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## THE DEAD SOIDIERE OF THE UNION ARMY

## PROGRAMME FOR "COMMEMORATION DAY."

 A meeting of delegates from all the posts of 8. the Grand Army of the Republic in the city was held on Tuesday evening at the rooms of Post Cameron, No. To, for the purpors of taking action relative to the ceremonies to be obsorved on "Commemoration Day." Sunday, Mny 30, when floral offerings will be placed on the graves of Union soldiers andsailors. As it would be impossible to go to all the cemetorles, the Commfteo decided upon Cypras Hili Burlal Ground, Brooklyn, as the scene of the impressive ceromony. After somo discussion it was agreed that the procession should assemble on the east side of Washtigton-squire, at 0 o'clock sunday morning, the Posts to take precedence in accordance with the rank of their Post Commanders; the Senior Commander on the right, the next Senior on the lefl. \&e., the entire column to be formed as follows: Miltary on the right of the line. carrlages containing the speakers of the day, invited guests, dec; efvil officers, and members of the staff of the National Department Headquarters; a monument, sur rounded by a guard of honor, composed of one-armed soldfers; wagons containing floral cohtributions: the Grand Army of the Republic, closing with such clvil socleties as may Join the procession, to be arranged by the Grand-Marsbal, Col Levin Crandell. At 10 a . m. the column will move down Broadway to Fulton-st., to Fulton Ferry. On the Brooklyn side, those on foot will take the - street-cars to Cypress Hill Cemetery. Arrived at the grounds, a dirge will be played, followed by a prayer by the Rev. Edward P. Smith, to be succeeded by singing. Introdyctory remarks will be made by Gen. Damiel E. Siokles, and the formal address will then bo delivered by Col. E. B. Lanslig of Aubhro, N. Y., Vice Grand Commander Desse partment of New-York. A poem is also to be read tr after which Gen. O.O. Howard will dellver an oration, the decoration of the graves will follow, and the benealction will bring the oxercises in the Cometery to a close. In the evening services will be held at some pubHo hall not yet decided upon, conducted in the following manner: Prayer, openlag hymn, introductory, Gen. Sickles, musio, memorial sermon probably by Dr. Bellows, muste, ciosing lymm, benediction. For the evening ceromonles tickets will be sold at 50 cents.


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## GERMAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CENTRAL UNION.

A convention of the "German Roman Catholic Central Union," recently held in this city, was inaugurated by a grand procession, continuing its march from early in the morning till noon, on the Sabbath, May 31st.

This procession, as represented by the public papers, was composed of several thousand persons, embracing delegates from most of the large cities in the United States. It was an imposing pageant, with several military companies as an escort, with bands of music, and numerous banners. The procession started from Third Street, and made a circuit of nearly one third of the city, marching several miles, and through more than twenty of the principal streets and avenues. Great crowds were attracted to the line of march. Churches and Sunday-schools on the route were disturbed in their worship, and in some cases had to suspend their services on account of the noise in the streets. Many hundreds of persons on their way to their respective churches were stopped in consequence of the obstruction, and were detained, in some instances, at least half an hour by the procession.

Our citizens have never before been compelled to witness such a glaring encroachment upon the quietude and sanctity of the Sabbath day. Even during the exigencies of the late war the Mayor and Common Council, in compliance with the request of citizens, decided against the public reception of returning regiments on Sunday, and in a communication upon the subject said:
"We fully agree with you that a due observance of law, as well as sanitary, social, moral, and religious considerations, forbid all public invasions of the quietude and sanctity of the Sabbath, except in cases where the public safety or other exigency demands it."

There was no such exigency in this case. The grand pageant might as well have taken place on any other day.

The New York Sabbath Committee, sustained by the friends of good order and by the public press, have for many years made efforts to abate some of the more flagrant forms of Sabbath desecration, and they deem it to be their duty, on behalf of those whom they represent, publicly and earnestly to protest against this new form of invasion of the Lord's Day.

The employment of Sunday for public pageants with bands of music, and the noisy accompaniments of a great procession, is a direct infringement upon the feelings and rights of Christian households and congregations, and contravenes the recognized uses and associations of our American Sabbath. And every community has an equal right to the moral safeguards which the Sabbath brings.

In a case before the Supreme Court, in 1861, where it was urged that a person had a right to use the Sabbath as a day for innocent recreation, Judge Wm. F. Allen, in delivering the opinion of the Court, said, "That is not innocent which tends to interrupt the quiet of th worship of the Sabbath, and which grievously offends the moral sense of the community."

We would respectfully represent to the City Authorities and Police Department, as wel as to all who have participated in this breach of the quiet and peace of the Sabbath day, that th disturbance of public worship, and the obstructing of the free passage in any street to a place o worship on Sunday, is a violation of our laws, and should not be allowed hereafter.

## New York Sabbath Committee:

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5 Bible House, New York, June, 1868.

The foregoing protest was signed by a large number of the most respectable and influentis citizens, including ministers of the various Protestant denominations.



