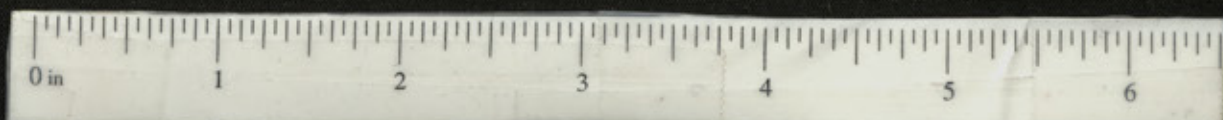
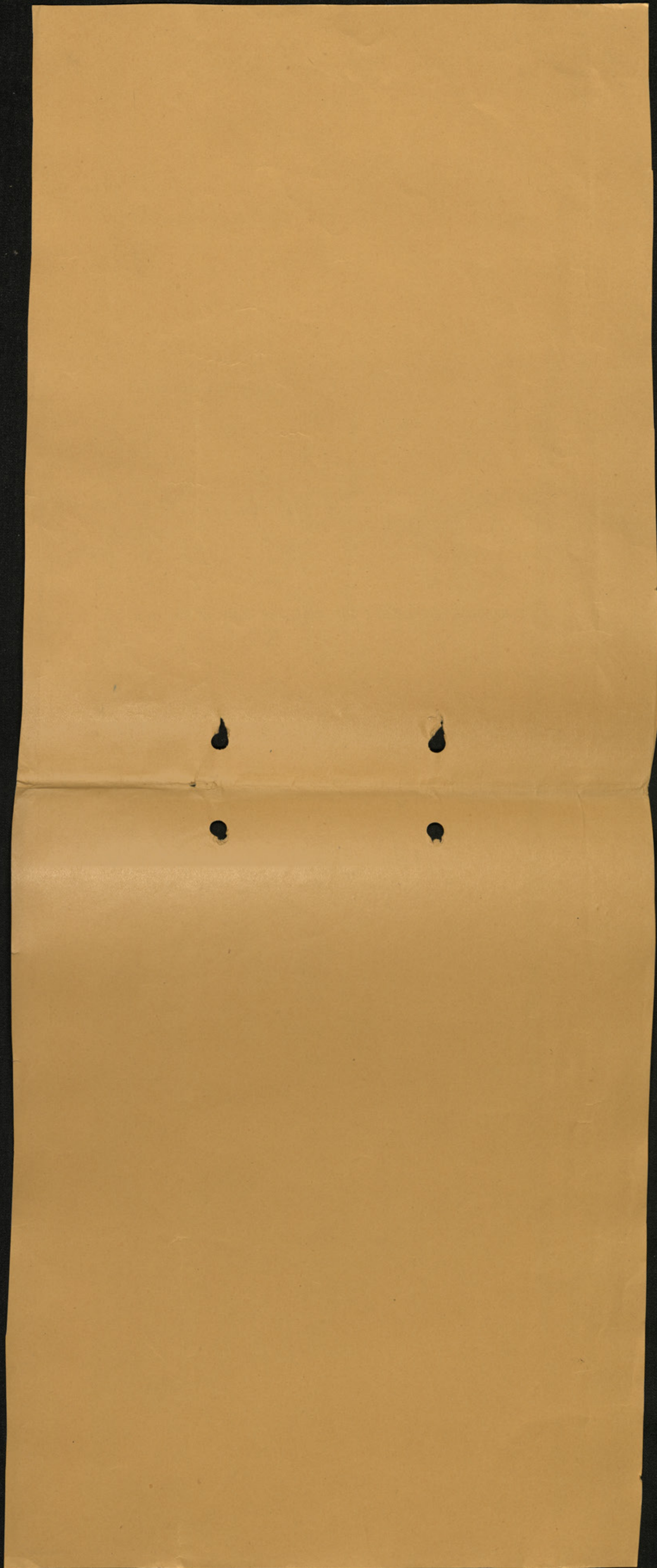


HOW THE SOLDIER RECEIVES AND DESERVES REMEMBRANCE.

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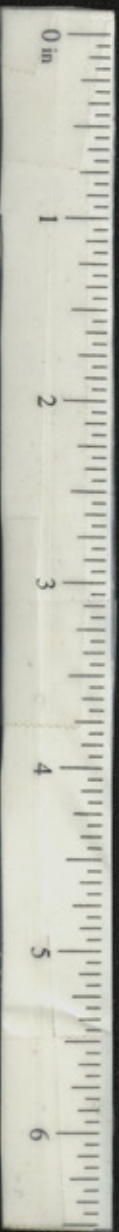




How the soldier receives and deserves remembrance.

Entertaining such views with regard to the American soldier as I have endeavored in this address to express I am especially gratified to find that the people of this city, in the midst of their busy manufactures and lively trade; in face of the all absorbing study and labor for daily support and for securing to themselves and to their children permanent and cheerful homes; or in the heart of a thousand distractions incident to personal and local public interests have never been so much engrossed and diverted as to forget their soldiers.

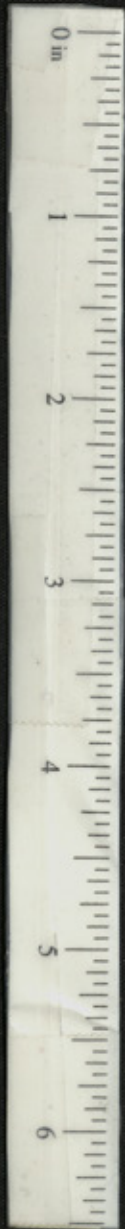
I would be glad to record here the names and history of each. But our fellow citizens have already done this and will continue to do so; to adorn the record, - to speak of the fields of danger and the acts of prowess of the sons, brothers, husbands, lovers, sires and ancestors who are commemorated by this monument. A family which is worthy to be a family is proud of a brave and true man, and while the family exists



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and retains a spark of genuine patriotism, it will not allow the tradition of his sacrifice on the altar of genuine liberty and free government to fade away! Years only add to the heroic story. I am glad old time promotes - never degrades - the best servants of an epoch. - Yes, ~~the~~ ^{he} may lift them into mythology and dub them demi-Gods; - Still even in the enveloping cloud of glory you find sufficient touches of the earthly and the human to excite in you the desire for better and higher things than the mere drudgery of an uneventful life.

Now this sentiment now affects us as we look at the fame of the so recently departed Longfellow. The lives of great men ~~of~~ ^{all} remind us, ~~that we can~~ ^{can} make our lives sublime, And, departing, leave behind us, Footprints on the sands of time; We can look at a name engraven upon the face of our Soldiers' monument and say, "He did nobly; he gave his all, his life to preserve to us and our children the inheritance of our fathers. Aye, he did more, he added good fuel to the



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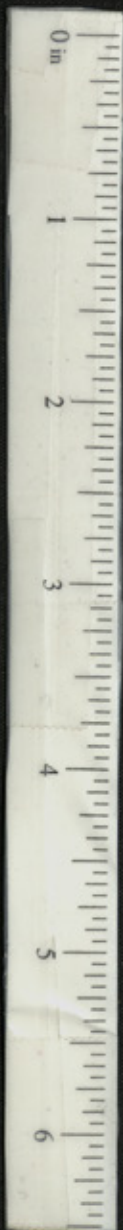
fire of our purification!"

Yes, young men, sons of Maine, your fathers were early in the field. from Bull Run to Port Hudson, from Fair Oaks to Gettysburg, from Chancellorsville to Appomattox, yes, in the hundreds of places familiar to you where men could bleed and die, from your eastern boundary to the Rocky Mountains, from your Northern line to the Gulf, their forms are lying with or without definite marks of recognition; but their work is emblazoned on the hearts of all civilized men.

A personal reminiscence.

I shall never forget a scene that occurred near this spot. When in 1862, two of your boys, born within sixteen miles of this city, were brought home sadly battered, one on a stretcher and the other on his feet though pretty weak from his wounds, - your whole town turned out to meet them. The sweet words of sympathy and appreciation have passed into the eternal spaces, but the remembrance of the comfort and hope inspired can never be effaced from their minds.

Yes, yes, with such a constituency who would



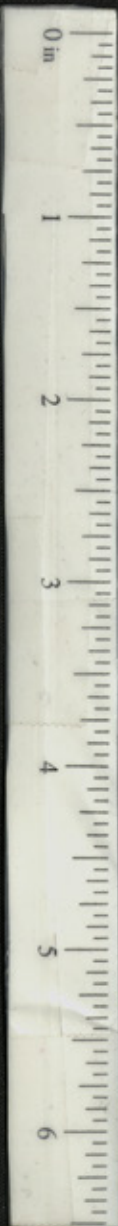
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not do and dare! - I am glad indeed that honor and love are still the rewards which you extend to your faithful servants.

Civil heroism commended.
As you have seen, in esteem I put peace before war; so I rejoice to put the civil hero ahead of the military.

When Blaine enters the lists, I am sometimes in a whirlwind of excitement as when the cavalry ^{squadron} makes a desperate charge, but I soon cool down to catch sight of his plume luminous on the fields of victory. God knows if he will reach the pinnacle of American ambition! But we do know that it will take indefatigable energy to outstrip him, and that while he breathes there will be life-power in this republic.

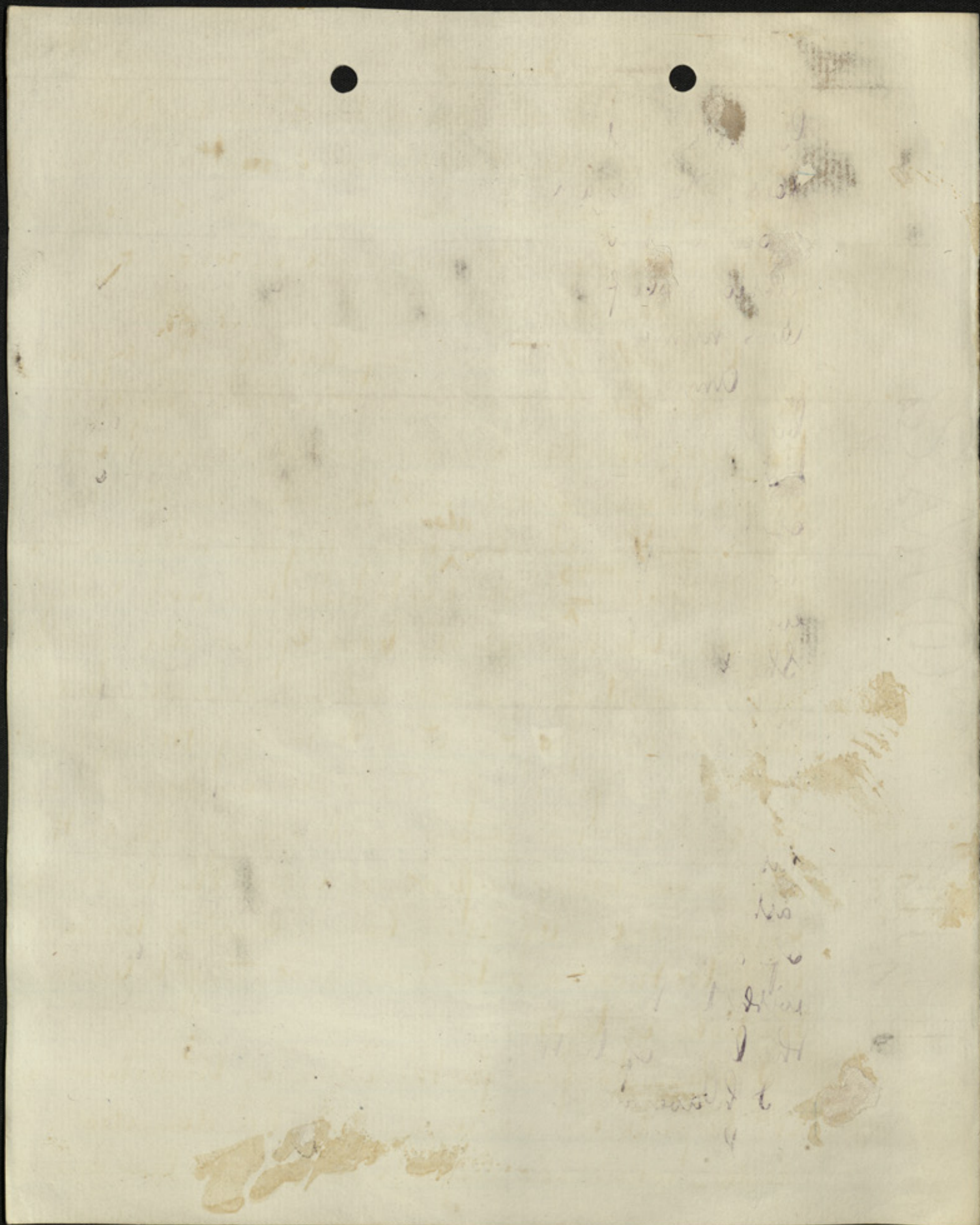
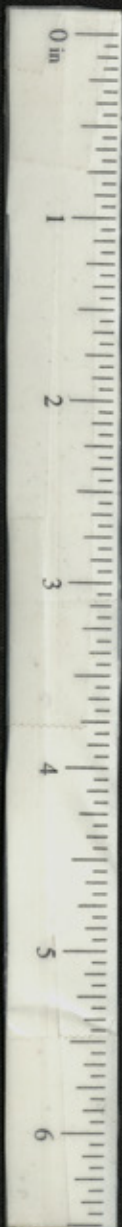
My friend and classmate Frye in the Senate of the United States with untold honors at his behest! His ascension ^{his attainment} almost bewilders me. Of course you ~~cannot~~ honor him as he deserves, because ^{potrooth} ~~this~~ ^{his} very place is his own country, but I am confident from your past and present conduct you will do your best. How nobly and completely in eloquent words and purity of example the Christian Dingley



honor his city and his State!

I might go on... and name the Jessendens, the Washburns, the Grovers, the Morrills, names which I have honored from my childhood, names which have been beneath and supporting the army, the navy, the executive, the legislature, the judiciary, yea, all the machinery of republican institutions; but why multiply? The civil record is written far above the military - and it will doubtless reach far beyond us, ^{My} comrades, in the history of our country. But it is because ^{we} the people military and civil mean it shall be so.

France and America in Revolution.
France struggled through her awful and bloody revolution. She set out to crush tyranny and secure liberty to her people. All the civilized nations of Europe were at one time arrayed against her sons. Then her military heroes were multiplied. They did nobly: they beat off their enemies from every side, four to one; and secured peace from the reluctant nations. But there was not civil wisdom and strength ^{in France} enough to curb the military spirit or quench the thirst for blood. Civil France was not strong enough to keep back her



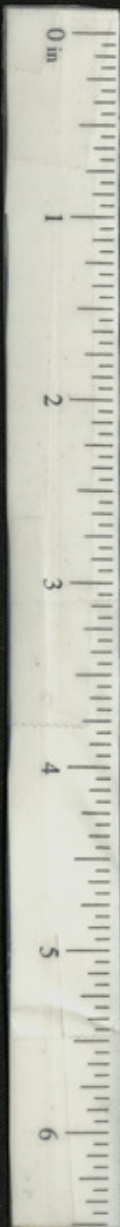
Generals, not strong enough to forgive her internal foes. So for a long time the nation ~~sweltered~~^{staggered} in the blood of her martyred children, while dominant factions scoffed at the restraints of wholesome laws human and divine.

America's Statesmanship has done the opposite; by it she has curbed all vaulting military ambition; yes 'she has feared it even in the shadows of its morning and said "thus far, my son and no farther!" She has ^{also} freely forgiven her enemies even her chief ^{enemy}, she has treated him most kindly. She has let him eat the bread of her soil, publish volumes in defense of slavery and disunion and himself, and proposes still to wait patiently without revenge for his penitent acknowledgement of his sins and her favors and blessings - as, at the last he can hardly help doing, unless the bitterness of a mistaken life shall have encrusted his soul with too thick and too hard a coating to let in the light of truth.

America's future - dangers -
I have no fear for the future of America while she keeps to her national and her domestic faith - while she respects the divine law and

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human rights. - but I do tremble at broken Sabbath^s, at drunken and debauched functionaries, at ^{broken} treaty obligations, at our unstable conduct towards the weaker peoples among us, at vast accumulations of wealth in few or individual hands, at encroachments upon the schools by designing and secret combinations, at the disposition of so many to strike blows at the church of the Messiah, at the infidelity fostered in some of our greatest centers of learning, - yea, at ^{all} these dirty bubbles of reaction which keep coming to the surface. But they are only bubbles of impurity, are they not?

They are the thick scums that rise above the sap ^{which} when skimmed off will give us a purer syrup. ~~the consequence of the scums and the skimmings.~~

At any rate, young men and young women, forgive us of this age if we have not done enough. ^{if you will} write our names upon the simple monuments, ^{but while you need} our virtues; ~~and~~ for your own sake, for your country's sake, avoid our mistakes and our vices. So ^{now, again} all honor to ^{your} dead heroes, and warm greeting to living, working, loving hearts which shall forever, better than granite, enshrine them.

