

LEE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

TO THE SURVIVING OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE CONFEDERATE ARMY.

The last sad rites are over, and all that was mortal of our beloved and honored chieftain, Gen. ROBERT EDWARD LEE, has been committed to the grave. There is only left to us now the duty, so sacred to surviving affection, of building and decorating his tomb. Admiration for his great qualities and fame, may prompt others to raise the lofty column and imposing statue; but love for his person, reverence for his virtues, and regard for his memory, dictate to his comrades-in-arms, as their first care, properly to enshrine his remains.

After General Lee assumed the Presidency of Washington College, his earliest work was the erection of a Chapel on the College grounds. Beneath that chaste and massive structure, in the room designed for a library, and adjoining the office filled with memories of his last months, earnest labors, his ashes now repose. It is proposed to render this Chapel a memorial worthy of his fame by appropriately decorating it, and by erecting over the vault, where he lies, a Sarcophagus of the finest marble, on which shall be placed a recumbent figure of General Lee. This design has been suggested by Mrs. Lee.

We invite the OFFICERS and SOLDIERS of the momentous struggle, which has made his name and their own immortal, to unite in constructing here a MAUSOLEUM, worthy the foremost man of all his time. On the day succeeding the death of General Lee, the Confederate soldiers who escorted the body from his residence to the Chapel, met and resolved at once to form a Memorial Association; and at an adjourned meeting on the 15th of October, when the funeral obsequies were concluded, they adopted a plan of organization. An Executive Committee, a President and Vice-Presidents for the Southern States, have been appointed, and the Association will soon be regularly incorporated. In order that the poorest in our ranks may be enabled to join upon an equal footing with all others in the plans now in view, it has been determined that any Confederate soldier may become a member of this Association upon the payment of one dollar, and that the names of all the members shall be enrolled in suitable books to be preserved in the Memorial Chapel. It is not proposed to limit subscriptions to the small sum already named, nor to confine them to soldiers. Contributions will be gladly received from friends everywhere and of all classes, who will under proper regulations be inserted as Honorary members.

Fellow-Soldiers, we invoke you by the common memories of the past, to be prompt and earnest in the noble undertaking to which you are now invited. In the quiet churchyard of Lexington, Lt. General "Stonewall" Jackson lies interred; and now his great commander sleeps near at hand. What holier

spot can there be to us, than the common home of these grand representative men? What more fitting memorial for the GRAND ARMY itself, of which LEE was the head, the pride and glory, than one raised here by its survivors perpetuating alike the memory of his and their own great deeds, the enduring witness at once of their devotion and of his heroic qualities as a man, his virtues as a patriot and his graces as a Christian—the remembrance of which will indeed outlive the marble and the bronze which human hands may fashion in his honor.

W. N. PENDLETON,
Late Chief Artillery Army N. Va.
CHAIRMAN OF EX. COMMITTEE.

P. S.—The memorial above proposed does not in any way conflict with the monuments which it has been subsequently resolved to raise at Richmond, Atlanta, New Orleans, or other places. We heartily commend the erection of imposing monuments everywhere to the genius and virtues of the great Confederate Chieftain, and we wish our brothers who have taken them in hand God-speed. But we feel that it is especially appropriate that we should raise a fitting tomb over the Hero's ashes at the spot consecrated by the labors of the last grand years of his life, where he guided into the paths of knowledge and virtue the youth of the land that he had loved and served so well.

The following officers have been selected and requested to act as President and Vice-Presidents of this association:

Gen. J. C. BRECKINRIDGE (late C. S. Sec'y War),	President,
Gen. JOSEPH E. JOHNSON,	Vice-President, at Large,
Gen. J. A. EARLY,	Vice-President from Va.
Col. W. H. TAYLOR,	do "
Gen. G. H. BAILEY,	Vice-President from La.
Gen. D. H. HILL,	do " N. C.
Gen. WADE HAMPTON,	do " S. C.
Gen. J. B. GORDON,	do " Ga.
Gen. J. W. HANDEK,	do " Ala.
Gen. S. D. LEE,	do " Miss.
Gen. R. S. FWELL,	do " Tenn.
Gen. J. B. HOOD,	do " Texas.
Gen. TRIMBLE,	do " Md.
Gen. J. S. MARMADUKE,	do " Mo.
Gen. WM. PRESTON,	do " Ky.
Gen. TAPPAN,	do " Ark.

The place selected for the deposit of funds is the Bank of Lexington, Va., C. M. Figgat, Cashier.

We, the undersigned, subscribe the amount opposite our names to the Lee Memorial Fund.

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