

THE REUNION OF BLUE AND GREY.

"POOR CONRAD" TELLS MORE ABOUT GETTYSBURG--A TRIBUTE TO LOVELY WOMAN.

Editor County Record:—

Dear Sir:—I wish to say something more of my trip to Gettysburg, where the Blue and the Gray were encamped during the first week of July. We were blessed with fair weather during the stay at the camp; only one small rain, just enough to lay the dust. I cannot keep from thinking about the old cannons that are in position of battle array. Many of them are pointing and with about the same range for firing that they had fifty years ago, but, alas! where are the heroes that manned them through dust and smoke and amid the shriek of shot and shell during those fateful days, under the blazing July sun? Ah, how few are left! Some veterans still remain, but not many of the real veterans of the war, those who saw service then, those who followed Lee, Jackson, Johnson, Hood and Bragg through the campaigns that were enough to try the stoutest hearts, but there was their place always face to the front. Yes, the old cannons are there all along the lines that were held by both armies, sad and lonely to behold, as if still on guard, so weird and striking one can almost imagine the combatants were all slain on both sides and no one left to tell the sad story.

Yesterday was the fifty-first anniversary of the second battle of Manassas. That was also a great battle and a splendid victory for the army of Lee and Jackson.

I have mentioned this before, but no doubt some of the readers of The Record have not seen it and would be interested therein. The old cannons I mention are the ones used by the Northern and Southern armies during the Civil war, or the war between the States. The United States Government has no use for them now, as there have been great improvements made in larger guns, as well as small ones, and those old ones are placed on the battlefield of Gettysburg and well taken care of by the Government, and the younger generation can learn something of the battle formation and the positions of batteries to the best advantage when engaged. I have said so much about those old death-dealing guns that it must have become tiresome, but the writer cannot help it. "Poor Conrad" did not have a single relative in the great struggle—himself alone. If any of his name still live, the broad Atlantic lies between. Dear friends and readers, I am not writing to keep up the old spirit that possessed the two parties of this country fifty years ago. All that must be considered past now, and while peace reigns over our land let us feel blessed and thank God, from Whom all blessings flow.

My return trip was also quite pleasant, and the recollection of the kindly visits of the Northern people through the camp of the Confederate veterans lingers with me. Old and young ladies; many brought their little children along. The tots were playing and romping through the camp as if at home. I took that as an indication of good feeling in the hearts of the older ones. I heard an old person say once that from the actions of the children the real feelings of the parents can be told, which I think is quite true. There were many fine-looking people in our camp, men and women, but it was when I arrived at Richmond on my return trip that I saw beautiful women. I think it should be called the city of pretty ladies.

It was the night of the 4th of July and we had to lie over for our train four hours, so I strolled up to one of the Main streets. The electric lights were almost like day. The street cars were crowded from end to end. I was told that they were going to some park, I did not catch the name. I think I must have stood there and gazed on that surging throng for more than two hours. The cars were hurrying by, one after another. It was wonderful to see how they could keep from crashing into each

other. The sidewalks were almost a solid stream of men, ladies and children. They would come in parties of half a dozen or more. Mr Ried and I stood and gazed on them, and when a group passed he would nudge me in the side and say in a low tone, "Constine, look!" and when I would see some beauties I could not help nudging him in return. It was amazing, when beholding them, to think how God had made such lovely creatures for only man.

But Richmond is not the only place where pretty women are to be seen. Our old county of Williamsburg can boast of many fair ones who deserve to be honored and respected. Our little town, the King's Tree on the Wee Nee, can show as many handsome and fair ones as any town of its size, and what would man be without them? They hold the world up.

A little more now about the camp and the reunion of the Blue and the Gray. It was thought by some that it was not desired that the battle-flags should be displayed or the Confederate uniform worn. That was a great mistake. Our Northern friends wanted to see us, that they might know us and have the pleasure of shaking our hands. I saw some old, tattered Confederate flags that were too ragged to be unfurled to the wind, but were spread out and pinned to the side of the tent, where they could be plainly seen.

Yes, as I looked at the youth and the beauty of Richmond I thought of fifty years and more ago when the Confederate soldiers stood beating back the host of Northern invaders, whose cry was: "On to Richmond!" but Lee and Jackson said: "Halt!" but did not tell them to retreat, they did that without orders.

Well, once more let's have peace. Now, while our country is so prosperous, let us again thank God. May He still continue to bless the South, the brave men and noble women; yes, the noblest women in the world, there is no disputing that fact; the best wives and mothers. Well might statues be erected and monuments unveiled to them. History tells not of their equal. A monument to the women of the Confederacy has been erected at our State Capital which I must visit soon, hoping to do so during State Fair week. I have for a long time wished to see a monument to the women of the South, the women of Dixie land. Now, with all the forgiveness of past differences between the North and South, and with all the good feeling now existing.

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