

there had been nobody left but the soldiers we would have had peace in a year. — and — are the only two that I know who do not seem to be satisfied on the Southern side. We have some on ours who failed to accomplish as much as they wished, or who did not get warmed up in the fight until it was all over, who have not had quite full satisfaction. The great majority, too, of those who did not go into the war have long since grown tired of the long controversy. We may now well look forward to a perpetual peace at home, and a national strength that will screen us against any foreign complication. I believe, myself, that the war was worth all it cost us, fearful as that was. Since it was over I have visited every State in Europe, and a number in the East. I know, as I did not before, the value of our inheritance."

The splendid inter-sectional loyalty of the soldier never shone more greatly than in this utterance. Peace and harmony between the sections had always been his hope. His broad statesmanship had ever held this to be the one supreme question. He did not look at it with the eyes of a time-serving politician, but with the full gaze of a man eager for his country's welfare. It was the first idea which came to him when the war ended. That he had assisted in its accomplishment was his last happy thought when death was upon him.

Immediately after his decease a guard was placed around the cottage. The mourning was universal. Messages of sympathy came from all portions of the habitable globe. His words, "Let us have peace," had been answered. The monarchs of Europe laid their wreaths upon the tomb of the man who was a greater monarch than them all. The generosity with which he had ever treated the South bore rich fruit. There was regard and regret for him for whom strife and disquiet were no more, and thousands of ex-Confederates flocked to his funeral. Among the pall-bearers were Generals Johnston and Buckner. General Gordon rode second in rank to General Hancock, who was in command of the arrangement of the obsequies. General Fitzhugh Lee