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"KATY"
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PASSING OF THE GRAND ARMY

The object of the Grand Army in its relation to civil life, and aside from its traditional association and charitable work, was to organize the victory which had been won on the field of battle. The post rooms become schools of loyalty, where reverence for the flag and the symbol of the nation has been persistently inculcated and where the national idea has been constantly exalted. Then came the work in the schools of which mention has been made and whereof all the land knows.

It is not too much to say that owing to the far-reaching influence of the Grand Army of the Republic more than to anything else the flag is now universally revered, and there is no longer any question in the land, either in the North or South, that the American people now constitute a nation.

Day after day as the glory of their achievements in all the arts of peace is finding new acknowledgment in every quarter of the globe, there comes new evidence that they are a united world encompassing power of the future—great, glorious, invincible.

But what of the men who won this priceless heritage in the most stupendous struggle of the modern age? They are passing, passing, swiftly passing. More than once our each annual encampment brings home the tragedy of death in life. More than ever now each annual encampment emphasizes the grim, solemn fact that soon—all too soon—the Grand Army of the Republic, with all that it symbolizes, will be nothing but a tradition. Figures, dull as not to give much food for thought—sad, introspective thought.

In April, 1865, more than a million of men were in the military service of the United States. Of these about 300,000 added a roll of names which at that time numbered over three hundred and fifty thousand—the grand army of the dead.

During the four years of the desperate conflict altogether 2,859,132 men had been enrolled in the military service. There had been killed in battle 67,058; died of wounds and other injuries 43,012; of disease, 224,586, and from causes not classified, 24,452—a total death roll of 359,528.

This vast army had taken part in more than two thousand engagements, many of them of minor importance as to the number of men engaged or results attained, while others were mighty battles which strained all the resources and tested the fabled powers of endurance of the great opposing armies, to an extent which now amazes the legend, which floated from a banner stretched across the front of the Capitol, which the conquering armies were marching by during those two memorable days of the grand spectacular pageantry, "The Only Nation al Debt We Never Can Pay is the Debt We Owe the Victorious Union Soldiers," ring down the ages forever.

It was out of all this that the Grand Army of the Republic grew into being in 1878, with a membership of only 31,000, out of all those hundreds of thousands of veterans. But its growth was inevitable—as inevitable as its decline and death. In 1890 the organization reached the high-water mark with an enrollment of 409,489, since which time it has diminished at the rate of two, three, four, five, six, seven, yes, and even eight thousand a year and more. In 1892 the roll had sank to 263,745. In that year there 8,200 answered their final summons.

Pause for a moment and think what that means. Over eight thousand members passing away every year and the ranks increasing rapidly. Can your mind grasp the figures in all their pathetic significance? Eight thousand every year, and soon it may be sixten, eleven—who shall say how many more thousands—till the roster is totally effaced.

Stand on the street when the men who have come to live once again the stirring days of the past go marching by. Count them if you can and you will find that there are nearly eight thousand in line. It is an imposing array; a vast host, the like of which is rarely seen in one tense, eager body. And then let your mind try to grasp the thought that before another year has passed all those marching thousands will be no more. That is what the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic means.

And try to realize, too, what sentiment and patriotism mean, though it will be fresh, vivid, real in the minds of each and every one of those marching thousands—the men who fought and suffered for a glorious cause—the passing of the Grand Army of the Republic.

But notwithstanding this sad decrease it is even suggested all the membership ought to increase year by year. There are still living over 800,000 of the men who were part of that grand army of the sixties, and of that number more than 75,000 are over 64 years old. Short, therefore, as it may be, the Grand Army may still look forward to a glorious future.—From a speech delivered at the last national encampment of the G. A. R.

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The Rehoisting of the Stars and Stripes in Glory.

Since this flag went down on that dark day who shall tell the mighty loss we computed at no more than a separate to angels and men? The sol ers drank blood and it curdled. Mill lions mourn for myriads slain, or, seeing the dead pray for oblivion. Towns and villages have been razed. Fruitful fields have been turned back into wilderness. It came to pass as the prophet said

"The sun was turned to darkness and the moon into blood."

The course of law was ended. The sword of the military was in hail the nation; industry was paralyzed; morals corrupted; the public weal invaded by corruption, and the whole state ravaged by avenging armies. The world trembled at the sight.

When the flag sank here it was as if political night had come, and all the heavens were red as blood from its vapor. That long night is ended. And for this returning day we have come from afar to rejoice and give thanks.

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"Upon those true and faithful citizens men and women, who have borne up with unflinching hope in the darkest hour and covered the land with their labor of love and charity, we invoke the divinest blessing of Him who gave them life and hope."—Extract from "Rebirth of Liberty," Delivered at Fort Sumter.

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