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Vuelto a la patria, Mejueiro se dedicó a enseñar en los principios rudimentales de la lectura y de la escritura, se dedicó a la industria minera. Impulsado por su patriotismo, se adhirió a la revolución de Ayutla, contribuyendo a derrocar la administración del general Santa Anna y posteriormente también a conquistar el triunfo de los principios democráticos.

La revolución de Tuxtepec sirvió para dar a conocer su inteligencia, su crédito, su popularidad y su valor, circunstancias que le valieron se le encargase del mando político y militar del Estado de Oaxaca, puesto que desempeñó por seis años consecutivos. En él promulgó grandes elementos para que triunfara la revolución que traía en sus banderas el programa de las libertades públicas, contra un gobierno sólidamente establecido.

El crédito personal de Mejueiro alcanzó grandes sumas que invirtió en el servicio militar y que refundió, cien por cien, después de haber servido, do, al triunfo de la causa que defendió. Muchas é importantes mejoras entre las que se cuentan: la protección á los ferrocarriles y la construcción de un acueducto, que se aseguró á Oaxaca la provision de ese indispensable elemento.

Mejueiro, dice uno de sus biógrafos, sin ser ni un grande hombre de estado, ni un político de escuela renombrada, obra siempre guiado por su buen sentido y recta inten-

tion. He was going to teach a man of Oaxaca, who possibly deserves to occupy a high position in the consideration of his distinguished qualities. He was born at Ixtlan on the 17th of September 1833, when hardly acquainted yet with the elementary studies of reading and writing, he turned already his attention to the mining industry. His patriotism induced him to join the revolution of Ayutla, in which he helped to overthrow the administration of General Santa Anna and subsequently to gain the victory of the democratic principles.

The revolution of Tuxtepec gave him credit, exhibiting his brilliant intellect, his popularity and courage, for which he was duly rewarded with the charge of the political and military command of the State of Oaxaca, which he held for six consecutive years. While in that office he furnished great means for the triumph of the revolution which bore the standard of public liberty against a government that had been firmly established.

The personal credit of Mejueiro sufficed to collect great sums of money, which were invested in the military service, but duly refunded by him after having served to gain the victory of the cause he defended. He made many and important improvements, among these are: the protection of the railroads and the building of an aqueduct, which secured that Oaxaca is now amply provided with that indispensable element.

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