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## SOLDIERS FAREWELL!

A GRAND EXERCISE IN THE COURT HOUSE SATURDAY EVENING—TEARS STOOD IN THE EYES OF MANY.

Devotional Exercises Held Sunday Evening—The Soldiers Turned Out in Full—After Quartering in Their Armory Sunday Night They Bade Relatives and Friends Farewell.

The citizens of Concord and the county met in the court house at 2 p. m., Saturday the 30th to extend to Capt. Edward Hill and his company, the Cabarrus Light Infantry, formal courtesies on the occasion of the presentation of a flag by the ladies of Concord.

There was a profusion of flowers, and deft hands arranged them in bouquets while the company lingered in the march.

At 2:20 they filed into the aisle in martial order and were seated on the right middle tiers of seats.

At 2:30 Mayor Crowell called the meeting to order. Rev. W. C. Alexander led in prayer.

Mayor Crowell then made a short address to the company, and introduced the speaker of the day, Rev. J. D. Arnold, who addressed Capt. Hill, the company and the audience in his eloquent way.

He referred to the peculiar incident that the stars and stripes are to all the symbol of national glory and also the blue coats the pride of our soldiery, while in the late war they were looked upon as the embodiment of the enemy. But no matter under what flag the true man marches he is the same.

Fitzhugh Lee, (great applause) said the speaker, would be the same Lee in blue and marching under Old Glory that he was in the gray, and under the cross of the Confederate battle flag. The stars and stripes were the glory of every hero of the land from Washington down to the late Vance. None despised it, though once held aloft by an invading enemy.

In responding to this the first call they were but true to Southern heroism to be in the front for the defense of a good cause.

He deplored war, but believed the Ruler of the Universe sometimes unsheathes the sword and puts it into the hands of brave men to cut down the incorrigible.

He attributed the growth, the greatness and the prestige of our nation to the fact that God was recognized and the stars and stripes were the emblems of right.

He anticipated the tender recollections that would crowd into their hearts as they remembered the scenes and the endearments of home and thought many would sing of the "Girl I Left Behind." Get her picture, said the speaker, and a Bible. Carry both near the heart and draw happiness in solitude from both.

He urged the singing of patriotic

and sentimental songs around the camp fires.

He announced that the ladies would now present the flag made by their own hands, and he hoped that it would be returned without a stain of dishonor.

Misses Lallah Hill and Fannie Young then rose and presented the flag to Capt. Hill, who in feeling terms received it and pledged the fidelity of the company that not a stain of dishonor should soil its sacred folds. He took special pride in the fact that it was made by the daughters of women who had with similar feminine heroism made and presented flags to our soldier fathers.

Col. Means responded to call and expressed his admiration for the young men who sprang forward at the first call of their country. He urged to gallant soldiery and recited the history of the once great nation of Spain, now so small, but yet with veins full of fighting blood.

Mr. H. S. Puryear being called also spoke feelingly of the readiness of their response to a call from their country to deliver the oppressed from the cruel hands of ruthless tyranny. He reminded them that they were the sons of fathers who acquitted themselves in defense of their sense of right.

Mr. M. H. H. Caldwell said he was not able to counsel the young men in matters of war, but his first impression in childhood was of the horrors of war. He warned them that the Spaniard is treacherous and would stab you in the dark. He had lived among them. But they were cowardly and cruel. He hoped none would ever fall into Spanish hands.

Professor Lewis having been requested to represent the Concord Lyceum made a brief but very instructive speech, reviewing the Spanish character through the leading historic periods of the nation. Spain today, said the speaker, is the Spain of every period of her history in point of character. The battle cry, said he, is "God defend the right." The cause is the highest impulse of humanity and the United States is the representative of liberty and right.

He would be with them, but there is as yet no crisis that would demand the abandonment of responsible stations in life.

SUNDAY EVENINGS SERVICES.

At the appointed hour, 4:15 o'clock, Capt. Hill and his company marched into the First Presbyterian church at the gentle tap of the drum, followed by the signal corps in full dress uniform and were seated in the front middle pews.

The choir sang "Only an Army Brother." Rev. Thompson made an appropriate prayer. "Nearer My God to Thee" was then sung. Rev. Rankin read Eph. 6, 10-24. Rev. Arnold then addressed the soldier boys. He had not expected again to witness such a scene and knew that the hearts of the whole community throbbed with his in anxious solemnity. But soldier life is not necessarily a training school of vice.

Lee, Jackson, Gordon and a score of our great leaders were Christian men. In the late war there were some of the finest types of Christian

character. 15,000 were brought into Christian profession and faith in the army of Northern Virginia.

The prayers of the pious would go with them and hallow every scene in their soldier life. He exhorted them to fight a good fight and keep the faith and invoked the blessings of heaven to bring them all back or be the comfort of any that might fall.

"Am I a Soldier of the Cross," was sung, when Dr. Davis most feelingly addressed them. The occasion brought no joy, no pleasure to him. War brings sadness. For each departing one there is a desolated home and desolated hearts.

The soldier's duty is two-fold, first to God and secondly to country. He would have them Christians first of all.

There are right and wrong motives that lead men to war. The cause now is not to take vengeance on the enemy for blowing up the Maine. It is not to gain territory. But it is to come to the rescue of suffering humanity. Spain has gathered up 500,000 of the inhabitants of Cuba and has slain by different means half that number. Drive her out of Cuba and off this hemisphere.

The venerable divine invoked God's blessing on them with the special prayer that all might return to us.

Rev. Alexander felt that the patience of the hearers might be taxed already but being especially asked for some parting counsels he would do injustice to such requests and to the fullness of his own heart were he to be silent.

He urged serious consideration of service to the God of battle. A good Christian could not be a bad soldier. He gave them his parting blessing and his hope for a safe return.

Rev. Arnold followed with a most tender and fervent prayer.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," was then sung with a hearty will and Rev. Alexander closed the meeting with the benediction.

THEY BID ALL FAREWELL.

Capt. Hill and his company, the Cabarrus Light Infantry, were in readiness this (Monday) morning at 5:30 o'clock, and were greeted with an immense throng of citizens that literally lined the streets from the square to the depot, where there was almost a pack.

The Veterans had resolved on Saturday to meet and escort the volunteers to the depot. Capt. Caldwell at the head of 67 of them, kept step to the drum and fife, the latter being played by Mr. Noah Correll, using the same tunes that he used to escort the Cabarrus Black Boys and the Cabarrus Guards to the depot in 1861.

When the veterans arrived at the depot they opened ranks through which Capt. Hill led his gay and dashing young men, in all the pride of youthful chivalry greeted by cheer upon cheer by their senior warriors.

Two cars were on the siding into which the company was comfortably placed. While in waiting for the train, there was hand-shaking in farewell greeting with commingled impulses of tender grief, calm thoughtfulness and buoyant levity.

The train moved off at 6:37 amid the waving of hats and handkerchiefs and kisses from the fingertips.

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