

Comrades we, as members of the G. A. R. have met to day to perform this pious duty of doing honor to our dead Comrades. Let us on this day sacred to their memory throw our minds back to the days when they were our companions in the ranks of the army both in the moments of sufferings or in the hours of joy. Let us revive in our recollections their deeds of bravery, their acts of patriotism for their country and of kindness and brotherly devotion to their Comrades.

Their race of life is now run, their last battle has been fought. They have closed their eyes to sleep, never to wake again. In that eternal sleep let them rest in peace.

Comrades, whilst performing this sacred duty towards our dead companions and while thus speaking of what we have done in our young days in the American Republic, let us not forget that we are Canadians, and that we also are living in a free country. Let us not forget that our first and dearest affections are for those who are nearer to our hearts, and that what we did elsewhere many years ago for the defence of the liberties and the right of others, we would be ready to do again for the defence of our own flag and the protection of our own country. Loyalty and fidelity are the two cardinal virtues of a

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