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BOSTON:
PRESS OF HOLLIS & GUNN,
25 HAWLEY STREET.
1871.

VOTE OF THE TOWN.

IN TOWN MEETING assembled, Sept. 20, 1871, the following Resolve passed:—

Resolved, That the thanks of the Citizens of West Roxbury are hereby tendered to the Rev. JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE, for the able, appropriate, and impressive Address delivered by him at the Dedication of the Soldiers' Monument; and that we request a copy of his remarks for publication.

A true copy of record.

Attest,

WM. MACCARTY, *Town Clerk*.

DEDICATORY CEREMONIES.

ON the afternoon of Sept. 14, 1871, the citizens of West Roxbury, by common consent, suspended all business, and devoted themselves to the solemn Dedication of their newly erected Soldiers' Monument.

The weather was auspicious, no accident occurred, and the entire observances were of a quiet, serious, and impressive character, well suited to the occasion.

At three o'clock a procession was formed under the direction of Col. JOSEPH STEDMAN, Chief Marshal, in the following order:—

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Aid. West-Roxbury Police, Capt. A. McDonald. Aid.
CHIEF MARSHAL.

FIRST DIVISION.

Aid. Edmands' Band. Aid.
Col. C. F. Harrington, Marshal.
Co. A, West-Roxbury Rifles, Lieut. W. H. Lethbridge.
Co. L, Clafin Guards, Newton, Capt. Kingsbury.
Monumental Committee.
Selectmen of West Roxbury.

Orator of the Day, and Chaplain.
 Invited Guests, including Gov. Clafin and Staff, Gen. Burrill and
 Staff, and Gen. Schouler.
 Town Clerk, and School Committee.
 Overseers of the Poor, and Assessors.
 All other Town Officers.
 Clergymen of the Town.
 Officers, Soldiers, and Sailors of the late War.
 Post 26, G. A. R., Capt. Brownell Granger, 125 men.
 Section of Artillery from Battery A, Third Light Battery.

SECOND DIVISION.

Aid. A. C. Jordan, Marshal. Aid.
 Metropolitan Band.
 West-Roxbury Fire Department, under command of J. F. Rogers,
 Chief Engineer.
 Steamer F. C. Head.
 S. M. Weld Hose Company.
 Fountain Engine Company No. 1, 50 men.
 Engine Company No. 2, 40 men.
 Engine Company No. 3, 40 men.
 Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, 30 men.

THIRD DIVISION.

Aid. J. D. Billings, Marshal. Aid.
 Public Schools of West Roxbury.
 Citizens generally, numbering about 500 in all.

One of the most attractive features of the procession was the Fire Department, the engines and hose-carriages being very tastefully decked with flowers, while the members appeared in neat though showy uniforms. A large wagon also appeared in the procession filled with young Misses dressed in white, and each carrying a bouquet.

The procession, after passing through the principal streets, halted at the Monument, where a large assemblage had gathered, and the Dedicatory Exercises commenced with Prayer by Rev. A. M. HASKELL; after which GEORGE F. WOODMAN, Chairman of the Building Committee, surrendered the Monument to the town authorities in the following words:—

REMARKS OF GEORGE F. WOODMAN.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—At the annual town meeting, held March 28, 1870, it was unanimously voted,—“That the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars be appropriated for the purpose of erecting a Monument in honor of the West-Roxbury men who died in the service of their country during the Rebellion;” said Monument to be built under the direction of the Memorial Committee, and placed upon this spot.

Your Committee have performed the duty imposed upon them by this vote in a faithful and conscientious manner. The result of their labors is before you; and they feel, in the language of their Report, that “it is an ornament to the town, and a fitting tribute to the memory of our fallen brethren.”

Upon the obelisk, in the interior of the structure, will be found inscribed the names of twenty-three of our fallen townsmen, acquaintances, and friends; almost all of them young men,—the very flower and pride and hope of our community. The list is as follows:—

Brig. Gen. T. J. C. AMORY, died of yellow fever at Beaufort, N. C., Oct. 7, 1864.

Lt. Col. LUCIUS MANLIUS SARGENT, Jr., 1st Mass. Cavalry, killed near Belfield, Va., Dec. 9, 1864.

Capt. WILLIAM BLACKSTONE WILLIAMS, 2d Mass. Inf., killed at Cedar Mountain, Va., Aug. 9, 1862.

Capt. WILLIAM H. SIMPKINS, 54th Mass. Inf., killed at Fort Wagner, S. C., July 18, 1863.

Capt. WILLIAM F. COCHRAN, 28th Mass. Inf., died May 20, of wounds received at Spottsylvania, Va., May 18, 1864.

Adjutant HENRY M. BOND, 20th Mass. Inf., shot by guerillas in Virginia, died May 14, 1864.

Lt. CHARLES G. RUSSELL, 12th Mass. Inf., killed at Gettysburg, Pa., July 2, 1863.

Lt. ALFRED R. GLOVER, 53 Mass. Inf., killed at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863.

Sergeant CHARLES H. MANNING, 45th Mass. Inf., died at Newbern, N. C., June 21, 1863.

Sergeant CHARLES A. BRAZIER, 1st Mass. Inf., killed at Williamsburgh, Va., May 5, 1862.

Corporal LEVI LINCOLN, 9th Batt. Mass. Lt. Artillery, killed at Petersburg, Va., June 18, 1864.

JAMES F. GILSON, 9th Batt. Mass. Lt. Artillery, killed at Gettysburg, Pa., July 2, 1863.

JAMES W. THOMAS, 56th Mass. Inf., died at Andersonville, July, 1864.

CHARLES H. STEARNS, 11th Mass. Inf., killed at Bull Run, July 21, 1861.

CHARLES A. HARPER, 1st Mass. Vols., discharged for sickness, died at West Roxbury, Oct. 23, 1862.

JOSEPH HARPER, 1st Mass. Inf., died at Williamsburg, Va., May 17, 1862.

THOMAS A. BAKER, 1st Mass. Inf., died in hospital, March 26, 1862.

HORACE GOODWIN, 35th Mass. Inf., killed at Antietam, Md., Sept. 17, 1862.

JOHN BURKE, 3d Massachusetts Cavalry, died in hospital, Sept. 18, 1863.