

HONORED DECEASED COMMANDER.

Oregon City Grand Army Post Conducts Memorial Services.

At Willamette Hall, Monday night, the members of Meade Post G. A. R. and the Women's Relief Corps held joint memorial services in honor of the late Wilmon W. Blackmar, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Following the ritualistic work of the two orders, a memorial address was delivered by Rev. Henry B. Robbins, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city.

Comrades of the Grand Army, Ladies of the Relief Corps, and Friends: I am glad to be able to respond to your very courteous request, and to say a few words memorial of the deceased Commander-in-Chief.

Less than one short year he had filled the office of chief executive of the Grand Army, but, though comparatively young, known outside his own state of Massachusetts up to that time, he succeeded within that short time in capturing the respect and affection of the whole Grand Army.

The military record of Commander Blackmar is one of which any veteran might be proud. He enlisted in the 12th Pa. Cavalry, with which he served for more than two years, during its connection with the Army of the Cumberland.

After the war Captain Blackmar settled in Massachusetts where he studied law and speedily took a leading position at the bar. For ten years he served as Judge Advocate General on the staff of the Governor of Massachusetts, and always occupied a prominent place in the Republican party of that state.

Thus for this man, who was a comrade beloved of his order, a true soldier of the nation, a faithful and patriotic citizen of our country, and at the hour of his death the tried and trusted Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic—for this man the light of life upon earth has gone out; and over the thousands of Posts where meet the Comrades of the Grand Army, and over our hearts as we assemble here, a shadow falls.

But perhaps we think less of our own loss than of the loss irreparable which the wife of Comrade Blackmar has suffered. Our thought and sympathy go out to her in this sad time when the depth of her loss is perhaps just coming with full force upon her.

We are reminded by the sudden departure of this comrade from the ranks of the Grand Army, before that before a great many years the fast thinning ranks will disappear and the last veteran of the Civil War be mustered out. I do not speak of this to cast an unwelcome solemnity over this assemblage; but merely to say that I believe it is high time that the younger generation awake to the fact that the veterans are passing, and pay them the respect that is their due.

I do not glory in war, much less in civil war—for war of any kind is—as Sherman said, "hell." I do not believe that there is a man here before me who shouldered the musket and went to the front in the 60's but would far rather the call had never been sounded. Our nation has ever loved peace, and its voice has ever been raised in the interest of peace and comity among the nations.

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President Lincoln sounded the call to arms in an appeal for 75,000 troops. And thus began the Southward march of the volunteers.

At last the nation is awake; Congress authorizes the call of 500,000 volunteers. How like the onward sweep of a mighty flood they come!

You have been through that baptism of blood and fire; and I speak to you as veterans, men of deep and tried experience. It is far from my purpose, if I could, to trace the bloody scenes of that awful struggle.

Comrades, as a member of the younger generation, I appreciate the example of obedience and fidelity which you have set. And I desire to give expression to the hope that our country will ever gratefully remember the service of the veterans of the Civil War.

But I desire to express the feeling which comes over me, that there are now battles to fight and new victories to win in the life of our country.

"New occasions teach new duties: Time makes ancient uncouth actions; Thy must upward still, and onward, who would keep abreast of truth."

"As man he fought his fight, Proved his truth by his endeavor; Let him sleep in solemn night. Sleep forever and forever."

"Fold him in his country's stars, Roll the drum and fire the volley! What to him are all our wars."

"Leave him to God's watching eye; Trust him to the hand that made him. Mortal love weeps idly by."

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fight yet. We of the rising generation need that you shall continue as in the days of old to be true, to set the wise example, to give the wise leadership.

Commander Blackmar is a conspicuous example of the Civil War veteran who when the war was over still fought the battles of the nation, still did his duty as a man and a citizen.

There is one further thought I wish to urge. I do not know what the attitude of Commander Blackmar toward that emotion of the soul which we call religion.

From his bearing as a man and a citizen, there is reason to believe that his attitude was right. I believe that the words of the President spoken just yesterday afternoon at Oyster Bay to the Christian Brotherhood of that place are true words.

"Let each of us exercise the largest tolerance for the brother who is trying, though in a different way, to lead a decent life, who is trying to do good in his own fashion; let each try to show practical sympathy with that brother, not be too quick to criticize."

"Close his eyes; his work is done! What to him is friend or foe-man, Rise of Moon or set of sun, Hand of man or kiss of woman?"

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