

were superb, the parade was fine, the crowds enthusiastic, the music thrilling,

tails.



Tomorrow, Saturday, May 30, is the day set apart by custom and by legislation for the decoration of the graves of the departed. It is a beautiful arrangement. To place flowers on the tombs of the dead is a graceful recogrition of their relationship to the liv ing, and a touching expression of the tenderness with which we hold them in memory.

This general and united effort on a "special day, originated after the civil war that afflicted our nation, and was made the ocasion for doing honor to the heroes in that conflict who gave up their lives to maintain the American Union Intact. Those martyrs to their country's cause are worthy of all the encomiums that can be uttered in their praise and the floral treasures that can adorn their resting places. The perpetuation of the Union is an ever present cause of gratitude and lov But as the years passed on and the enmities of the strife faded from human hearts, the valor, the sincerity, the heroism of the soldiers who fought for the South and for that liberty which they thought was dependent upon secession, came to be recognized by their whilom foes, and so the blue and the gray mingled together in decorating the graves of the fallen, and all were included in the eulogies of orators and the tears of the sympathizing who paid tributes to their worth.

minds of men and women and also the sphere of the Memorial ceremonies, and thus the day of decoration came to be one for general observance, in sweet remembrance of all the dear ones gone before.

The garlands placed upon the tombs of the departed will fade, like the heauty of youth and life's glamcurs and vanities. But the fond feelings they express and the affection their perfume catries with slient sweetness, con

tinue and abide, and will never perish while" the soul endures. The ties that bind us to our loved ones are those of spirit to spirit, and the hand of death cannot sever them when sealed by Eternal power. So they whose eyes have been opened to immortal realitick look beyond present partings to

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