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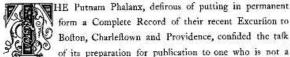
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form a Complete Record of their recent Excursion to Bofton, Charleftown and Providence, confided the tafk of its preparation for publication to one who is not a member of their Organization. With him the labor has been one of careful collation and of furnishing fuch thread of narrative as was neceffary to connect the various Addresses and more important Incidents of the Excursion, which were extensively reported in the Journals of the day. In a publication emanating from the Phalanx, it has feemed proper to avoid particular comment upon the performances of individuals, and generally to omit the enthuliaftic encomiums of the preis which were lavished upon the prominent members of the Organization. It is but fimply just that the entire credit of these journeyings, and of the brilliant feries of receptions, should be attributed to the Battalion as a body-not forgetting those courteous and holpitable friends in the Citics vifited, whole unwcaried efforts and attentions contributed fo largely to the fuccefs, as well as pleafure of the Excurlion.

Care has been taken to obtain revifed copies of the Addreffes from the various Speakers. The thanks of the Putnam Phalanx are respectfully and cordially tendered to Mrs. L. H. Sigourney, for the beautiful poem on General Putnam, and to George H. Clark, Efq., for the exquisite lines upon the affecting incident at Moosup-both of which were kindly furnished expressly for this publication.



Hartford, November, 1859.

GENERAL PUTNAM.



REAT Soul, and brave, 'tis good to think of thee, And with a filial reverence raife the veil From patriot valor, that ne'er fought of Fame Her clarion-payment.

See we not again,

'I'he unfinified furrow, the forfaken home, The flying fleed, urg'd by thy fleepleis heart 'I'hat throbb'd indignant o'er a finother'd found,— The ery of *Lexington*?

That echoed cry Rous'd a young nation from its lingering fleep To rufh againft the force of tyrant power, Time-confectated, and with fling and flone Defy the giant.

Bunker Hill records Thy flern o'ermaflery of the battle-florm, The deep memorial of thy dauntlefs deeds That bore the fpirit of a trampled land, Through this red preface of her liberty.

Hark!—from the heaving of yon burial fods Where fleep our Country's champions, comes a voice Demanding for thy name its jult reward Too long withheld.—Of Hilbory it demands That lingering truth fhould light her lettered fcroll, And fummons tardy man to fet thy fame In fculptured marble, that recording flars May read it clearly from their filver thrones, And lifping children from its tablet learn What patriot virtue means,

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T a Special Meeting of the Putnam Phalanx, held at their Armory on the evening of September 18th, it was unanimoufly refolved that the Phalanx as a body fhould make a Pilgrimage to Bunker Hill, and a brief vifit to Bolton, Charlettown and Providence. Quarter-Master Strong proceeded to those places to make the neceffary arrangements, and at a fubfequent meeting, the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th days of October were felected as the time for the proposed Excursion. After due confideration, the Phalanx decided to invite but two perfons to accompany them as Guetts of the Battalion, viz: his Excellency Governor Buckingham, and ex-Governor Seymour, of Connecticut. To the great regret of the Organization, the Secretary received the following letters, refpectfully declining the invitation:

FROM GOVERNOR BUCKINGHAM.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, } Executive Department. } Norwich, September 30th, 1859.

J. M. SEXTON, Esq.,

Sec. Putnam Phalanx,

Dear Sir: I have the pleafure of acknowledging your favor of the 28th inft., conveying the invitation of the Putnam Phalanx to be their gueft during an Excursion to Boston and Providence, and beg you to affure that diffinguished body that it would give me great