

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

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MY TRIP TO GETTYSBURG



ON April 6th, 1911, I visited the battlefield of Gettysburg. An old soldier took me over the field in a buggy; as we drove along he showed me where the different regiments fought. The first thing he showed me was a monument marking the place where the confederates fired the first gun of the beginning of Gettysburg, and where the first union soldier was killed. He took me over the first day's battlefield and half of the second day's battlefield in the morning. The first day's battle was not so great as the second and third.

In the afternoon we went on Cemetery Ridge and in the cemetery there are a great many soldiers buried. There is a large monument in the cemetery where President Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg speech. Near the cemetery on Cemetery Ridge is a statue of General Lee, where he led a charge against the Union regiments. Along the road are large stone fences built by the soldiers and behind them large cannons are posted. The road is on a ridge. We drove along a row of cannons for a distance of two miles. Some of the cannons are behind big rock piles on the hillside. I saw the place where Pickett made his famous charge. I next saw the Devil's Den where the confederate sharp-shooters fired on the union soldiers who were on Little Round Top. Little Round Top is a very rough hill; it has many large rocks and its sides are very steep. General Warren's statue is on Little Round Top where he stood and watched the fighting. There is a large monument on Little Round Top with the names of every soldier who fought on that hill.

Returning, I saw the place they called the high-water mark where a bloody battle was fought and in a forest where a spring is, where the confederates and the union soldiers came for water at night and exchanged coffee for tobacco. The next I saw was the Bloody Angle on a ridge where a hand-to-hand battle was fought and one of the bloodiest battles on the field of Gettysburg. I saw General Meade's statue near Bloody Angle and his headquarters. His headquarters is a little shack with a large flagpole standing near it. The field is dotted over with monuments marking the positions held by different regiments and