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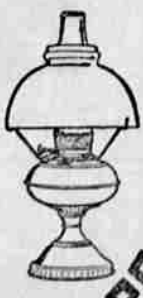
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PATRIOTIC ADDRESS OF MAYOR MATLOCK

DELIVERED BEFORE A JOINT MEETING OF THE G. A. R. AND W. R. C. IN THIS CITY—PATRIOTIC SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED IN ELOQUENT WORDS BY CITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Following is an address delivered not long ago by the Hon. J. D. Matlock, mayor of Eugene, before a joint meeting of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. of this city. It is published at the request of the members of these organizations, who greatly appreciate the sentiments expressed by Mayor Matlock:

Mr. President, Ladies of the Relief Corps and Members of the Grand Army of the Republic:—

I feel a little shaky tonight, yet I know you are all kindly disposed toward me. I have been requested to talk to you on the subject of the Women's Relief Corps.

This society is not like any other benevolent organization. It was organized to give and not receive. You pay in your money that you may have something to give. It was said of old that it was more blessed to give than to receive. This society is a living witness to this truth. You are auxiliary to a society that must fade away as the years go by. It had its origin in the civil war of 1861 to 1865, when patriotic women gathered about their husbands, sons, fathers and friends and bade them God speed as they went forth to save their country.

So does your society tonight gather around all the remnants of that gallant army. Look into these veterans' faces and you are a sample of that gallant band of 46 years ago. See their bearded forms, their eyes dimmed by age, their gray hairs, and behold in their faces the marks of time. The patriotic women of that time were not organized into relief corps, but formed societies, sanitary commissions, etc., for the collection and distribution of hospital and sanitary supplies. Millions of dollars were raised in this manner and expended. Thousands of lives were saved by the direct agency of these loyal women. Hundreds followed the army to the battlefield and kept the hospitals that they might be near and ready to care for the sick, the wounded and dying soldiers whose life blood was fast flowing away. This was the infancy of this matchless organization, whose foundation was laid in the blood of the martyrs of our country and for the freedom of man. After the war was over many of these societies were disbanded—perhaps all. A decade passed. The government resumed specie payment and we were brought face to face with the greatest financial crisis of the age. Scarcely of money, lack of work, sickness and bitter disappointment began to make cruel ravages in the veteran ranks. Hundreds of orphans began to cry for bread, widowed soldiers' wives went up and down the country seeking work and finding none. In this situation where should the veterans turn to but to the loyal women for help and relief. The women who stood by them when they were in the battlefield, offering their lives for their country. They did not forsake them then; would they forsake them now?

Then it was that the women stood up like angels above clouds and answered them right royally, "We stood by you in war, we will stand by you in distress and famine." At once they began to form their ranks and take up the line of march and developed into the present great society, but the name "Woman's Relief Corps" was first used in Portland, Me., under the name of Bowditch Relief Corps. It finally culminated in the formation of a national association, under the name and style of the W. R. C., on July 25, 1883, at Denver, Colorado. About 50 women from different parts of the country were present. This was at the annual session of the Grand Army of the Republic. E. Florence Baker was chosen chairman and Kate Sherwood secretary. It was moved by Kate Sherwood that a national organization be formed on the plan of the Massachusetts work. This motion was adopted.

This is the history (as I understand it) of the causes which led up to the union of all the different aid societies. They had learned that in union there is strength and they were now to use their united efforts to assist the Grand Army, their widows and orphans. Therefore the national society of the W. R. C. dates its organization from July 25, 1883, but don't forget that millions of money and untold sacrifice had already been endured and expended for the relief of needy soldiers, widows and orphans.

During the war all these patriotic societies (which had now been united into one harmonious whole) were glad to have the assistance of all patriotic women, no matter whether they were the wives, sisters or daughters of soldiers. Their assistance was earnestly solicited, and they freely and lavishly sacrificed their means and their time to nurse, care for and relieve the wants and sufferings of the sick and wounded soldiers of the army and on the battlefield. It is conclusive to my mind that the W. R. C. was fashioned and formed on the principle of the original aid societies and that it is right to receive aid and comfort and membership from any patriotic woman whether she is or is not the wife, daughter, sister or relative of a veteran. This society's foundation is broad, but not more so than the soldier's was, when he enlisted in the army to fight, not alone for his liberty but to sacrifice his life if need

be, for the freedom of man, be he white or black; that the declaration of independence might stand an accomplished fact to an astonished world, and that countless millions of the human race might shelter under the ample folds of the stars and stripes, in security. Other societies have been formed which take no members except the wives, widows, daughters, sisters or relatives of veterans. They are good societies and may do much good, but I think they could do more good if all their mighty power was united with the W. R. C., and on its principles. There ought to be no jealousy between them and the W. R. C., and especially there should be none on the part of the W. R. C. As you are the acknowledged auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, and because you cover all the ground that any other would-be auxiliary does, or can, and you go further and take in all good, loyal women of America. You stand for the same principles our forefathers did when they founded this government and penned the immortal declaration of independence and declared that all men are created free and equal; that they are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps, I am glad to be here tonight and that I can greet you as members of a society whose principles are as broad and solid as the declaration of independence, and whose charter grants liberty and equality to all women and admits to membership all good, true, loyal women. The same principles which governed the relief societies during when in the cause of human events heretofore govern the W. R. C. today; then relief was gladly received from any one who desired to relieve the distressed, the hungry, the sick or wounded soldiers. I must conclude that, as an organization, no other so fully covers the ground as an auxiliary, as does yours. I am not here, ladies, to flatter you, but I believe you will always stand at the head of all relief societies of the veterans of America.

The principles of the Woman's Relief Corps, as I understand them, are:

First, to aid the Grand Army of the Republic.

Second, to perpetuate the memory of their heroic deeds and of the dead.

Third, to assist such veterans as need help and protection.

Fourth, to extend aid to their widows and orphans, to find them homes and employment, and to give them sympathy, thereby leading them up toward the throne of God.

Fifth, to maintain true allegiance to the United States.

Sixth, to inculcate lessons of patriotism among our children and citizens in communities in which we live and of the whole union.

Seventh, to spread the love of universal liberty among men.

Eighth, to inculcate lessons of patriotism and devotion to our flag; to see that the flag floats over every schoolhouse in the land; to encourage singing patriotic songs in the exercises of our schools.

Tenth, to see that soldiers' homes are established in every state in sufficient numbers to care for the aged and feeble soldiers who are not able to care for themselves.

There are now about 3000 corps in the United States with an average membership of 80 to the corps. You have expended since 1883 more than \$3,500,000 in relief of union soldiers. You are the largest and most wealthy patriotic benevolent association in the world. You are annually expending about \$300,000 for relief. You carry a large relief fund. You have more than 150,000 members, all patriotic women. You are adding about 5000 members to your society annually. The best women in the land, in all the walks of life consider it an honor to be enrolled under your banner, which has for its motto "Fraternality, Charity, Loyalty."

Thus the streams of love continue to flow through many channels to the one great end, viz., to the relief of destitute veterans, their wives, widows and orphans.

The expenditures which I have mentioned are but a small portion of what is actually being disbursed by this organization. Thousands of dollars in clothing and other kinds of assistance has been rendered, or which no account has been taken or maintained.

Hundreds of thousands of entertainments have been given for the enjoyment of the old soldiers and their families and friends. These all cost money, yet no account has been taken of them in their calculations. At these gatherings thousands of hearts have been made glad; the sunshine of pleasure and true happiness is being let into the hearts of the despondent and feeble old soldiers as they are stepping into the shadows of eternity. God is blessing and will continue to bless the ladies of the W. R. C., and they stand in bold relief among the patriotic benevolent institutions of America as a bright morning star, still shining brightly when others have passed away.

In conclusion, ladies, I predict that these principles will forever enfold the members of the Woman's Relief Corps with a halo of glory.

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