMICK.

To General EDWARD F. NOYES, General LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Dr. THOMAS W. EVANS, JOHN H. HARJES, Esq., WILLIAM SELIGMAN, Esq., JOHN MUNROE, Esq., A. VAN BERGEN, Esq., and JOHN J. RYAN, Esq.

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THE complimentary dinner to Commissioner-General McCormick was given at the Continental Hotel, in Paris, on the evening of November 26th, 1878.

The grand banquet hall known as the "Salle des Fêtes" was appropriately decorated with French and American flags.

At eight o'clock, about one hundred gentlemen being in attendance, the chair was taken by General EDWARD F. NOYES, United States Minister to France.

The dessert having been served, the CHAIRMAN rose and announced the first regular toast, viz.: "The President of the Republic of France."

M. DIETZ-MONNIN, Director of the French Section of the Universal Exposition, said:—

Mr. CHAIRMAN and GENTLEMEN,—Please excuse me if a French voice dares to bring you, in your own language, our most hearty compliments and our best thanks for your kind invitation.

Above all, I am very glad as a Republican, and I feel myself highly honoured, as manager of the French Section, to respond to the toast proposed by your Minister, General Noyes, by proposing to you the health of General Hayes, the glorious President of the United States, and the prosperity of our elder sister in democracy, the American Republic. Since I had the pleasure of visiting your magnificent country; since I had the opportunity of seeing with my own eyes, during your Centennial Exhibition, how rapidly a young nation is able to progress when it is ruled by the spirit of freedom, self-help, labour, and popular education, I wish only for our dear France, that after she has had the honour of fighting beside your fathers for the holy independence, she may follow now and for ever the excellent examples she receives from you.

Our Exhibition of 1878 may be considered as a first and decisive step, after our misfortunes, on the glorious way where you preceded us, and we hope you will carry away, when you leave us, this impression—that we are now rising up again by our energetic labour and free spirit. You carry away also a large number of awards for your exhibits. We are not astonished at all at your brilliant success, and are sure that if you had had more time to prepare, the awards would have been still more numerous. Nevertheless, let us thank you most heartily for your kind and valuable assistance here. Let us hope that, on both sides of the Atlantic, the old friendship between America and France, now renewed under the patronage of our excellent friend, Governor McCormick, and on the battle-field of peace and industry will grow for ever and continue for the benefit of human progress and liberty. With such feelings, gentlemen, I propose, my American friends,