

IN HONOR OF THE GRAY

GEN. HAMPTON'S ORATION AT THE UNVEILING OF THE BEN-TONSVILLE MONUMENT.

THE LAST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

Though the Cause for Which the Southern Soldier Died Was Unsuccessful The Principles for Which He Fought Still Live--To the State Which Sells Her Birthright No Day of Redemption Can Ever Dawn--In Honoring its Dead North Carolina Honors Herself.

Mr. Chairman, My Comrades and Friends: You meet here to-day to perform one of the most pious and sacred duties which human hearts can feel, and human hands can discharge...

"For faith and for freedom, Lay slaughtered in vain:" It may accomplish all these worthy objects, telling at the same time of the love and veneration in which you hold the memory of our heroic dead...

It makes small difference here, and it will make none at the last great day, when the actions of all men are weighed in the scales held by the impartial hands of the Almighty Ruler of the universe...

This doctrine is as pernicious as it is false, and if we accept it, we shall brand our heroic dead, as well as the living, as traitors, branding all alike with deserved infamy...

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has the right to pronounce judgment upon the merits or the justice of the cause which was submitted to the stern arbitrament of war. The failure of a cause does not prove that it was an unjust one, nor can the denial of a truth establish a falsehood...

We acknowledge that the irrevocable verdict pronounced by war was against us; we recognize the supremacy of the Constitution, amended; we claim to be loyal and honest citizens; and we are bound in honor, the stainless honor of Southern soldiers, by a law more binding than any on the statute books...

But we should not indulge in vain regret, nor in unmanly recrimination, for to do this would be inconsistent with our renewed allegiance to the restored Union. Whatever faith has been kept with us, and it has not been an unfaithful one, no blot must rest on our conscience...

"She shall be bought And sold, and be an appendage to those Who shall despise her, She shall stoop to be A promise for an empire: Petty town, In lieu of capital--with slaves for Senate."

If we hope to escape this fate, which surely comes to every people who prove unworthy of liberty, we must show ourselves worthy of that freedom for which we pray. If our faith in the justice of our cause was so strong that we risked life, and all that made life desirable, on the dread issue of war...

To our noble women, the real martyrs of the war, as they are its saddest victims, the prospect of future justification of our conduct brings, I know, but little compensation for what they have suffered and lost. But by a merciful dispensation of Providence, nature offers some compensation for nearly every sorrow...

white oxen, should go, accompanied by a solemn procession, to the temple to offer the usual sacrifices. It is related that on one occasion the oxen for the chariot were wanting, when the two sons of the priestess, yoking themselves to the chariot, drew their mother in triumph to the temple, amid the plaudits of the populace...

In the early annals of the Saracens, a story is told of the heroic conduct of one of the Caliphs, who was besieged in Mecca. "When he perceived himself forsaken on all sides," says the historian, "he went to his mother, and said to her, 'Oh, mother, the people and even my own children have deserted me. My enemies are willing to give me, if I will submit, what ever I can desire in this world. What do you advise me to do?'"

"Judge for yourself. If you pretend to be, you know that you are in the right, persevere, for your friends have died for the sake of it. But if thou choosest the present world, alas, bad servant, thou hast destroyed yourself and those who were killed for thee! And if thou sayest, I stood to the truth, but when my friends declined I was weakened, this is neither the part of an ingenuous nor a religious man. And how long can you continue in this world! Death is more eligible."

round stone tower of other days, on the Appian way, that tells of the love her husband bore his dead Metella, yet stands to command the respect and admiration of the world. May yonder monument stand as long as that to Metella has done, and may all the true and brave of North Carolina hold it in perpetual veneration!

A king once said of a Prince struck down: "Taller he seems in death." And his speech holds truth for us now as then. It is after death we measure men. And as the mists of the past have rolled away, Our heroes who died in their tattered gray, Grow taller and greater in all their parts. 'Till they fill our minds as they fill our hearts. And for those who lament there is this relief, That glory stands by the side of grief. Yes, they grow taller as the years go by And the world learns how they could do And die. The nation respects them. The East and West: The far off slope of the Golden Coast, The stricken South and the North agree That the heroes who died for you and for me-- Each valiant man, in his own degree, Whether he fell on the shore or sea, Did deeds of which This land, though rich In histories may boast. And the sage's book and the poet's lay Are full of the deeds of the men in gray.

No lion cleft from the rock is ours, Such as Lucerne displays. Our only wealth is in tears and flowers, And words of reverent praise. And the roses brought to this silent yard Are Red and White. Behold! They tell how wars for a kingly crown, In the blood of England's best was doun, Left Britain a story whose moral old is fit to be graven in text of gold: The moral is, that when battles cease The ramparts smile in the bloom of peace.

The past is now like an Arctic Sea, Where the living currents have ceased to run, But over that past the fame of Lee Shines out like the "Midnight Sun;" And that glorious orb, in its march sublime,

Small gold our graves till the end of time. My comrades, the grateful duty imposed on me by your kindness, of speaking to you to-day, for our dead, is discharged--all inadequately, I am aware, but let me assure you, that I appreciate highly the honor done me by my friends of the Old North State. Many of my brave sons were with me during the war, and I take pleasure in repeating here what I have often said, that no better soldiers than they ever wore the Gray. While my theme to day was to do honor to the memory of our dead comrades another duty is mine, that of paying a heartfelt tribute to the living. To say that they were worthy of the fame won by their dead comrades does the highest honor that could be paid to them, and wherever the survivors may be, let them rest assured that their glorious deeds, their unflinching courage, their devoted loyalty to duty, shall never be forgotten by myself. They have my best wishes for their welfare and happiness, and I trust that a merciful God will bless them and their State with His richest mercies.

REMARKABLE CATCH OF FISH. Nearly 85,000 Pounds of Halibut Caught by 26 Men Within 7 Hours.

Gen. W. P. Roberts, of Gates county, ex State Auditor, and who is now Consul General to Victoria, sends us, from the advance sheets of his report to the State Department, the following account of a very remarkable catch of fish which occurred recently off the coast of that Province:

"It may be a matter of some interest to the department to be informed of the enormous catch of Halibut reported to me, which occurred a few days ago off the coast of this Province, near Queen Charlotte Islands. 'The catch was made by the Victoria Fishing and Trading Company, which has only been recently organized, for the purpose of opening up a fish trade with the Eastern States. Only twenty-six men were employed, and within the space of seven hours, 1,200 Halibut were caught, averaging 70 pounds each and aggregating 84,641 pounds after being dressed. This is said to be the largest catch ever made on this coast in one day, and when it is considered that it was made entirely with hook and line (trawling) it is indeed wonderful and well justifies the many comments that have been made upon it. The Victoria Fishing and Trading Company is strong and reliable, and has started upon this enterprise under the most favorable circumstances. The outlook now is that an extensive business from this point will be established by this company with our eastern cities and with most favorable results. Nearly the entire catch reported in this dispatch was shipped to New York and Boston. When the business gets more advanced it will be my pleasure to make a full and comprehensive report of it."

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NORTH CAROLINA, In the Superior Court DUPLIN COUNTY, Kilby Armwood vs Lurancis Armwood--Notice

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Duplin county by said plaintiff against said defendant to obtain a divorce from the bonds of matrimony. The said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of said county to be held on the 2nd Monday before the first Monday in March, 1895, at the court house of said county, in Kenansville, N. C. and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 14th day of January, 1895. JNO. A. GAVIN, C. S. C.

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