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# ROBERT E. LEE.

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A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT OFFERED BY THE CITIZENS  
OF LOUISVILLE.

" . . . With honor lay him in his grave,  
And thereby shall increase of honor come  
Unto their arms who vanquished one so wise,  
So valiant, so renowned."

HENRY TAYLOR.

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## PREFACE.

THIS publication is made in accordance with the wishes of Confederate soldiers residing in this city, as expressed in the subjoined resolution, unanimously adopted at a meeting held October 17, 1870:

Resolved, that a committee of seven ex-Confederate soldiers be appointed to collect and publish in appropriate form the various tributes of respect offered to the memory of General ROBERT E. LEE, deceased, by the citizens of Louisville.

The following-named gentlemen were appointed to carry into effect the objects of the meeting, viz.: Messrs. D. W. YANDELL, W. L. CLARKE, W. H. THOMAS, J. B. PIRTLE, PRICE C. NEWMAN, R. W. WOOLLEY, and WM. J. DAVIS.

For the handsome wood-cut of General LEE's birth-place the Committee is indebted to the University Publishing Company, New York, who generously tendered the use of the plate without charge.

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### THE CITIZENS.

On the morning of the 13th of October, 1870, the death of General LEE having been announced by telegraph, a large concourse of citizens, irrespective of party, wishing to give utterance to the sorrow filling their hearts, united in the following

#### CALL.

The citizens, friends, and admirers of the lamented General ROBERT E. LEE are requested to meet at the court-house at half past seven o'clock this evening, to take action in regard to his death. General John C. Breckinridge has been notified by telegraph of this call, and will probably be present. Other speakers have been invited. All who desire to testify their respect and veneration for the memory of this great and good man are invited.

JOHN G. BAXTER,	S. B. BUCKNER,	B. W. DUKE,
J. M. KELLER,	JOHN B. SMITH,	E. W. KENNEDY,
WARREN MITCHELL,	V. P. ARMSTRONG,	J. H. LINDENBERGER,
D. B. HARRIS,	ROBERT W. WOOLLEY,	JOE D. ALLEN,
J. C. BRECKINRIDGE,	W. V. MATTHEWS,	J. E. SUTCLIFFE,
JOHN B. PIRTLE,	H. W. BRUCE,	PHIL LEE,
CLINTON McCLARTY,	J. P. JOHNSON,	GEORGE W. CHILTON,
JAMES BRIDGEFORD,	CHARLES SEMPLE,	JOHN F. YOUNG,
JOHN BARBER,	JOSEPH BENEDICT,	J. H. WELLER,
R. C. WINTERSMITH,	J. B. GOODLOR,	J. H. LEATHERS,
		And many others.

At early twilight the circuit court-room was crowded. The meeting was organized by the election of Colonel W. F. Beasley as temporary chairman, and Major Clinton McClarty as secretary.

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A motion being made that the chair appoint a committee on permanent organization, General I. M. St. John offered the following resolution as a substitute, which was adopted:

Resolved, that his Honor, J. G. BAXTER, the Mayor of Louisville, be selected as permanent chairman of this meeting.

Resolved, that the permanent chairman be requested to appoint a committee of not less than five members to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the citizens of Louisville in reference to the death of General ROBERT E. LEE.

Resolved, that this meeting now adjourn to meet again at Weisiger Hall at half past seven o'clock, the 15th instant, to receive and act upon the report of the committee on resolutions.

Mayor Baxter, being duly installed as chairman, appointed the following committee on resolutions, who were instructed to meet at the office of Isaac Caldwell, Esq., and perfect arrangements to carry out the programme agreed upon:

ISAAC CALDWELL,	I. M. ST. JOHN,	E. W. KENNEDY,
JAMES BRIDGEFORD,	T. B. COCHRAN,	R. M. KELLY,
S. R. BUCKNER,	E. D. STANDFORD,	JOHN BARBER,
CHARLES SEMPLE,	JULIUS DORN,	N. BLOOM,
WARREN MITCHELL,	GEORGE P. DORN,	W. F. BRASLEY,
R. A. ROBINSON,	T. E. BRAMLETTE,	C. HENRY FINK,
J. F. BULLITT,	B. W. DUKE,	H. L. COOK,
CHARLES R. LONG,	HENRY WATTERSON,	J. W. BARR,
J. P. JOHNSON,	JAMES TRAUFF,	A. O. BRANNIN,
W. B. HAMILTON,	H. C. CARUTH,	PAT. BANNON.

At the time appointed a dense throng of men, women, and children, representing every shade of political opinion and all conditions of society, gathered at Weisiger Hall. After sweet and solemn music from a choir who had volunteered for the occasion, Mayor Baxter, as chairman of the meeting, said:

"We have met to mingle our sorrow for the loss we have sustained in the death of General LEE, and to testify our respect for his memory. I greatly regret that our place of meeting is not large enough to accommodate all who have come this evening for this purpose. It is perhaps

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unnecessary, but I would suggest, because of the vast number of people now assembled here, that the strictest order be observed, that all may hear and each take his part in the proceedings. I now introduce to you Rev. Mr. Perkins, who will lead us in prayer."

**PRAYER.**

Almighty and everlasting God, the only potentate, king of kings and lord of lords, the maker of all things, the judge of all men, ordering all things by the council of thine own will, we have assembled here together, in the order of thy providence, to do homage to the memory of one thou didst give us whom we all loved and whose memory we all cherish. We come to bow ourselves in meekness and submission to thy will, for thou didst give and thou hast taken away. We thank thee for the gift of all his excellences of character and all his exalted worth. Thou didst give him to us, and to thee belongeth all praise. We earnestly beseech thee, most gracious God, that thou wilt bless us, that we may learn from his exalted character and Christian deportment to put our trust in thee, and to submit ourselves entirely to thy ordering; for, peerless among his fellows, he humbly bowed before thee as his God. Possessed of exalted worth and excellence of character, he came as a sinner, trusting for salvation through the redemption reached out for him and us by thine own precious Son. We pray thee, gracious God, that this lesson may be impressed upon the heart of each and every one of us who have so esteemed him, and who now do homage to his memory; and, while we thus thank thee, we would pray also that thou wouldst give unto us a spirit of resignation, that we may say, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away: blessed be the name of the Lord." We thank thee, heavenly Father, that we can praise and glorify thy precious name that thou didst redeem him with the Savior's precious blood, renewed by thy blessed spirit. We thank thee that thou didst draw him into the way of life and salvation. We pray thee that we may be brought to that salvation which thou hast wrought out for him. We beseech thee to impress upon our hearts the excellence of