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PUPILS MOURN. The pupils of St. Joseph's, you in your beautiful exercises of to-day, patriotic and in character—anticipate the celebration in which, on next Monday, the American bards from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will unite in commemoration of the heroes whose memory is honored on Memorial Day. It may not be out of place to touch upon the two great wars in which the greater number of those heroes fell.

Many, many years ago this great and powerful country of ours was not known as the United States. It was a dependency of England, and ruled by England, always and ever greedy and aggrandizing. She ruled the colonies of America harshly, unjustly, tyrannically. Her system of taxation was oppressive and cruel. So intolerable had it become that the men of America, no longer able to live in an atmosphere of tyranny, rose up against a single instance is sufficient to exemplify the iniquitous system and the resistance with which it met.

England sent a cargo of tea to America. When it reached the shores of Massachusetts the brave men of the colonies, who drank liberty with their hood with every breath, boarded that English ship and threw the cargo of tea into Boston harbor. This determined step led up to the conflict in which Americans were ably seconded by Charles Poland, France, Spain and Ireland, whose brave sons freely gave their lives in the cause of liberty. Victory crowned the American arms at Yorktown, when the English Commander-in-Chief, Cornwallis, was forced to surrender England's sword to the immortal George Washington.

Soon after that great victory was drafted that noble document which has challenged the admiration of the world—the Constitution of the United States—the safeguard of our National Government. But this was won by the life-blood of thousands of heroes, whose memories we recall to-day.

Peace and prosperity blessed our land, with but slight interruptions, till 1861. Then came that dreadful calamity known to every student of history—even to every boy and girl—as the war of secession. The country was divided; one party fought for slavery, one for union and liberty. The immortal Lincoln was elected President in one section of the country, but another President was acknowledged in the other section—Jefferson Davis. A dreadful conflict ensued—father armed against son, brother fighting against brother—but under Providence war resulted in the maintenance of the Union and the preservation of the Starry Flag. Among the thousands of brave men who fought many survived, but how many thousands fell on the field of strife.

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