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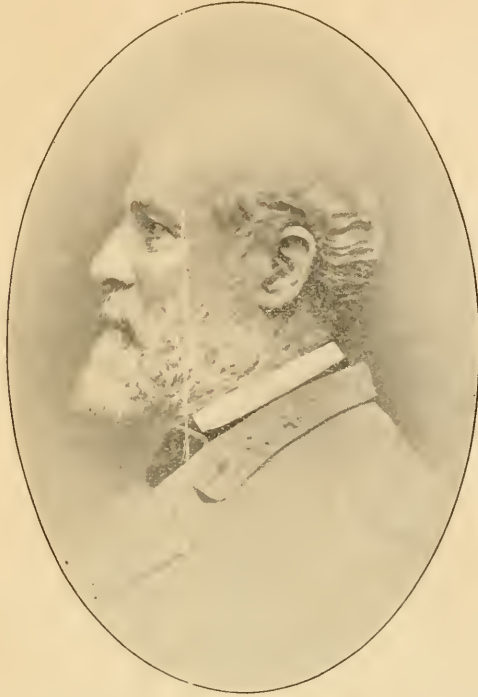
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New Orleans Committee of Confederate Association
Suggestions for the Celebration of the 100 Anniv.
of the Birth of Robert E. Lee 1907

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ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY



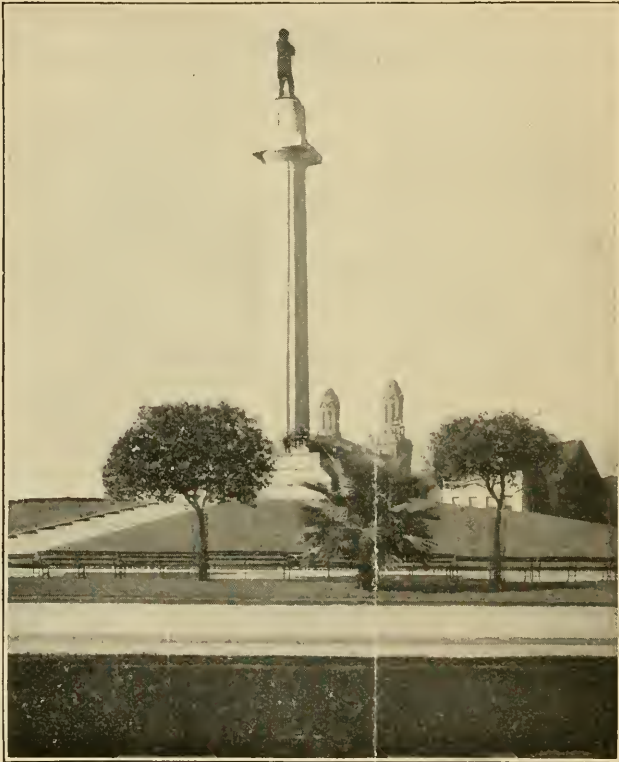
"A man whose strength was the might of gentleness and self-command. A modest, God-loving gentleman, a firm, staunch patriot and intrepid soldier, a brilliant commander, a magnanimous foe, a thorough scholar, a useful and honored citizen, Robert Edward Lee's place is at the head of the great men of recorded time.

"We cannot have too many biographies of him, we cannot raise too many monuments to him, we cannot see his gentle face too often. Noble, just and generous, tender, strong, and loving, he is venerated and loved throughout the world."

OF THE BIRTH OF
Gen. Robert E. Lee,
JANUARY 19th, 1907.

ISSUED BY THE
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COMMITTEE'S ADDRESS.

To the People of Louisiana:

As January 19, 1907, will be the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, the people of this State, in common with those of the entire South, should fittingly observe and celebrate it.

The different Confederate organizations of New Orleans, represented by a general committee in charge, are arranging for the proper observance of the day, and, in order that it should be the success it deserves, desire the support and co-operation of our people.

General Lee, one of the grandest characters in the history of the world, whether considered as a man, a soldier, an educator, a citizen or a Christian, presents a worthy example to all and particularly to the youth of this country; the memory of such a man can never die, and it is the duty of those identified with the cause to which he gave the best years of his life to bring up the young to revere and honor so great a man.

The Governor of the State of Louisiana has issued an official proclamation to the people of the State, and in the City of New Orleans it is to be hoped that on the day named business will be generally suspended, so that all may have an opportunity to take part in the exercises which this committee will announce in due course. We ask that the public and private schools of the State set apart an hour on Friday, the 18th day of January (owing to the fact that there is no school next day), at which time the Governor's proclamation and General Lee's farewell address be read, and the teachers, or some other person selected by them, address the children on the character of Gen. Lee, and that there be sung Southern patriotic songs and the favorite hymns of General Lee: "How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord," and "For All the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest." That the school children of New Orleans assemble at Lee Place on Saturday, the 19th, to join in the songs which will be there sung and listen to the address which, on that occasion, will be delivered by Judge Charles E. Fenner.

That the children likewise, as far as possible, be requested to attend the ceremonies on the evening of January 19, the place of which will be announced later.

We also ask that the people decorate their homes and places of business, and particularly that this be done where the parade will pass on the 19th; that is, from Memorial Hall in Camp Street to Canal Street, thence to St. Charles and up that street to the monument.

All the military organizations of New Orleans, the military schools, Veterans and Sons of Veterans, it is expected will participate in the parade, so that one feature of the celebration may be largely military in appreciation of General Lee's great fame as a soldier, and all the people of the city are cordially invited to participate with the Confederate organizations in the celebration.

FAREWELL ADDRESS OF GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE TO THE ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA.

April 10, 1865.

(General Order No. 9.)

After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources. I need not tell the brave survivors of so many hard-fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last, that I have consented to the result from no distrust of them. But, feeling that valor and devotion could accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that must have attended the continuance of the contest, I determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen. By the terms of the agreement, officers and men can return to their homes, and remain until exchanged. You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed; and I earnestly pray that a merciful God will extend to you his blessing and protection.

With an increasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous considerations for myself, I bid you all an affectionate farewell.

R. E. LEE, *General.*

MS. Aug. 2, 1907

PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA.

To the People of Louisiana:

As the greatest name, next to that of Washington, and equal to his, in the history of the South, is that of Robert E. Lee, who believed that "duty was the sublimest word in the English language," and so lived as to impress that thought upon all, it is meet and proper that the people of the South should observe the anniversary of his birth, and that the youth of the South should be taught to revere his name. The one-hundredth anniversary of his birth will be January 19, 1907.

In order that the people of Louisiana, in common with the people of other Southern States, may celebrate the day, I recommend:

First—That, while the birthday of General Lee has not been made a legal holiday in Louisiana, yet, as the date above-mentioned is a Saturday, which is a half holiday in many portions of the State, business, as far as possible, be suspended on that day, so that the people may join in such appropriate ceremonies as may be arranged for the occasion.

Second—That the schools of the State take such action, either alone or in conjunction with the different Confederate organizations, as will make the day one long to be remembered by the children, and that there be placed before them, in some appropriate manner, the character and life of General Lee.

Third—That the military organizations of the State join with the Confederate organizations, Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and Daughters of the Confederacy, the Ladies' Memorial Associations, in a proper observance of the day, by parades, reviews or other ceremonies, the details of which are left to the officers in command of the several organizations.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS WHO FROM THEIR LABORS REST.

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Hallelujah!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true light. Hallelujah!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine. Hallelujah!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day,
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way. Hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Hallelujah! Amen.

LORD WOLSELEY'S TRIBUTE TO LEE.

I have met many of the great men of my time, but Lee alone impressed me with the feeling that I was in the presence of a man who was cast in a grander mold and made of different and finer metal than all other men. He is stamped upon my memory as a being apart and superior to all others in every way, a man with whom none I ever knew and very few of whom I have read are worthy to be classed.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION, YE SAINTS OF THE LORD.

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; oh, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with thee, thy trials to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“E’en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.

“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not—I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never—no, never—no, never forsake.” Amen.

BENJAMIN H. HILL’S TRIBUTE TO GENERAL LEE.

“He was a foe without hate, a friend without treachery, a soldier without cruelty;

A victor without oppression, and a victim without murmuring;

He was a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile;

He was a Caesar without his ambition; Frederick without his tyranny;

Napoleon without his selfishness; and Washington without his reward.”

THE SWORD OF ROBERT LEE.

BY FATHER RYAN.

Forth from its scabbard, pure and bright,
Flashed the sword of Lee!
Far in the front of the deadly fight,
High o'er the brave, in the cause of right,
Its stainless sheen, like a beacon-light,
Led us to victory.

Out of its scabbard, where full long
It slumbered peacefully—
Roused from its rest by the battle-song—
Shielding the feeble, smiting the strong,
Guarding the right, and avenging the wrong—
Gleamed that sword of Lee!

Forth from its scabbard, high in air,
Beneath Virginia's sky—
And they who saw it gleaming there,
And knew who bore it, knelt to swear,
That where the sword led they would dare
To follow and to die.

Out of its scabbard! Never hand
Waved sword from stain as free,
Nor purer sword led braver band,
Nor braver bled for a brighter land,
Nor brighter land had a cause as grand,
Nor cause, a chief like Lee!

Forth from its scabbard! How we prayed
That sword might victor be!
And when our triumph was delayed,
And many a heart grew sore afraid,
We still hoped on, while gleamed the blade
Of noble Robert Lee!

Forth from its scabbard! All in vain!
Forth flashed the sword of Lee!
'Tis shrouded now in its sheath again,
It sleeps the sleep of our noble slain,
Defeated, yet without a stain,
Proudly and peacefully.

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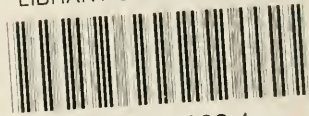
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