

ARTILLERY OF FORREST'S CAVALRY

sword, and when he was exchanged he was hurried down the river to Vicksburg, sadly giving up the weapon for lost. (See book, "Prison Life." Autographs.) Some years ago, however, it was returned to him through the working of a very peculiar coincidence. During the meeting of the Joint Commission of the Chickamauga Park Monument Association at Chattanooga the Federal and Confederate veterans met with the greatest friendliness for the purpose of selecting markers to be placed by various States on the battlefield of Chickamauga. Seated around the speakers' stand the Federals and Confederates were exchanging reminiscences, and in the course of this a Union officer, seated next to then Mayor George B. Guild, of Nashville, told him that he had been placed in charge of the arms of the prisoners at Camp Chase, and that, owing to the sending of a number of them away before they were exchanged, he was left with quite a collection of swords on hand after the cessation of hostilities. Some of these, he said, he had been able to identify and return to the owners, but he had one in particular which he could not locate. "It bears the name Lieut. J. W. Morton," he said, "and I know it must have been the highly prized property of some young officer, who has mourned its loss many times since then, if he is still alive." Mayor Guild replied: "That must be the sword of Capt. John W. Morton, sitting just across on the platform." After the speaking was concluded, Mayor Guild introduced the two officers. Captain Morton found Colonel Cist to be a gentleman of rare entertaining qualities, and was made happy by the promise of the return of the cherished and long-mourned blade. It reached Nashville in a short time, all carriage prepaid, and in a very handsome box made especially for it. It is