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MEMORIAL ADDRESS

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is a grand privilege we have once a year of paying our tender and affectionate tribute to departed worth and of renewing our own allegiance to the stars and stripes. We meet here to-day out of grateful remembrance of those who died to redeem our land, and while the May songsters blend their warblings with our sacred honors to the dead, we garland their graves with choicest flowers of Spring.

The ceremonies here more than a memorial significance; they speak a prophecy from year to year. These flowers strewn on the graves of heroes are not only a memorial. Eden's bowers before stainless their blooming purity, but they are a prophecy and a promise of a fragrant future when Eden's beauties shall enrapture mortal vision, and when war's rude alarm shall fall no more upon our ears to bring sorrow to our households.

The place where we are [illegible] is consecrated ground. Here shall we gather over the last resting place of our country's [illegible] and be thrilled with patriotic fervor. Twenty-six years have come and gone since the sound of the drum called citizens from their peaceful hopes to consult together about the [illegible] of our threatened [illegible].

Twenty-two years have come and gone since you who stood in the breach for four weary years sheathed your swords and returned home in peace. Four years of tumultuous trials and dangers served to produce ties of friendship which twenty-two years have only served to strengthen. The scenes in which you have frankly mingled to-day demonstrate a law of our being that the bonds of affection produced by association in the midst of intense interests are stronger than death and more enduring than bronze. The [illegible] memory of the dead comrades is as fresh to the survivors to-day as the dews of morning and scores have [illegible] them [illegible] the [illegible] tant hills.

Many [illegible] their [illegible] bands, who [illegible] call but [illegible] mothers [illegible] enrolled [illegible] member for [illegible] dear ones who [illegible].

In the palmy days of [illegible] was the pride of a [illegible] mother that she had given a son to her country's [illegible] and whose [illegible] these graves [illegible] an [illegible] emblem, and that [illegible] these mounds were [illegible] flag might continue to [illegible] of human liberty. [illegible] the best principles of the [illegible] ment have been preserved and sent afloat. To these fathers here to-day whose sons freely given for the country's safety, there come sweet memories of the noble sacrifice when danger menaced their homes they gave their well-beloved that the nation might be free. Our children may see what were the impulses that led them from homes and loved ones to hazard the dangers of the battle field? Was there wisdom as well as heroism attested? Was the cause for which they died worth the sacrifice? Rushed they into the battle like the [illegible] horses, infuriated only by instinct, [illegible] himpless? No! It was a grand principle which led them on, and the nobility of their sacrifice was determined by the greatness of the object.

Let us pause and reflect for a moment to review the history of our great nation is but to trace the wonderful providences of God. From a handful of mariners headed by Columbus, steering their way westward over the boundless and trackless seas, to the shores of the New World. I see a long line of pilgrims seeking liberty of conscience, penetrating the primeval forests and erecting rude settlements, at first a few, then a thousand, then as the sands of the seashore. Those maiden forests gave place to fertile fields and thrifty cities sprang up on the banks of majestic rivers; the rude customs of the natives yielded to the refined habits of the Christian; the red man's name changed to the massive [illegible] in the place of rudimentary [illegible] and [illegible] streams, roads of iron and steel joined all parts of the continent, and telegraph lines [illegible] the land waiting to [illegible] of a real population to the same thoughts of [illegible], institutions of learning were found on every hill and in every valley [illegible] of church spires pointed heavenward to draw the lightnings of divine wrath harmless to the earth.

The nations of Europe felt the [illegible] of Western civilization; there [illegible] eagle in the wild America as it [illegible] by the wings of liberty [illegible] all nations. [illegible] the star of [illegible] and as one having followed the [illegible] of the sun [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] but it was noble of noble comrades to redeem it.

About the year 370 B. C. Rome was afflicted by an earthquake which opened a great chasm in the forum; the augurs declared that the gulf would not close until there were cast into it the most precious things of the city. Whereupon Quintius Curtius strayed himself in complete armor, mounted his horse, and rode at full speed and safely leaped into the [illegible] opinion that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]