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there will it stand forever—an earnest, that your history will be written in truth and, your deeds be remembered so long as, red corpuscles are found in Southern blood!!

It is not necessary for me to tell you that you are welcome in your home—your own city—your own county—and in your own country!!

Oh! Welcome Heroes!! in our city in our hearts and in our homes!!!

White Woman! What shall I say to thee?

Welcome too! Yea, Welcome too!! Grandmothers! Mothers! Sisters, Wives and Daughters! that shaft of granite also commemorates your virtues! the vacant chair—the empty home—the desolate heart the Orphan and the Widow! Oh! how you have suffered—and in silence!

But be of good cheer! Your tears and prayers hath saved the civilization of your beautiful Southland!

Oh! Welcome—thrice Welcome!! Sweet-faced, sad-eyed, Southern Woman!!

The band played "The Bonnie Blue Flag," also "The Sunny South," and "Tenting."

Now the Old Veterans were marched from the monument to seats reserved for them immediately in front of the speaker's stand. Rev. A. A. James was called upon by the Mayor to introduce Col. Coward. This he did in a short speech, spoken so that it could be distinctly heard. He is a young man, vigorous of mind and body and keen in intellect, although he has for more than half a century preached the gospel.

Col. Coward spoke extemporaneously. That made it all the more enjoyable. It was a practical speech, full of spirit and with a message that went home to the hearts of the hearers. In part, he spoke as follows: Ladies and gentlemen, fellow citizens, my old Confederate Comrades, all hail! Rev. Mr. James spoke of a man standing before brigades. I'd rather stand before 40 brigades than attempt to fulfill the expectations of this vast host of hearers, and that without a speech in my pocket! I must thus face the most magnificent audience it was ever my duty to address. I thus contradict the oft-repeated pun made upon my name, for I thus show myself a brave man.

As I look down your Main street from this vantage a scene 50 years ago rises to view. Spring was here, as it is today; then, as now the sky was blue, tender shoots were springing from the earth and nature was everywhere putting on new life. These streets were thronged. But what a contrast between the cause that moved your people then and now!

Then, sturdy pioneers who had subdued these hills and valleys and had wrung from the subdued earth the treasures locked in its bosom, gathered here with the stern resolve to defend the sacred rights granted them by the constitution. They came to vindicate those rights granted them in the constitution. The foundation principles of justice and freedom, imbedded in the sacred document, they swore to vindicate, and how they did it you see today.

I'm not expected to fight over our battles. But the Confederate soldier today knows that he fought to maintain the constitution given him by the fathers and fought bravely till ruin fell on this thinning ranks. The Confederate soldiers came back and determined, by God's help, to fight the additional battles. Appomattox is but a single phase of the awful battles that now fell swiftly and heavily upon him.

War's din was over; it had passed away; but there were difficulties that tested all the manhood. There was in our soldier, worn, crushed, a high resolve, we came to the soil from which he sprung to begin anew life's battles. To reclaim what was left of the broken constitution; to protect those that relied upon justice, you began your new struggles. This you did in response to the command, onward! Onward! was the command. Did we respond? Let the days of '76 speak. Mortification, the vilest known in history, you had to face. More awful it was than any battle during the war. Sorrows accumulating, shadows darker and darker; yet in presence of the dear women and children you could not falter. And you did not falter.

With the true instinct of citizens you know when to surrender arms, and you knew when the opportune moment came for you to go on with victory of '76, under Hampton. Here was a revolution within ten years of the close of the war. Was the command, "Halt! lay down arms; rest," at this point. No! all your hills and valleys had to be re-established. See your cultivated fields and your numberless factories. Victory is ours! It would seem that this victory would cause you to stop. But no! "March on!" is the com-

mand of an inborn manhood—"March on!" We have attacked the problems that met us and brought them to do our bidding.

But let us look to it that the sacred thing, the State, has devoted to it all the energies to teaching that the law is a thing to be revered. I rejoice that your good wisdom and self-control recently allowed the law to have its course. Civic conquest, my friends, is the next victory that is before us. Let no specious promptings loose the reins and make us say we will take the law into our own hand. Let's select men to office who, with courage and the best interest of country at heart, will dare to do their duty.

Sirs! you saw your comrade drop at your side; others came home weak and sick, and they were buried. You were left. Why? That up to the very last you might use your influence to teach reverence for law and thus help to make our Southland great as it once was.

I cannot forget that I see here in Union county men who fought with me. I remember that you were associated with me in the war. As I meet them today and shake their hands, I remember their faithful stand at the front.

"You did not halt in your march till the command was given, 'Halt!' In a desperate charge in the Wilderness one color bearer after another was shot dead. I took the colors as they fell from a soldier's hand and carried them behind the breastworks. Ike Gregory, a son of Union county; seized them and jumped to the parapet and was cheering. I said, 'Come down, you will be killed.' He asked to be allowed to give yet another. Just as he gave the cheer, 'zip,' a ball passed through his body and he fell dead.

"Tom Comer, another Union county man was caught under a falling tree that was being felled by the soldiers. He had his ribs broken in. We thought he was in a fair way to die and we sent him home. He was back and reported for duty before we thought he had had time to get home. He afterwards had his leg shot off at the knee. He did not come home to pine for that one leg. No, sirs! He made him some crutches and hobbled behind a mule on the farm. Comrades! You know nothing but to go forward when the command is given, 'Charge!'"

The Confederate soldier, dead or living, needs no shaft to make his memory live. His noble deeds will reach him immortal. He lives in the hearts of the present generation. This shaft does show that.

Rev. A. A. James was called upon to dismiss the assembly. He first told several incidents of the war. He then called upon the old soldiers to adopt a resolution of thanks to the women of Union county. This was done by giving the "rebel yell" three times over.

The veterans were then taken in hand and carried to the grove surrounding the Central school building where a barbecue dinner awaited them.

The ladies of William Wallace chapter served refreshments to the visiting ladies. They had prepared for them at the vacant store room next door to the Rice Drug Co. Thus ended a day that will long be cherished in the memory of thousands as a day that marks an upward march in the history of our people.

Mrs. Belue Has Fine Fruit.

J. P. Belue has returned from Union county, where he visited his mother, Mrs. J. T. Belue, at their old home at Bonham station. Mr. Belue was much surprised and pleased to find that his mother has on her large place a full and fine crop of fruit, which is entirely undamaged. This is very remarkable, as all the fruit in this vicinity was killed in the April freezes. On Mrs. Belue's place, however, large trees are weighed down with fine fruit and a big yield is promised. Mr. Belue does not know how to account for the escape of his mother's fruit except that her place is pretty high above the surrounding country.—Spartanburg Journal.

Mme. Patti, who is a marvelous specimen of well-preserved powers, attributes her exceptional health to plenty of sleep—nine hours.

Nankin, China, is to have an electric light system of the most modern kind; also new waterworks.

In Belgium, all cows over three months old are to be seen wearing ear-rings. Breeders are obliged to keep a record of all the cattle raised by them and each animal has a registered trade number which is engraved on the ring fastened to its ear.

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