

MAJOR-GENERAL ARNOLD ELZEY BUILDING.—This building contains the Quartermaster's Department, pharmacy and the Superintendent's office.

This distinguished officer was Captain of the Second Artillery, and in command of the United States Arsenal, Augusta, Georgia, when he resigned in the early part of 1861. On June 19, 1861, he was commissioned Colonel of the First Maryland Infantry. Upon the disablement of General E. Kirby Smith, at the head of this regiment, July 21, 1861, moving into position on the memorable field of Manassas, the command of the brigade devolved upon Colonel Elzey, who successfully continued the movement and assailed the enemy with such vigor as to cause them to give way ; this retreat soon became a panic, and the result was the complete rout of the Federal Army. At this moment President Davis rode over the field and, meeting Colonel Elzey, saluted him as "General," remarking, "You are the Blucher of the day."

General Elzey remained in command of this brigade until made a Major-General and assigned to command of the defenses at Richmond in December, 1862.

At Cross Keys, in June, 1862, he rendered valuable service, the position occupied by the Confederate forces was of his selection, and General Ewell, in his report, says : "I availed myself frequently during the action of that officer's counsel, profiting largely by his known military skill and judgment ; he was much exposed, his horse was wounded early in the action, and at a later period of the day, was killed by a rifle ball, which at the same time inflicted upon the rider a wound that forced him to retire from the field ; he was more particularly employed in the centre directing the artillery."

General Elzey was seriously wounded at Gaines' Mill, June 27, 1862, in which battle his brigade took active part and sustained heavy loss. His ability as a soldier was recognized by General Lee, who suggested to the President he should order him to take the field in January, 1863. Again, in May, 1863, General Lee wrote to President Davis that he greatly needed two Major-Generals, and asked that General Elzey be sent to him to command Trimble's Division.

April 25, 1864, General Elzey was ordered to Staunton to establish headquarters as commander of the Maryland Line ; September 8, 1864, was assigned to duty as Chief of Artillery in the Army of Tennessee.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT.—The Superintendent's office contains the usual office furniture, with the following pictures and muster rolls, framed, hanging on the wall : "Prayer in Stonewall Jackson's Camp," "The Charge of the First Maryland Infantry at Harrisonburg, Virginia, at the Death of Ashby," "Last Meeting of Lee and Jackson," "Muster Rolls of Company A, First Maryland Infantry, and Company D, First Maryland Cavalry," "Letter from Jefferson Davis, Camp St. Mary, or Camp of the Maryland Line at Hanover Junction, January, 1864," and several others.