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Downers Grove, III.

"AMERICA'S UN-FINISHED TASK

Memorial Sermon Delivered by the Rev. J. Affred Nansen Last Sunday Morning.

At the request of Naper Post, G. A. R., we are reproducing the annual Memorial Sermon, delivered last Sunday morning at the First Evangelical Church by its pastor, the Rev. J. Alfred Nansen.

Nearly every local member of the Grand Army of the Republic was present at the service.

AMERICA'S UNFINISHED TASK A Challenge to Modern Heroism.

In Colossians 3:11 I find words written by Paul as a description of an ideal Christian Community--- "Where there is neither Jew nor Greek, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Seythian, bond nor Free." It seems to me that if there is one earthly nation where these words should be made descriptive of conditions existing within it, it is the United States of America. The ideals of America fundamentally call for such conditions.

America's unfinished task is the building of a human brotherhood of individuals and of nations. It was the theory of equality and recognition of identity which led us into a separate national existence. The heroes of the '60s successfully fought for national perpetuity, yet before they laid down their arms saw the black man freed from brutal human traffic-the abominable slace trade.

To attain the standard which is fundamental in the ideals of our great country. America must become a land where, in practice as well as theory, shall there be no recognition of some as foreigners and others as favored natives, no boss control in politics or economics, no separating class distinction but a land where we are all one in intelligent liberty, maintaining a government of the people, for the people and by the people which is more than the oratorical phraseology of an idle axium.

I believe the present generation of young Americans should be led with greater effort to cultivate the memories of our country's patriotic past and that type of heroism which led many to pay the last full price of devotion at the shrine of national patriotism in the fateful years of '61 To make the past history of our nation live again to the present generation, conserving the best ideals and virtues of today-such is the purpose of the observance of such a Memorial Occasion as this.

But let the youth of today, rather than merely to feel the thrill of battle as scenes bitter carnage are described in glowing terms, let them be deeply stirred by the emotional principles for which blue clad lads left home and fireside at the country's call to service. Let them know of the sacrifices, made by men and women alike in the days of civil strife, at the altar of true patriotism. Let them appreciate, if it be possible, the tremendous price paid in blood for the liberty they now enjoy. And thus we will inspire our young citizens with a resolute purpose to maintain our past national character, individually fulfilling the national duties of good citizenship, respecting the rights of others and themselves contributing something to social betterment. Then America's unfinished task will go on to completion. Then the hernes of yesterday who now totter with the weight of years and grow wrinkled and infirm, rapidly answering one by one to the last great roll call, these veterans will gladly relinquish their work and entrust it with confidence to younger hearts and hands.

With the boys of the '60s we honor today all who in our national history fought or died for similar ideals: those who fought and died in the birth throes which launched the United States into the world's history as an independent Republic; those who fought for the country's protection in 1812, and those who since the days when Blue and Gray engaged in civil strife. fought for worthy ideals in the Spanish-American war and the recent World War. Chums of some here, sons of others, cannot be with us. Their bodies lie buried in rude graves in shell torn fields of France, in Flander's fields, where poppies grow. This knowledge adds much of pathos to our observance of Memorial Day this year. And we would not refrain from expressions of gratitude to those returned soldiers, the great khaki clad army, whose timely appearance on the scenes of conflict turned the tide and brought speedy conclusion to the fatal carnage.

But today let us speak briefly of the setting of the Civil strife. We will see in it something of the vast debt we owe to Christian leadership for America's present greatness.

1860 was followed immediately by finished task. The state cannot rise

Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Flor- its achievements the it may be led ida, Georgia, Louisiana and Texas. by champions of higher idealism and

states had drawn up ordinances by implies an active interest in and stuwhich they declared their relation to dy of all national and international the other states of the Union dis-problems. solved. They quickly set up a rival May God grant to our great nation government with Jefferson Davis of His continued blessing! Whoever Missouri at its head. So long as holds up these institutions among President Buchanan remained in of- men lifts God in remebrance among fice their rebellious action was not their generation for God is the founhindered by any interference by ac- der of them all. tion from Washington.

came and brought with it to the pres- dependence upon Thee. Give us Thy idency, Abraham Lincoln with his firm continued blessing, peace and prosconviction of right, his courage his perity thru Christ our Lord." Amen. wisdom and his faith, the Southern secessionists began to tremble for the ANNUAL CLASS success of their action.

Lincoln immediately advanced the principle that further acts of secession could not be carried on without it being construed as aggressive acts of war. Following the bombardment of Ft. Sumpter April 12 and 13, 1861, the president made his first call for 75,000 of the militia of the States. Very soon Virginia, North Carolina. Arkansas and Tennessee joined the rebellious league of the Confederacy. Lincoln issued a call for volunteers and the war was on in earnest. "In all history," says Larned, in his fifth volume of the History of the World. able task than Lincoln as he faced to accomodate the spectators at the civil strife and no human accomplishment ever surpassed his successful Fashioned Singing School" with Al settlement of it." But Lincoln did not ment. Each day at the White House there was a Cabinet Prayer Meeting for Divine guidance. Lincoln's trust in God, his concern that they be on God's side, the side of right, and his fixed confidence that in this great crisis he was on God's side, this made him a peerless leader for a troubled period like this in national life.

What means our Memorial Day Have we met today to glorify warfare? Have we met to celebrate military achievement? Have we met to keep alive hostility which will invite civil strife by the separation of men into social classes? Do we desire

By this service today, we recognize with honor and respect those who have sacrificed for the righteous cause. There is only one glory in war, and that is when it is fought; out of necessity for a righteous cause. "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any peo-

There are three institutions upon which the accomplishment of America's unfinished task is dependent, the Family, the Church and the State.

The Family is God's first unit of society. Sometimes I fear that the modern way of living is only too productive of the decadence of family life. We need homes where husband and wife are happy in the companionship of one another and where the children are taught by example the intrinsic value of personal character. The growth of immorality with the consequent decadence of family life has been written into the history many great nations which flourished in the past but which today are no longer in existence. We must emphasize from pulpit and school room that social purity and family integrity are patriotic duties of good citizenship.

The Church has always been the champion of the things that are best and highest in national life. In the midst of the Civil War, almost crushed by the responsibilities which he was hearing. Abe Lincoln significantly said "God bless the churches, and blessed be God who in this great cri sis has given us the churches."

Roger W. Babson, America's greatest statistician was recently in South America. As guest of the President of the Argentine Republic they drifted into conversation about the comparitive greatness of North and of South America. "Why is it" asked the President, "That South America the much richer in natural resources and settled before North America is the reading of the last will and teststill so far behind her, and so backward in her type of civilization?" Babson had no ready answer and the president himself ventured to answer of the Spiritualists to invoke the spirhis own question. "I have thought its of the future. Raymond Wales. a great deal about it," he said. "And Medium, and Harriett Putnam, Spirit have come to the conclusion that it valist, held a seance in which the fuis this-Worldly Spaniards came first ture characters of the graduates took to South America seeking gold but humble Pilgrims came first to North cross the stage in true ghostly fash-America seeking God and building ion, depicting the many professions, places for his worship."

American villages do not sufficient- bers are destined to follow in the fuly appreciate today the presence of the churches of the community. God pity a nation or any community or organization which witholds from the Night long to be remembered and church its support or which takes a fitting finish to the fun of the active opposition to its ideals and Class of 1920.

onservatism. The State also has a place in carrying out the ideals of America's unfinished task. Among the nations of the world stands the United States as a leader. To extend her brotherhood of men to a brotherhood of nations is The election of President Lincoln the broader aspect of America's un-

rebellious action on the part of South above the tide of public sentiment in CITY MEN ASK Within three weeks these seven greater vision, hence good citizenship

Benediction-"Lord God of Hosts But when the 4th of March, 1861, be with us yet. lest we forget our

NIGHT EXERCISES

Students Entertained Friends and Relatives on Last "Fun Night" of School.

As usual the Assembly Hall at the high school was crowded to the doors on Tuesday evening at the annual class night of the graduating class of D. G. H. S. Every seat held two and the folding chairs were necessary

Opening the program was "An Old wyn Fleming in the capacity of Singcall it merely a human accomplish- ing Master. This was undoubtedly the premier offering of the evening. Dressed in a miscellaneous lot of costumes some of which could easily have graced the students grandparents at their graduation exercises, the grads entertained with a miscellaneous lot of "melodies."

All day suckers gum and various kinds of musical instruments, shared the attention of the music pupils equally with what their master was telling and teaching them. The old songs, "Ben Bolt," "Old Folks at Home," "Reuben-Reuben." and "Auld Lang Syne." were the numbers "practiced." A quartette composed of Albe repeated? Never! God forbid! wyn Fleming, Marie Nielsen, Margabet Hitchcock and Ben Morgan, as a special favor showed the rest of the class really how to do it. They sang "Love's Old Sweet Song" and "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes."

Romanzo Lacey, as the class cut up, was the hit of the evening. Very early in the practice by order of the master he was delegated to sit on the dunce stool at the head of the class. Here he entertained not only the audience, but members of the singing school with his antics. As a musician on the mouth organ and jews harp, he was not long allowed to survive the displeasure of the master. That most of his stuff was extemporane-

As very special numbers for the evening Flora Flood was called upon This turned out to be the class poem and her rendition of it was excellent. Delight Verdenius, when called upon by the class head, for a recitation, gave the class history. She told of the many changes which have come over that large band of Freshmen of four years ago and who were that night's Seniors and many little sidelights on the doings

A very sad affair was the second part of the program when the will of D. Ed. Senior was read. The tears of the players were mingled with the tears of laughter, of the audience, as the most precious possessions of the departing students were "wished" on those remaining in the school.

Robert Anderson made a very efficient lawyer. Biting off his sentences in a very professional way. Mr. Fave Culty Guthrie Boon; Mr. Hi School, Arhtur Tylor; Mica June Yore, Dorothy Bordwell; Miss Sopnie More, Helen Beidelman and A. Freshman. Stanley Huntington, were very sad in the roles of chief mourners at ament of the very much D. Ed. Sen-

Ending the evening was a meeting an important part. They flitted atrades and callings which the memture. Some of them were very true to what the present would indicate. Taking it all in all it was a Class

European Flowers. An authority on hotany estimates that the number of species of flowers cultivated in Europe is 4,300, of which 420 possess an agreeable perfume. Odors are most likely to be found in flowers, having white or cream-colored petals, then yellow, red, blue or violet

AT AGENCY FOR FARMING JOBS

As the grocery bills mount higher and higher and the hope of saving for the inevitable rainy day on a city salary gets slimmer and slimmer, Chicago men of every occupation line up in the farm bureau labor office of the Illinois Agricultural Association and ask for the chance to pitch hay, new mown or mildewed.

week that the I. A. A. has endeavcred to furnish farmers with hired help, ninety-six men applied for the country jobs-only fifteen of whom were men of country experience, which is a strong testimony by men who have struggled in it all their WERE ENJOYABLE lives that the city is not the Utopia that it is sometimes advertised to be.

> While it has been necessary to disappoint 474 of the 624 applicants because they lacked the technical knowledge that is a part of the efficient farmer, quite a service has been rendered the Illinois farmers when 150 men have been supplied. The railroad switchmen and the traveling salesmen who covet the wholesomeness and satisfaction of farm life do not always realize the amount of skill farming requires. But the waiting line does not shorten and the labor scarcity problem has been solved for a worth while number of farmers. The Bureau will continue and if any one needing a hired man will write to the I. A. A., 130 North Wells st., and state his wants it may be possi-

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