

SIDE LIGHTS ON THE U. C. V. REUNION

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The Confederate Reunion at Chattanooga was from some view points a grand success, and yet some bad features stood out very prominently that should be remedied at the Reunion at Richmond, Virginia in 1922.

The soldiers are getting old, and after a hard day's travel, possibly two days on crowded coaches, sitting up as most of them usually do as it is characteristic of most old men to economize on all corners as the price of a berth means much to many of the old veterans.

On their arrival at the depot in Chattanooga, many an old veteran was escorted through the crowded streets by a small Boy Scout to the headquarters for an assignment where he would be taken care of during the Reunion. At the headquarters automobiles were provided, but oftentimes a soldier walked accompanied by his wife who was equally as feeble.

The autos played an important part in this Reunion or rather on the surface they were much in evidence, but failed in a measure to carry out the idea which they portrayed. Hundreds of autos had signs on them "Free Rides" to Veterans. Did you notice how few veterans were riding in "Free Autos?" Did you notice how many Veterans were riding on the big busses that promised them a three hours drive for \$1.25, and took them out and brought them back in two hours, and what could they do about it? Did you notice the great number of autos that stood idle with the inviting sign "Free Rides" to Veterans, and scores of old Veterans eager to ride and the drivers no where to be found.

A great many of the veterans were accompanied by their wives or some friend who did not feel that a ride was coming to them, and the old veterans could not go alone, hence many a desired drive was not taken; consequently the old soldiers sat on the steps of the hotel and wished and wished in vain.

Now that the veterans are getting older there should be some provision made for those who accompany them to be given the same privileges as accorded the veterans. There are numerous entertainments slated free

for veterans, which might have meant to include wife or friend who came for the purpose of keeping a watchful eye over him who was too feeble to cope with the situation of a crowded street car in an effort to get to the scene of amusement. And many a veteran did not go because he could not go alone, and their were so few to ask whether his son or friend could go also.

Did you notice the absence of MEMBERS of the many business CLUBS that usually have a sign on the lapel of their coat which says, ASK ME, I LIVE HERE? Our old veterans had to ask each other, and they did not know and the most of them did not get very far from the headquarters.

The old veterans' ball at the Tabernacle was a grand success. Oh! what glory it was to see these old soldiers dancing the old time dances with the old ladies, the middle-aged ladies and the beautiful young ladies. Taken all in all this was the crowning event of the U. C. V. Reunion at Chattanooga. The old veterans' ball did not last long enough, the old soldiers were disappointed because it broke up so early giving way to the younger element.

Too bad one night could not have been theirs, as three full nights were turned over for the entertainment of the maids, the sponsors and their friends, besides most of the hotels offered dancing amusement every night.

Ladies, young and otherwise, please do not take offense when I say that a great many of the ladies did not show the proper courtesy to the very ones who were the direct cause for these ladies to assemble in the city of Chattanooga, to vie with each other and enjoy another Reunion.

The prominent soldiers who by wealth or influence and valor had won them their title, came in for round after round of attention; but did you notice the old soldiers in their soiled clothes or their old uniforms that have been worn to many reunions, and possibly at home because his clothes were limited. In comparison to the fine looking well dressed soldiers, how many of these poor looking old warriors were approached and greeted by chaperones, sponsors and maids of honor. The observer regrets to state that not enough attention was given

to the weak and infirm, the poor and aged, to them a hand shake would have been a God-send to some of these old veterans whose lot in life was not so good as some of his brothers of the SOUTH.

Perhaps some of these old veterans had a grand-child or a niece at home who to him was as beautiful as any one who graced the honor of being asked to be sponsor or maid. Some of those old soldiers would have almost been willing to sacrifice a year or two of his declining years to have her at this Reunion as sponsor or a maid of honor.

The type of old veteran that has worn his old uniform because he loved it, who continues to wear a full beard, and unfortunately has lost an arm or a leg, does not present as good appearance are in the majority of the men that carried the guns and bore the blunt of the actual war-fare and came out of the affray some wounded, some dismayed, and have had an uphill climb ever since, because their all was swept away before the avalanche of Union fire and shell.

These old Confederates are the cause for these REUNIONS to held year after year, and to my notion it is a fitting tribute to the Ladies who participate in the glory of the Richmond Reunion to make it a point to shake hands with as many as possible of this class, and greet them with a smile or a flower. These were the Johnny Rebs that risked their lives for you and yours.

The writer who seemed favored as an escort of several of the maids and sponsors, asked them as a favor to shake the hand of these who were poor looking, crippled and showed the ravages of time. If you could have seen the sparkle in the eye and the smile that appeared on some of their faces, I know you would want to give some of these soldiers that pleasure at Richmond in 1922.

One of the greatest drawbacks to the pleasure of these old veterans is that the headquarters assembly place was too small. We could not call the Tabernacle a place for the veterans to loaf around and meet his old comrades, the lobby of the main hotel is inadequate in all cities to take care of the soldiers and their ladies, together with the towns-people that have lent a hand to make this or that Reunion a success.

There are some old veterans that don't mingle among others than those they came with, because they feel that they are in the way, or because they do not stop at the headquarters

hotel, they think they have not much right standing around, much less sitting down, consequently they do not meet many or have that Reunion that back home seemed like a star in the heavens to go to this Reunion and meet and chat with his fellow comrades back in the Sixties, and he goes home having possibly seen a few whom he knew.

Had the headquarters been in an auditorium or an armory, then the old veterans, officers and private sons and daughters, maids and sponsors could mingle among those who fought for what they thought what was right, and these old soldiers would have had a better chance of seeing their old comrades.

We will not have many more Reunions, now let the last few be crowning events for the old soldiers, some battle scared and broken, standing side by side with those who returned home without a blemish and have waxed warm in the sunshine of opportunities, as they follow on into the great beyond which to most of them is near at hand.

In the ending of this article I will touch upon the lack of courtesy due the sponsors and the maids of honor. Never in the history of the Confederate Reunion was there a more beautiful array of sponsors and maids of honor, and to think that Chattanooga was unable to furnish escorts for them to the social functions arranged for both the pleasure of the ladies and gentlemen.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting the majority of the sponsors and the maids of honor, and while it was a pleasure to know them and their chaperones well enough to be kept in reserve to act as an escort for more than one to each dance. He felt that Chattanooga was lacking when a city of its size was unable to furnish enough young men to escort the most beautiful girls in all the Southdom to the U. C. V. dances.

And do you know that each night the sponsors and the maids had to come down and be practically auctioned off, that is to say no escort had been provided, and they were obliged to stand around the booths where the maids and sponsors had registered on their arrival and let the gallant young men of Chattanooga come up and take a look at them before deciding to take them to the dances. Not being a dancing man, I had the occasion to act as a friend in waiting, and oftentimes did I hear some young fellow say I won't take her if she is

not pretty.

The observer accompanied one of the most beautiful maids to the booth to be judged upon, and the escorts were so scarce that one of the young men who was in charge of the booth said she was so pretty he would like to take her himself, but by chance a little sailor lad hove in sight and was asked to have a look at the young lady, and he took her to the dance. This same young lady drew for the Tuesday evening dance a Lt., of the standing army in Chattanooga, who to show his gallantry like so many escorts did likewise, got drunk and she was forced to call on the writer to escort her back to the hotel. This was not the only time the writer was called on to help some young lady out who had gotten stuck with a dancing partner who had let old John Barleycorn get the best of him.

This action cannot be helped at social functions, as so many men think a drink is proper, and the young ladies indulge also, which makes it so much harder on the balance of the fair sex who refrain from drinking and smoking also.

These young ladies who came as sponsors and maids, proudly dressed themselves in dainty silks and satin, every one a flower beautiful to behold. Every young lady had taken much trouble with her gown and hair, and it was impossible for her to look any better, aiming to please the young men with whom they were to dance. And did you notice the clothes the young men wore? Outside of the military men, how many dress suits did you see? How many men went to any trouble to add to his personal attires. In Richmond don't let the discourtesies of Chattanooga be repeated.

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HYGIENE OF THE SCALP.

(By Dr. Nellie B. Cooper.)

Article V.

To cut or not to cut the hair is a momentous problem every decade or so. It is a matter of age, condition, position and fitness to weigh and decide upon.

In pathological conditions of the scalp short hair renders its treatment easier and the recovery sooner perhaps. Cutting tends to coarsen hair thus, later giving the appearance of more luxuriant growth, but never causes more hairs to grow. From one papilla only one hair can grow and we do not have twin or triplet papillae. In children it is cleaner, safer

and promotes efficiency to have the hair short. In a grown person short hair, as a rule, detracts from one's beauty, individuality of arrangement and femininity, accentuates one's age and defects and hardens one's expression and gives one an unfinished appearance.

Snarling or teasing tends to weaken the hair and should be carefully and gently done and carefully brushed out.

If hair is matted in illness wash the hair thoroughly to remove lint and all foreign material, saturate a small section at a time with some light oil, kerosene will answer, and carefully pick apart and comb straight. Hair, during illness should be combed and braided daily to avoid matting together.

The theory that the hairs are tubes filled with nutritive materials has been proven a wrong one. Therefore singeing the ends to prevent the escape of nutritious fluids is a foolish proceeding and somewhat dangerous. The hair contains no fluid.

The medulla extends only about one third of the length from the scalp and contains only air and pigment granules, receiving nutrition entirely from the papilla and hair follicle.

The hair reflects the general health and by the combination of bodily hygiene with that of the hair, it is possible to ward off baldness as well as greyness for years.

The most fertile source of spreading diseases of hair, face and scalp is the hair dressing and barber shops. Common sense rules of hygiene should be observed by operators, such as sterilizing all articles coming in contact with persons receiving attention, before using on another. All linens freshly laundered after once used and the hands scrubbed well before attending another. Refusal to attend any one who has only suspicious condition till assured of its non-contagious character will do much towards stopping the spread of contagious conditions to both operators and patrons.

A crowd of troubles passed him by
As he with courage waited;
He said, "Where do you troubles fly
When you are thus belated?"
"We go," they say, "to those who
mope,
Who look on life dejected,
Who weakly say 'good-bye' to hope,
We go where we're expected."

—Francis J. Allison.

A Merry Xmas To All

For generations this kindly greeting has been expressed, and again we take pleasure in extending the same friendly salutation to our patrons and friends for this happy joyous season—Christmas 1921.

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