

DEDICATION

Middlebury Accepts Soldiers' Monument As Gift from Col. Hilsley.

IMMENSE CROWD PRESENT

Estimated that 7,000 People Attended the Exercises—A Big Parade—Observance of Memorial Day in Other Towns.

Middlebury, May 30.—To-day has certainly passed into history as a red-letter one for Middlebury, and with the gorgeous display of pyrotechnics which brought to a close the dedicatory program of the unveiling of the new soldiers' monument the hundreds of visitors have gone to their homes feeling only repaid for their trip but amply so. Nothing has been done by halves and everything possible was done that very invited guest and visitor might thoroughly enjoy themselves. Congratulations have rained upon those in charge of the ceremonies and again has Middlebury demonstrated that she has only to be called to entertain and she can deliver the goods.

From sunrise to the setting of the sun visitors continued to arrive and when the president of the day, Judge John E. Weeks, arose at 2:15 o'clock to preside in the platform on Merchants' Row fully 7,000 people had gathered.

THE MONUMENT.

Situated in the triangle formed by Merchants' Row on the North and South and South Pennant street on the east, stands this beautiful memorial of Vermont granite as a silent yet ever reminder that Middlebury remembers her defenders.

The monument is 32 feet and one inch in height and is composed of 40 sections of Jones Brothers company's best quality, light, fine grained, medium Barro granite. The entire outside surface of the memorial is flamed, and finished with the lower base, which sets upon a foundation of cement, is 17 feet six inches square, with a rise of eight inches, and is composed of 12 sections; the central base, 14 feet six inches square with an eight-inch rise, comprises 12 sections, and the top base, 11 feet six inches square, with a rise of six inches, is composed of six sections. These three bases, or courses, are surmounted by the pedestal, consisting of three pieces, die cap and plinth. Located at each of the four corners of the central die is a life size statue in granite, each symbolical of an arm of the service. Facing Merchants' Row are the artilleryman and cavalryman, and facing in an opposite direction to them the marine and infantryman, while surmounting the whole is the color bearer with the colors at rest.

THE PARADE.

At 2 p. m. fully 7,000 people had assembled promptly at that hour Col. T. M. Chapman, director of the parade, led the line near the monument and they marched through the principal streets of the town back to the starting point at the monument.

Following is the order of the procession: Chief marshal, Col. T. M. Chapman and aids; Mr. Calvary Commandary, No. 1, Knights Templar, J. E. Buttolph, commander; Killington Commandary, No. 6, Knights Templar, Frank L. Clark, commander; Second division, marshal, W. S. Dean and aids; Loan Luncheon Lodge of Odd Fellows, L. H. Stalker, noble grand; Middlebury fire department, George Kidder, chief engineer; Third division, marshal, Frank L. Fish and aids; Vergennes City band.

Company C, Vermont National Guard of Vergennes, Frank H. Smith, captain; Grand Army posts, Wm. P. Russell Post, Middlebury, E. P. Russell, commander; W. C. Dutton Post, Bristol, E. L. Ward, commander; C. J. Ormsbee Post, Brandon, Samuel Crocker, commander.

Four hundred school children from the Middlebury graded school and school districts in this vicinity.

Following is the programme of exercises at the monument: Music, Middlebury band. Then came the address of welcome by the president of the day, J. E. Weeks, Esq.

The Rev. W. T. Forsyth, rector of St. Stephen's Church, followed with a very appropriate prayer for the occasion. Music by the Vergennes band was followed by the unveiling of the monument by a detail of six men from W. P. Russell Post, 59; Quartermaster, C. E. Young, Otis Abbey, Louis Chapter, L. S. St. Mary, Frank Mayo, and officer of the day, James Tracy, which was greeted with great applause.

COL. HILLSLEY SPEAKS.

Col. S. A. Hilsley, the generous giver, then arose to make the presentation and was greeted with a round of applause, in which his enthusiasm was genuine. Again and again he attempted to speak but the plaudits of the throng were so loud that he could not be heard, and, approaching the front of the platform, he said: "I take a pleasure in presenting this monument to the soldiers of Middlebury." If the applause had been heavy before, it was simply terrific at this point.

SPEECH OF ACCEPTANCE.

The speech of acceptance was made by Professor McMillon of Middlebury College in the place of Prof. Howard, who is ill. In the acceptance of the monument his remarks were to the point and were listened to with close attention by the large audience and received great applause.

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ed to by hundreds of people. Then the large gathering went to the Wellington lot on Washington street to witness a most elaborate display of fireworks. Thus closed a day that has gone down in history as one of the most spectacular in many a decade. The committee who had it in charge was J. E. Weeks, E. E. Bond, T. M. Chapman, W. M. Jackson, E. P. Russell, W. W. Martin and W. J. Rose, deserve great credit for the manner in which they carried it through.

BUT FEW VETERANS LEFT.

Only 15 in Line at Waterbury—Sen. Dillingham Addresses Kern Station Post.

Waterbury, May 30.—Interesting and impressive exercises were held yesterday afternoon by the Edwin Dillingham Post, G. A. R., at the cemetery, after which a union memorial service was held in the Congregational Church, the Rev. W. S. Smithers, pastor of the Methodist Church, delivered the memorial address. The school children participated in the exercises at the cemetery, the girls being dressed in white and carrying flags. At the Center the Edson Stetson Post held exercises at the cemetery, after which Senator Dillingham delivered an address in Seminary Hall.

Only about 15 veterans, members of the Edwin Dillingham Post were in line to-day. The 40 years that have intervened since a victorious army was mustered out of service, have so decimated the ranks of the Grand Army that each town now only musters a small squad, where once marched a formidable company to the music of life and drum on each occurring Memorial day, but no lapse of time will detract from the respect in which our veteran soldiers are held by a grateful people.

EXERCISES AT NEWPORT.

Newport, May 30.—Baxter Post, G. A. R., and the W. R. C. observed Memorial day here to-day. At ten o'clock this morning the procession formed at G. A. R. hall under command of P. C. Dale, marshal in the following order: Newport Cornet band, Co. L. V. N. G., Baxter Post, G. A. R., Spanish War veterans, disabled soldiers and W. R. C. in carriages, school children and citizens. They marched to the cemetery in West Derby, where the usual services were held. Then they returned to the hall, where a free dinner was served by the W. R. C. to the veterans, Co. L. and the band.

At 2 p. m. the exercises were held in Lane's opera house, where the oration was delivered by T. J. Boynton of Everett, Mass.

PARADE AT RUTLAND.

W. J. Bigelow and Sen. Redfield Proctor Address G. A. R. Veterans.

Rutland, May 30.—Memorial day was observed here with a street parade this afternoon in which Company A of the National Guard and the uniformed ranks of the Knights of Pythias, Canada-American club, and Odd Fellows participated. This was led by the city band. Next in line were the members of the Grand Army, and 25 graves were decorated. At the opera house W. J. Bigelow of Burlington delivered the address, while Senator Redfield Proctor spoke briefly. The house was well filled with a representative audience.

All places of business were closed and buildings were decorated in the national colors. Company A fired a salute at the West Street cemetery, where the G. A. R. ritual was read.

ST. ALBANS OBSERVANCE.

Parade and Address by Rev. S. H. Watkins at City Hall.

St. Albans, May 30.—Memorial day passed off pleasantly and quietly in St. Albans. The city was astir and at all the emporiums were large numbers of relatives and friends bearing sweet remembrances to place on the graves of those called home. Delegations from A. B. Hurbut Post, No. 9, G. A. R., and of G. A. R. first infantry, Vermont volunteers, in the Spanish-American war visited the different cemeteries and decorated their comrades' graves with flags and flowers.

At 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the G. A. R. veterans, escorted by Co. B, V. N. G., and headed by the Georgia Land marched from the Memorial to city hall, where the following programme was carried out: Selection, "Brave Defenders of the Flag," by the Crescent Glee club, under direction of C. H. Anderson; invocation, the Rev. E. E. Margroff, pastor of the Unitarian Church; Lincoln's Gettysburg address, by John Branch, Jr.; introduction of the speaker by the mayor, the Hon. H. Elmer Wheeler; address, the Rev. S. H. Watkins, rector of St. Luke's Church, orator of the day; selection, "Our Heroes," the Crescent Glee club; benediction, the Rev. E. E. Margroff.

At the conclusion of the exercises at the city hall the line was formed as follows: Col. J. G. Norton, marshal; Georgia Cornet band; Co. B, 1st Inf., V. N. G., Capt. Lee S. Tillotson, commanding; A. R. Hurbut Post, No. 9, G. A. R., Commander John A. J. commanding; carriages with Hon. Mayor Wheeler, the orator of the day, the Rev. S. H. Watkins and the Rev. E. E. Margroff. The line of march was down Main street to Fairfield street, up Fairfield street to the entrance at the southeastern corner of the park and thence to the center. Here the plaudits were given in honor of the comrades who lie in unknown graves, were conducted, C. P. Hogan, post chaplain, and Commander Jarvis officiating. After a dirge by the band and the firing of three volleys by Co. B, the line was returned and the veterans escorted to the Memorial hall where the parade was dismissed. The address of the Rev. Mr. Watkins was an excellent effort and ranks with the best ever heard here. The splendid showing made by the Crescent Glee club was a surprise to many and their well rendered selections reflect much credit upon themselves and their leader. The delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg address by John Branch, Jr., was very impressive.

OBSERVANCE AT SWANTON.

Swanton, May 30.—Swanton, always loyal to her soldier dead, never observed Memorial day more fittingly than to-day. The attendance was notably large and an appropriate programme was well carried out. About 30 veterans of the Civil War followed the flag of Post Bennett, No. 73. The pupils and teachers of the public schools and the children of the Catholic schools were also in line. The Sons of Veterans and Woman's Relief Corps took part, music being furnished by the Swanton band reorganized for the occasion. There were exercises at the Catholic cemetery, a brief address by the Rev. Father Salmon; the Church Street cemetery, the bridge, especially for the sailor dead, and finally at the monument. Then followed exercises from the band stand, R. O. Sturtevant presiding. There was prayer by the Rev. Mr. Eddy and an excellent address by W. W. Holden of Northfield.

The committee of arrangements representing Post Bennett consisted of P. J.

EXERCISES AT WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, May 30.—The Memorial day programme in charge of George C. Randall Post was successfully carried out this afternoon, a large number of visitors being in town. After the decoration of graves the literary exercises were given at Music hall with the Rev. J. M. Springer of Hartford as the principal.

HARTFORD SOLDIERS ORGANIZE.

White River Junction, May 30.—Memorial day was generally observed this afternoon with exercises at the opera house. Ex-Governor Pingree was president of the day. James W. Blake, Hooker of Brattleboro gave a stirring address to a large audience at the cemetery. The Rev. I. S. Yerkes of this village spoke eloquently. After the services the Hartford Soldiers' Memorial association elected ex-governor Pingree president and captain Watkins secretary.

EXERCISES AT MONTPELIER.

Judge C. S. Palmer Makes a Plea for Clean Young Manhood and Womanhood.

Montpelier, May 30.—A large crowd witnessed the Memorial day parade in Montpelier to-day and the public exercises at the opera house attracted a crowd that packed it to the doors. The parade was headed by a platoon of police in charge of Acting Chief of Police John S. W. Durkee, followed by the Montpelier Military band, Company H, V. N. G., the high school and St. Michael's cadets, the Modern Woodmen of America, Brooks Post, G. A. R., and about 300 school children.

Following exercises by the children and memorial services from the Grand Army of the Republic, Judge C. S. Palmer of Burlington delivered a stirring address. Judge Palmer first read the poem: "The Fading Line of Blue" published in the Free Press this morning. At its close two little colored children came forward and presented the speaker with a basket of beautiful roses which he happily acknowledged, accepting it not for himself personally, but for the members of the Grand Army of the Republic before him who took the laboring oar 40 years ago in giving the black man freedom.

Taking up his address Judge Palmer referred to the speaker of the Civil War, and the significance of Memorial day, and enlarged upon the stormy voyage of the ship of state from Fort Sumpter to Appomattox. From this he drew a lesson that we should look forward and not backward. The speaker of power has passed from the Civil War to the present, men and women. The boys of this country saved it once and if the occasion ever again arises the boys must save it again. In this connection the speaker made an earnest plea for a clean young manhood and young womanhood. Then followed the most eloquent, stirring and inspiring part of his discourse in which he spoke of what the flag has cost. He closed with an appeal to young men and women to accept no standard of citizenship which does not include loyalty.

At the close of his address Judge Palmer was heartily congratulated by Mayor and the Hon. Fred G. Fleetwood, secretary of State, in a few well chosen words. Mr. Fleetwood gave a very scholarly address. He described the conditions and circumstances, under which the southern people were reared as compared with the northern people, thus showing that slavery was the occasion not the cause for strife among the two classes. He said that a war had been fought, the first one, the second with the Battle of Bull Run, the second with the Battle of Gettysburg and the third with Lee's surrender. He then very impressively referred to the Spanish-American War and lauded the motive which caused the Americans to participate in the war.

AT ESSEX JUNCTION.

Rev. G. W. Hunt Pleads for the Bible. Public School and Reverence for the Flag.

Memorial day was observed at Essex Junction by R. S. Sherman Post, G. A. R., and the W. R. C. Exercises were held at the A. R. hall, marshaled in front of the A. R. hall, marched to the cemetery under the lead of D. W. Smead, marshal, and decorated the graves of their comrades. The procession then returned and marched to the Congregational Church. At the church the service of the G. A. R. was conducted by the post commander, H. G. Pearson. Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read by T. W. Shibley. The Rev. G. L. Story presided at the remainder of the service. A choir composed of Henry, Fred and Frank Ingersoll, Charles Hopkins, Ferd Gomo and Miss Annie Baldwin, organist, sang "Tenting On the Old Camp Ground." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Evan Thomas.

The address of the day was delivered by the Rev. G. W. Hunt, the new presiding elder of the St. Albans district. It was an eloquent and forceful presentation of the purposes accomplished by the War of the Rebellion. He said in part: One of these results was the deliverance from the rule of aristocracy and the establishment of real freedom, another result was the emancipation of the negroes. The perpetuity and progress of the republic depends upon three things, the acceptance of the Bible as the rule of life, the exaltation of the public schools and reverence for the flag. After the address the congregation sang "America" and was dismissed with the benediction by the Rev. Dr. J. S. Goodall.

REV. C. W. ROWLEY SPEAKS.

Tells Veterans of Vergennes That the Ballots and Schools Must Be Protected.

Vergennes, May 30.—The Memorial day address was delivered by the Rev. C. W. Rowley, D. D., of Bennington. Mr. Rowley led in a forceful manner and gave one of the best Memorial addresses ever delivered in this city. In opening his address the speaker briefly alluded to the "Dark Days of 41" and eulogized the men of New England and their work in saving the nation. "They were the men who kept the road open to Washington until forces could be gathered for its protection."

Great questions confront us as they did these men who died for home and country. Let us meet them in the spirit they did. We must protect the ballot. Our country cannot stand unless we have freedom of ballot. We must guard the public school. We must educate the children. We must have reverence of law. At the close of the address the audience united in singing "America" and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. H. A. Wood, G. F. O. Kimball acted as marshal and excellent music was furnished by the Vergennes band. Lincoln's Gettysburg address was read by Capt. Parker.

MEMORIAL DAY AT STOWE.

Children Assist in Decorating the Graves—Address by W. A. Graham.

Stowe, May 30.—The observance of Memorial day in Stowe began with the visit to West Branch cemetery by the members of H. H. Smith Post, G. A. R., and C. S. Clark Sons of Veterans. They were not by children from the Catholic cemetery, Hill and Luce Hill schools, and the daughter of Mrs. G. W. Adams, assisted by the teachers, the Misses Gale, Russ and Douglas, escorted the decorating party into the cemetery, and with flags and flowers assisted in the decoration of the soldiers' graves. The presence of the children and their little ceremonies added much to the interest of the occasion.

At 11 a. m. the Sons of Veterans assisted by the post decorated the graves in the

STILL IN DOUBT

Attorneys Moloney and Senter in Consultation about Mrs. Rogers's Case.

COURSE TO BE PURSUED

Necessary Steps to Get Matter before United States Supreme Court—Mrs. Blickenederfer Writes but Does Not Produce Cash—To Hycott Vermont.

Montpelier, May 29.—T. W. Moloney of Rutland and John H. Senter of this city, counsel for Mrs. Mary Rogers in her petition for a new trial, are in consultation this evening at the Pavilion. Associated with them is E. H. Dentwit of Montpelier, who has had experience in preparing a writ of error to be taken before the United States Supreme court in the case of State vs. Charles Doherty. If these attorneys decide to present such a writ of error it will first be laid before Chief Judge Rowell. If in his opinion this writ contains matters of law, which are within the jurisdiction of the federal court he will allow such writ to issue, and the supreme court will review the death sentence of Mrs. Rogers until the October term of the Vermont supreme court. After such writ of error has been signed by Chief Judge Rowell it first goes to George E. Johnson of Burlington, clerk of the United States Circuit Court. Mr. Johnson will then serve a writ upon W. R. Daley, State's attorney of Bennington county, to appear before the United States Circuit Court inside of 30 days for a hearing on the case.

The supreme court judges remain in Montpelier and hold open the May term of supreme court until this matter is decided, which must be soon as the time is very short.

MRS. BLICKENDERFER IN THE DUMPS.

Mr. Senter received this morning a letter from Mrs. W. J. Blickenederfer of Stanford, Conn., in which she practically gives up all hope of raising any further funds to prosecute this case before a higher tribunal. It was Mrs. Blickenederfer who, when the application for a reprieve of sentence was brought before Governor Bell at the Pavilion Hotel February 3 last, was confident that funds would be forthcoming sufficient to pay any expenses that might be incurred and for legal services in preparing a petition for a new trial. Mrs. Blickenederfer has since been ill. She has forwarded to Mr. Moloney about \$100, and Mr. Senter has received by subscription and otherwise about \$25 and this amount thus far has not been sufficient to pay actual expenses incurred, while Mr. Moloney and Mr. Senter have been working without expectation or hope of reward. Mrs. Blickenederfer's letter follows: "Stanford, Conn., May 27, 1905. "My Dear Mr. Senter: I am sitting at my desk by the telephone waiting for it to ring and bring the news that the supreme court has denied the appeal for a new trial. I am very sorry. I have seven days more of life, and on a morning when the world is beautiful with the joy of June and every heart is thrilled with the delights of summer weather and filled with compassion for those who have suffered and gone astray, the kind men at Windsor prison must lead out to death a being for whom there is only pity and would so gladly spare to work out her own salvation and to demonstrate the redeeming power of religion. I know that you spoke with eloquence before the august body of judges. I feel that your heart was in it. And still for us to have failed!"

"It is a dark hour for Vermont when she sends such a message as we cut-siders understand it from the argument of Attorney-General Pitts, to give the young unfortunate a fair trial, which she has never had. This is the tone now of the letters coming in from all parts. I enclose the copy of a letter from a lady of very high standing in Andover. A gentleman who says he is from Bennington, who has been in New York, writes to me complaining that the Vermonters who have opposed the hanging are made to suffer already and that it is not fair. He says the word 'woman-hanger' has been flung at him and he resents it. For this there is no help. The humane must bear the odium aroused by the reckless. The State will suffer for whom there are merciful laws and less than a million. The farmers themselves will suffer most, for it is the money of the outside world that pays for their dairy and maple products. The women will boycott these for a while.

THE SECRET OUT.

It has bothered the minds of Vermonters, where the sage of Peru gets his tips; Where Haggood, the Green Mountain prophet, Finds the wisdom that flows from his lips. No mortal without inspiration, Could pour forth such maxims and laws; And give all the world information, As how to make sugar and laws. But the Journal at last has the secret, His home is so near to the skies, He can go to a hill and yell, "Central," And then be in touch with the wise. He can have a nice chat with the angels, And then, like the prophet of old, Come down with a face that's terrific, And a story that never is told. —Poultney Journal.

FINISHED THE JOB.

Excited Gentleman—It's all through your wretched paper. Editor (who is used to it)—What's the matter now? Excited Gentleman—You stated the day before yesterday that a thief had entered my house, broken open my safe, and stolen a sum of money, but that fortunately he had overlooked the gold watch which usually lies in the bottom drawer. Editor—Well, I believe the facts are stated correctly. Excited Gentleman—They're correct enough. But what is the result? That the man came down last night and carried off the watch—Chicago Journal.

THE WIDOW'S WAIL.

"If John had only made a will, I never would have had This trouble with the property; It really is too bad! "The lawyers bother me so much," The Widow Jenkins sighed, "I do declare I almost wish That John had never died!" —Harold Melbourne, in May Lippincott's.

TRUTH OR EQUIVOCATION.

Miss Willin—This is so sudden—but don't go and tell people that when you proposed I just jumped at you. Litwiate (as he holds her on his knee)—No; I'll tell them you sat on my real hard when first I asked you to marry me. —Woman's Home Companion.

NOT AN ELOPEMENT.

"George has run away with Chrissy!" "What, eloped? My stars! Who is he?" "Some penniless young ass, of course!" "Not at all—he's Chrissy's horse!" —Cleveland Leader.

NO HELP FOR IT.

"You don't mean to say you keep a cat?" "Yes!" "I shouldn't think you'd want one around the place." "I don't but the cat insists." —Philadelphia Record.

AWFUL TO CONTEMPLATE.

"Just think what we'd be missing." Said he, "if that delighted Discoverer of kissing Had had it copyrighted." —Philadelphia Press.

THE HORSE'S TROUBLES.

It is not to the auto his The horse his trouble owes. Because, you see, his driver is The source of all his 'whoo's." —Philadelphia Press.

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