

nation, care to the extent of dying for the whole.

On no other day in the year is the lesson of loyalty to the flag so impressively taught as on Memorial day. Then again the people are reminded of the most momentous epoch in the history of the United States, then are seen those who preserved the Union. These stars and stripes mean something; they mean freedom; they mean justice; they mean equal rights; they tell of battles, of sacrifices many, of privations numerous; prolonged suffering, and they tell of victories, physical and spiritual. The flag is no more a piece of bunting it is a symbol of all which is dearest to Americans: freedom to worship a God after the dictates of one's own conscience, free speech, free press, free school, and free thought, equally before the law regardless of birth, station or wealth, fraternity which recognizes neither race, color, sex or religion, all these things are expressed by these stars and stripes, it means our native land, our home.

Not only patriotism, but brotherhood is emphasized on this day. No other body of men are more closely united than comrades who have marched together, tented side by side, fought shoulder to shoulder; as iron is welded to iron in the fierce heat and under the heavy blows, so is soldier welded to soldier in a comradeship which is strong and endures both time and change. We are nearer to one another comrades, than to any other save our own families.

In no other way can the lesson of equality, one of the corner stones of our Republic be so well learned as in a war. All distinctions of wealth and creed are leveled and only manhood tells. Side by side marched Catholic and Protestant, the man from the brown stone front and from the tenement house. Advantage of birth was of no value. Frequently the lowly born proved the most effective soldier. Those of us who served in the Civil war have learned, so that we can never forget, the lesson of equality, and on Memorial day the lesson is repeated for the benefit of all, young and old; side by side march old soldiers, now occupying very different stations in life, broadcloth and jeans walk together. And equality is a lesson still needed, because it has been neglected since the great war. The people of the South looked upon the people of the North as mudsills and on the black man as an animal, they learned by hard knocks that both the mudsill and the negro were men. We are forming nowadays a false standard of manhood. The very rich deem themselves and are regarded by others as made of a little finer clay than others, but it is the same clay only gilded; this needs to be impressed on everyone, else again will disaster come. A man's a man for a' that and a' that, says Robert Burns.

Though into the grand army as a society none of the boys in gray are admitted, yet the partition walls between the great armies are thrown down as they frequently were on picket duty and Johnny and Yank fraternized. Americans both are we now and the whilom confederate would spring as quickly to the defence of an imperilled country as would the old Union man. There are some, who still regret the lost cause, perhaps many who took no part in the bloody baptism of war which has made of old soldiers on both sides free comrades; but most are well content with the final result. Our duty, on both sides is, to teach the younger men that more valuable than any political theory, or social change or religious dogma is the whole nation, and place above loyalty to any church, loyalty to the flag. Among my brothers in arms were men of widely differing faiths and with equal loyalty we defended the same flag; no questions were asked as to what church claimed our membership as we toiled side by side on the weary march or shoulder to shoulder resisted a charge of the enemy. And so we should say impressively in these exercises, above your church you must place your country, over all floats the same stars and stripes. Whatever be your theories about the future, of those who differ from you on religious questions, so far as our flag and our country is concerned we are one.

Friends, one lesson we ought to remember, and that is the importance of trying to understand the other side. "Put yourself in his place" is worthy a position among the commands of God. Could the South and the North had thoroughly understood one another, we could have avoided all the misery and expense of the great war. And differences over various questions of church and state, which separate would vanish did each try to un-

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Dead?

We are some what pessimistic. Perhaps it is on account of a slight attack of indigestion; but now honestly don't you think that things are in a bad condition when many who claim to be liberal, and there are millions of them, can't find time to write a few lines for the TORCH nor do anything to help build the University?

The christians say that infidels are dead in their sins and we begin to think than some of them are.

Look here! If you don't wake up and stand by this work it will fail! There is no necessity for it to fail for a little from each one will accomplish wonders.

If you can't do anything more, for the love of good write us a letter; it may encourage someone else.

But woe unto those who are able to help, and selfishly cling to their filthy lucre! Can't you see the great good that will be left undone unless you help these young people who are waiting for us to give them an education free from the orthodox blight?

Come, let your highest and best mental forces control you, and reach out a helping hand to these boys and girls who are soon to take our places in the great struggle between science and ignorance, between truth and falsehood, between priestcraft and secularism.

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