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of the Monument

In commemoration of the services of her soldiers
who fell there.

Together with history of events leading up to the Battle of
Antietam; the report of General George B. McClellan,
of the battle; the formation of the Army of the
Potomac, at the battle; and the histories of
the five Indiana regiments engaged.

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PREFACE.

In the beautiful National Cemetery at Sharpsburg, Maryland, not far from the center of Antietam battlefield, sleep many thousands of brave men, who fell there forty-eight years ago. Among them are men from each of the Indiana regiments that fought there. They will sleep on, unmindful of what a grateful commonwealth has done in remembrance of them.

"They need not now our praise,
Nor the shaft we raise,
Nor flower for any lost, forgotten grave,"

but their living comrades, their families, kindred, descendants, and all the people of our great State, will not cease to feel thankful that the General Assembly of 1909, in its wisdom, made provision to mark the spot where these men fell.

The act appropriating a fund for this monument was in line with the policy of our State to erect upon each field where Indiana soldiers, in any considerable number, fought during the Civil War, some appropriate memorial, by means of which their services and sacrifices might not be forgotten by coming generations, and while this appropriation came late, it came in such ample form as to emphasize the wisdom of our lawmakers in their determination to do well, rather than hurriedly, what all felt should be done at some future day.

Through this act the heroes of Antietam have received their share of the honors a grateful commonwealth would bestow upon the men who gave their lives for their country.

The selection of portraits, forming part of the report, represents officers connected with the Indiana regiments that fought at Antietam, and all but two of whom were there with their regiments, and one of these two, the brave Major May, fell on the bloody field of Gainesville, Virginia, August 28, 1862. Another of the same regiment fell leading his regiment in a charge

at Antietam, and still another of the same regiment fell on the first day of the Wilderness campaign. The last colonel of the Fourteenth Indiana fell leading his regiment over the enemy's ramparts at the Bloody Angle, on the 12th of May, 1864, and two others went down on the front line on the first day's fighting at Gettysburg.

All are portraits of men who immortalized themselves on the field of conflict, and all but one have long since joined the silent majority. It is a sacred company, over which it is fitting the chief executive of the State that has honored them, should preside.

Their faces, and the scenes from the battlefield of Antietam, will bring to the bosom of each survivor of the awful conflict a heart-throb, and inspire in the minds of their descendants and coming generations some interest in what the sons of Indiana did on this memorable field.

The appropriation has been ample to enable the commission to locate upon this field, a monument that more than favorably compares with any memorial hitherto erected by any other State whose soldiers fought there, and one of which every citizen of our State may feel justly proud.

The people of Indiana owe thanks to the General Assembly of 1909 for this splendid tribute to her fallen heroes, and particularly do they owe grateful acknowledgment to the members of that assembly who specially championed the act making this appropriation.

The Hon. C. C. Schreeder, of Vanderburg county, in the lower house, and the Hon. T. R. Brady, Senator from Wabash county, in the upper house, have earned the gratitude of all the people of Indiana for what they did in making this work possible.

And the commission would not forget to thank your Excellency and all the attaches of your office, those of the State Auditor's office, and of the various other departments, for the cordial and friendly aid it has received in this responsible task.

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