

when consecrated to country, to freedom and to God.

The old and the young, the friend and the stranger, as they look upon this mute but eloquent symbol, may read the record of noble deeds done at Port Gibson, of heroic struggles and battles won in the death charge at Black River Bridge and at Champion Hills, and of the patient siege and successful assault upon the enemy's stronghold at Vicksburg, where our noble 22d

“Right in the van,
On the red rampart's slippery swell,
With hearts that beat a charge, they fell
Foeward, as fits a man.”

And from this learn the lesson, that “eternal vigilance is the price of liberty”—and having learned, resolve in their minds that the boon is worth the price, and pledge upon this rent flag of our Union the sacred honor of their hearts that they will maintain unto death the indissoluble “Union of the States,” and swear they will cease not their efforts till a peaceful flag floats all over our country, on every breeze that blows, the breath of the Omnipotent One who has decreed in the “Court of Heaven” that this land shall be the “land of the free and the home of the brave.”

At the close of these exercises, the crowd was dismissed to the supper tables, where ample justice was done the bountiful repast. After supper, the floor of the main room was cleared, and the young folks (and some not young) started a dance, which, when we left, was in full blast. The net proceeds were nearly \$250. It was a great affair, enjoyed by all present.

WHAT IS A POUND?—The original pound under William the Conqueror was a pound of silver coined into twenty shillings, which pound of silver is now coined into sixty-six shillings, and there have been no less than thirty-three different pounds since William the Conqueror.

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