

Address
delivered at
Sheridan Memorial
Sunday evening
Aug 19th 1888

No. 12.

Subject
General Sheridan

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Sunday evening
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On the 6th of August (this year of our Lord 1888)
the President, in a letter to Congress, used these
words: "

It becomes my painful duty to announce to Congress and the people of the United States the death of Philip H. Sheridan, General of the Army, which occurred at a late hour last night at his summer home in the State of Massachusetts. The death of this soldier and patriotic son of the Republic, though his long illness has been regarded with anxiety, has nevertheless shocked the country and caused universal grief. He had established for himself a strong hold in the hearts of his fellow-countrymen, who soon caught the true meaning and purpose of his soldierly devotion and heroic temper. His intrepid courage, his steadfast patriotism and the generosity of his nature inspired with peculiar warmth the admiration of all the people. Above his grave affection for his name and pride of his achievements will struggle for mastery, and too much honor cannot be accorded to one who was so richly endowed with all the qualities which make his death a national loss.

we have come together tonight to respond ^{particularly}
to the last sentiment of the President touching
^{our} ~~the~~ worthy chieftain, who has been ^{so recently} translated
from his high ^{station} place among us to a place ~~of~~ scenes
beyond ~~the reach of~~ ^{both} our vision. We would both
show ^{a justifiable} affection for his name and ^{pride} in
his achievements. We would
accord to ^{his memory} ~~him~~ all the honors we can, and
ask of our heavenly father strong consolation

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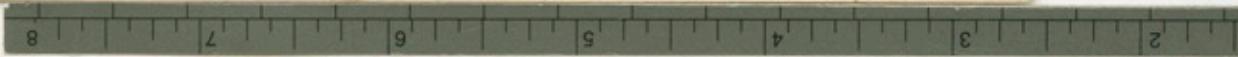
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tion for his little family in these sad
hours of its bereavement.

Perhaps those of us ^{at about the same age} who have been long
associated, at the ^{Military} Academy & in all the eventful
subsequent ~~years~~ ^{years}, have too much knowledge
of detail to be the best judges of real history, so
let me not attempt a protraction of his 39
years of eminent service, but ~~simply~~ merely
write a few ~~very~~ impressions.

His comrades justly accord to him a soldierly
competence. As company officer, quartermaster,
commissionary, regimental, brigade, and division
Commander, positions which he successively held,
he ever did his whole duty and with zest. ^{His} ~~This~~
valuable experience enabled him to grow in
knowledge & strength as he was advanced.

His ^{successful} command of mounted men when
a lieutenant in Indian warfare led to
his selection for a Cavalry regiment, and this
in turn to the Cavalry Corps. Like Grant & Sherman
he had his

dark days - but to see a division caught in flank & broken never made Sheridan falter for an instant. That was the time for intensified resolve and for plans to recover ^{lost} ground, as at Chicamunga and Winchester. ~~Second~~, ~~was~~ ^{in Gen. Sheridan} ~~that~~ was not only the impulsive energy of a Murat; but the power to make his own energy evolutions; ~~straight~~ ^{with} some obstinate spirit ^{in an attack} ~~repel~~ ^{Spending} ~~the~~ ^{magnum} ~~refugees~~ ^{the same} ~~had~~ ^{to} give place or be disgraced.

~~But~~ ^{with} all his life - power & drive, ^{Gen.} Sheridan was kind hearted. When, he was made to see that he had done a comrade a wrong, ^{he quickly acknowledged it} ~~he~~ ^{did} all he could to make reparations.

~~For~~ To Meade's caution Sheridan ~~was~~ ^{added} daring enterprise. To Grant's ^{superb} ~~presence~~ he gave voice. To Sherman Thomas' solidity and certainty of movement, he contributed celerity, and to Sherman's unequalled strategy, he ~~added~~ ^{pointed} ~~to~~ ^{to} the rapid execution.

Others will give you transcripts of history, to make exhibit of the officer, the soldier, the man; but ~~I~~ ^{let me} ~~will~~ ^{cast} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~heart~~ ^{heart} ~~felt~~ ^{felt} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~incense~~ ^{incense} upon the altar of his praise.

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those last days, after Sheridan had been
raised up almost from the dead, were
no doubtless ^{his doubtless} ^{was then in communion with God.}
wonderful days. His friend General
Gibbons says:

"Gen Sheridan died not only at peace with
all mankind, but with his God also, for
Sheridan was not only a soldier & citizen
but he was also a Christian."

This declaration gives his life-long friends
great ~~consolation~~ satisfaction. Let him
& Grant & Thomas & Meade & McClellan
& Me. Sherman and a host of other friends
who freely offered their blood for their
country & died in ^{the} Christian faith meet in
peace & be clothed in ~~the garments~~ in
such shining garments as the Master ^{will} give.

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above mentioned matter. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Name]

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