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 Lives -- Fo 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 bearts can feel, and human hanos can discharge, that of doing honor to our noble dead who fell in defense of a lost, but, to us, a patriotic and just cause. In thus honoring the memory of these brave martyrs, you do honor to yourselves, but the dedication of this noble monument will be a mere idle ceremony if it has not a deeper significance than the mere consecration of it by pray- forget the past and all it holds sacred er implies. With its spire pointing to Ah! my friends, this is the hardest heaven, and its foundation laid deep in task that could be imposed on us, for I the earth that holds the ashes of our know not where that Lethean stream dead comrades, it may defy the tempest and the corroding touch of time, to tell to future generations that the brave sons and noble daughters of North Carolina erected it to mark the spot where Con federate soldiers

"For faith and for freedom, Lay slaughtered in vain:'

It may accomplish all these worthy ob jects, telling at the same time of the grave? Can the father forget his son, love and veneration in which you hold the memory of our heroic dead, but pride of manly strength and youthful it seems to me that the solemn ceremo nies of this occasion should typify for band who was the stay and joy of her more than all these things. They should life? impress on our minds, and we should teach our children that the men resting here, and the thousands of their comrades who are sleeping on the fields their valor won, were neither rebels nor trai make us forget. tors; that they were freemen, who believed, as firmly as they did in the existence of their God, that their cause renewed allegiance to the restored Un was right; that they were the sons of the men who gave their blood to establish the liberty of America; that they had contributed their full share to the glory, the genius, the fame and the prosperity of the great Republic founded by heir recor !. fathers; that they were the equals of the proudest in that Republic, and that, to them a fair name and an unblemished whatever may be the verdict of History, honor. But while we accept all the rethe men who wore the gray have nothing to be ashamed of.

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 mpartial hands of the Almighty Ruler of the universe. whether our cause was successful or un successful. God does not judge as mai b true. By no other means under heaven judges, and we are nowhere told in the revelations of His Holy Word, that the that of mankind. By no other means just are to be rewarded in this world and the unjust punished; that truth is to the people who sacrifice principle to sub prevail here over falsehood; or that right is to overcome might. On the contrary, ancient virtues to adopt the vices of their we are expressly taught by the whole plan of Christian redemption, that this world is only one of probation to fit us for another and a better one, and history is full of melancholy examples to show | dawn. that many of the noblest causes that ever inspired a people's hopes, or nerved their arms, have been allowed to sink, apparently forever, under the iron rule wielded by despotic power

Do not allow yourselves, my friends. to be misled by that false doctrinefalse to your faith, to your country and to your God-which ells you that your case has failed, the principles for which you contended are forevar obliteple rated. Any human undertaking however just it may be, may fail; but the ever living principles of right and ot justice can never be buried. A great truth like the God head whence it emanates is eternal, and it will live 'till the "last syllable of recorded time." You are often told that, as our cause was submitted to the arbitrament of the sword, no appeal lies from the verdict unworthy of liber y. we must show our which was rendered against us. This doctrine is as pernicious as it is. false, and if we accept it, we shall brand our heroic dead, as well as the liv ng, +s traitors, branding all alike with deserved Will the living soldiers who fol infamy lowed the starry cross through the storm of war, who looked so proudly as that "brave the battle and the banner breeze," ever consent to denounce their dead comrades? Will the sons of these men forget the sufferings, the sacrifices. the heroism of their fathers? Will the women of the South, who for a quarter of a century have so tenderly and rever ently cherished the memory of our dead, ever be willing to brand them as traitors! Ah, No! These things can never happen as long as truth, patriotism, honor, virtue and its synon m, courage, are respected, as long as the fane of the men in gray rolis sounding down the ages, as long as the page of History is made lustrous by the names of Lee, of Johnston and of Jackson! Let me not be understood as wishing to reawaken sectional animosity, now happily dving out, nor as counseling one act of disloyalty to the restored Union. I recognize, as every true Confederate soldier should do, the supremacy of the Constitution, the integrity of the Union. and all the obligations we assumed when our arms were laid down. The South is now an integral part of this great Re public, the flag of the latter waves un challenged from the rock-ribbed coast of Maine to the golden gate of the bright Pacific and far-off Alaska, from the snow-crowned mountains of the North to the orange groves of Florida; and it is the duty of every patriot to make this country of ours the fit abode of freemen for all time to come, but I appeal earn estly and reverently for justice to my Confederate comrades, living and dead. They discharged their duties as they them bravely and heroically Saw and G d alone can and will judgwhether they were right or woong. I would certainly ill become us to admin that neither justice nor right was or our side, and every brave man who met us in battle would justly despise uwere we to do so. No earthly tribunal

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"Go, stranger, and at Lacedaemon tell

has the right to proncunce judgment a solemn procession, to the temple to Appian way, that tells of the love her offer the usual sacrifices. It is related busband bore his dead Metella, yet upon the merits or the justice of the cause which was submitted to the stern that on one occasion the oxen for the stands to command the respect and ada bitrament of war. The failure of a cause d es not prove that it was an unchariot were wanting, when the two miration of the world. May youder just one, nor can the denial of a truth establish a falsehood When the tort sons of the priestess, yoking themselves monument stand as long as that to Me-to the chariot, drew their mother in tella has done, and may all the true and ure wrung a recantation of the truth triumph to the temple, amid the plaudits brave of North Carolina hold it in per of the populace. The priestess, in the petual veneration ! It marks fittingly volve on its axis? Did the river which pride of a mother's heart at this act of the spot where gallant and brave men swept the ashes of Huss to the sea bury filial devotion, supplicated the gods to died; men worthy of the epitaph of in its waves forever the truths he had bestow on her sons the greatest bless Spartans who fell at Thermopylæ, proclaimed ? When our Divine Master ing which could be granted to mortals. Her prayers were answered; her sonperished on the Cross, did the graud truths for which he died, die with Him? sank into gentle sleep in the temple it We acknowledge that the irrevocable self, and thus passed from life to death. verdict pronounced by war was against as if to show that the greatest boon in us; we recognize the supremacy of the the gift of the gods was an early death Constitution, amended; we claim to be for man.

In the early annals of the Saracens, a story is told of the heroic conduct of one of the Caliphs, who was beseiged in their devotion by the sacrifice of their glorious deeds, their unflinching cour-Mecca "When he perceived hisself lives, and the feeling which inspired age, their devoted loyalty to duty, shall forsaken on all sides," says the his them was the same which has been so never be forgotten by myself. torian, "he went to his mother, and said nobly expressed by a heroic votary and have my best wishes for their welfare to her, 'Oh, mother, the people and martyr of liberty in these words, which and happiness, and I trust that a mercieven my own children have deserted me should be engraved on every heart de ful God will bless them and their State My enemies are willing to give me, if I sirous or worthy of freedom: "That I with His richest mercies. will submit, what ver I can desire in this simply offer my life is of simple import

world. What do you advise me to do? but that I offer it, crowned as it is 'Son', said she, 'judge for yourself. If all the flowery wreaths of love, of friend as you pretend to be, you know that you ship and of joy-this is indeed a sacrifice are in the right, persevere, for your which can only be offered for such prize, friends have died for the sake of it our country's freedom." Such were our But if thou choosest the present world, heroes who wore the gray, and time does alas, bad servant, thou hast de not dim, but adds only lustre to their stroyed yourself and those who were deeds.

as then.

away,

gray,

parts

hearts;

relief,

for me-

In histories may boast,

and die.

That glory stands by the side of grief.

Each valiant man, in his own degree,

Whether he feil on the shore or sea,

Did deeds of which

This land, though rich

killed for thee! And if thou sayest, I A king once sai l of a Prince struck down: stood to the truth, but when my friends 'Taller te seems in death.' declined I was weakened, this is neither the part of an ingenuous nor a relig-

ious man. And how long can you continue in this world ! D ath is more eligible." He took the advice of his mother, and leaving off his armor, so as to meet death the more surely, he sallied forth and gave his life for the Grow taller and greater in all their cause he believed to be true. Centuries

have rolled by since the brave words uttered by that noble woman were spoken, but they are as true and appli cable now as they were a thousand

Yet all these sad and sacred years ago. "Judge for yourself. If as memories must be forgotten if we prove you pretend to be, you know that you f lse to our faith and turn our backs on are in the right, persevere in it, for all which made our past glorious. Time your friends have died for the sake may teach us to forgive, but it can never of it." Sublime sentiments, clothed in noble words, inculcating a lesson to the women of the South for all generations gret, nor in unmaniv recrimination, for to come ! Let them teach their children to do this would be inconsistent with our that their fathers fought for what they honestly believed to be their right; that 10n. Whatever faith has been kept with they were actuated by as strong faith in us, and it has not been an untarnished our cause as ever fired the heart or nervone, no blot must rest on our 'scutcheon, ed the arms of patriots, and that though no charge of Punic faith must stain our their cause has gone down in disaster, in If we can leave nothing else to blood, in ruin, not one stain of dishonor our children, let us, at least, bequeath rests upon it. If the sentiments I have expressed meet a response in your hearts: if you believe that the men buried here sults legitimately following our defeat, and the tens of thousands of their com we claim the right to justify our cause, rades who gave their lives for the South, to vindicate our motives and to honor are worthy of honor or reverence, then our dead. To do this is not only our right but our sacred duty. We owe it to

this stately monument is a fit tribute to And words of reverent praise. vices it is intended to commemorate. In all ages, in nearly every country,

u shaken fidelity to what we believe to civilized or savage, pagan and christian alike have striven to perpetuate the memory of their dead. and to manifest their affection by honoring the graves that hold the dust of Is fit to be graven in text of gold: muse of history has not thought it below her dignity to record the fact that the world itself, descriptive of a magnificent

monument, owes its origin to that noble pile which the affection of a pagan widow dedicated to her husband Mauso-

lus, and whilst most of the proud tem-ples and mighty public works of haughty Rome have crumbled into dust, that Sublime, Shines out like the "Midnight Sub;" And that glorious orb, in its march sublime, Cal science produces no better. For sale by John Y. MacRae, druggist, Raleigh, N. C.

white oxen, should go, accompanied by round stone tower of other days, on the Shall gild our graves till the end of time.

> My comrades, the grateful duty imposed on me by your kindness, of speak-iog 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 her brave sous 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 'Twas in obedience to her laws we fell." Gray. While my theme to day was fo These men who sleep under the sod, do honor to the memory of our dead

> once maintained by their life-blood, in comrades another duty is mine, that of obedience to the call of their States, and paying a heartfeit tribute to the living. obeying the command of "Duty, that To say that they were worthy of the stern daughter of the voice of God." left fame won by their dead comrades does their peaceful homes to strike for the the highest honor that could be paid to faith taught them by their fathers, and them, and wherever the survivors may for their native land. They have sealed be, let them rest assured that their They

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And this speech holds truth for us now of a very remarkable catch of fish which occurred recently off the coast of that It is after death we measure men. Province:

with

And as the mists of the past have rolled "It may be a matter of some interes to the department to be informed of the Our heroes who died in their tattered enormous catch of Halibut reported to me, which occurred a few days ago off the coast of this Province, near Queen

Charlotte Islands. 'Till they fill our minds as they fill our "The catch was made by the Victoria

Fishing and Trading Company, which And for those who lament there is this has only been recently organized, for the purpose of opening up a fish trade with the Eastern States. Only twenty-six Yes, they grow tall r as the years go by men were employed, and within the And the world learns how they could do space of seven hours, 1,200 Halibut were caught, averaging 70 pounds each and The nation respects them. The East and aggregating 84,641 pounds after being dressed. This is said to be the largest The far off slope of the Golden Coast, catch ever made on this coast The stricken South and the North agree in one day, and when it is considered That the heroes who died for you and that it was made entirely with hook and line (trolling) 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 favora ble results. Nearly the entire catch re ported in this di-patch was shipped to New York and Boston. When the busi ness gots more advanced it will bo my pleasure to make a full and comprehensive report of it.'

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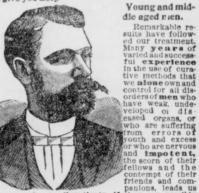
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the memory of those whose faithful ser- And the roses brought to this silent vard Are Red and White. Behold ! They tell how wars for a kingly crown, the blood of England's best writ In down, Left Britain a story whose moral old

those whom they loved, or who did in The moral is, that when battles cease defense of ther country. The severe The ramparts smile in the bloom of peace.

The past is now like an Arctic S a, to run,

A: d 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,

* Where the living currents have ceased

But over that past the fame of Lee

Beggars for nobles, panders for a peo-Her sons are in the lowest scale of

In lieu of capital -with slaves for Sen-

from Galilee, did the earth cease to re

loyal and honest citizens; and we are

bound in honor, the stainless honor of

Southern soldiers, by a law more bind-

ing than any on the statute books, to ob-

serve inviolate the terms of our parole.

Bat while recognizing all these obliga-

tions, we are not called on to abjure the

settled convictions of a life time, to turn

our backs on all the honorable, glorious

memories and traditions of the past, and

to cover ourselves with shame by defam-

ing the memory of our patriotic dead

We have lost much; let us, at least, main-

tain our self respect and preserve our

can be found on earth, whose waters

could bring to us that sweet, oblivious

antidote which can give to us blessed

rows and our wrongs. What are we to

forget? Can we forget as we look upon

the graves of our kindred that gorv sea

of blood which has deluged our land?

Can the mother forget the daring boy

who fills now perhaps some unknown

struck down by his side, in all the

beauty? Can the wife forget the hus

But we should not indulge in vain re-

o rselves, to our children, to those who

d d for us, that we should cling with

can we preserve our own respect or gain

can we escape the doom which awaits

servient expediency, who aboudon their

conquerors, and who are content to bar-

right no day of redemption can ever

To the State which sells her birth-

And sold, and be an appendage to

t r freedom for g lded servitude.

"She shall be bought

Who shall despise her,

A promise 'or an empire:

She shall stoop to be

Petty town,

tho-e

forgetfulness of our sufferings, our sor

honor.

But we are told that we must

being, Slaves turned over to the vanquished by the victors.

Despised by cowards for their greater cowardice.

If we hope to escape this fate, which surely comes to every p-opla who prove selves worthy of that freedom for which we pray. If our faith in the justice of our case was so strong that we risked life, and all that made life desirable, on the dread issue of war, surely we should strive to justify ourselves in the eyes of the world. Will history vindicate us if we condemn ourselves? But if we cling steadfastly to the faith taught by our for-fathers; if we prove worthy of that faith, we shall not have fought in vain; for though we can no longer defend our cause with our swords, we can justify it before the great tribunal of history, and posterity will do us justice.

To our noble women, the real martyrs of the war, as they are its saddest vic tims, 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, and this blessed law will give to them many and rich mercies for the grief they have borne. The tender care with which they soothed the sufferings of our wounded and ill sol liers is remembered in many a

grateful heart from which daily prayers ascend to the Throne of Grace, invoking on them every blessing which a merciful God can bestow. The consciousness of duty nobly performed to the living and dead will bring to them p-ace, if not happiness. Many of them, alas! throughout all the borof our stricken land, like iers Rachel, weep for their children, and "refused to be comforted because they tre not;" but let them remember the proud boast of a bereaved mother, who ven over the body of her dead son exclaimed, "I would not give my dead on for any living son in Christendom" Nor is the death of a loved one who gave his life nobly in a just cause a source of unalloved sorrow. among the beautiful legends which some to us from classic Greece, there is one which always struck me as pecularly touching, and which might teach lesson to many a mournful mother in he South. It was a custom at the reat fistival in honor of Juno, the the priestess, drawn in a chariot by two



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Having this day qualified as administra-tor of the s ate of N. R. Watkins, deceas-ed, late of Wake county, this is to notify all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them to me on or before the 5 h day of February, 1896, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovers, and all persons in debied to the said estate are hereby not fied to make immediate pay-ment. J. C., MARCOM, Adm'r. W. N. Jones, Attorney. Feb. 4, 1895.

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