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GEN. JOHN BEDEL,

BY HIS SURVIVING COMRADES OF THE

THIRD REGIMENT, NEW HAMPSHIRE VOLUNTEERS,

AT

BATH, N. H., OCTOBER 10TH,

1888.

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Charles H. Allen.

*Chairman Educational Committee,
3d Reg't, N. H. I.*

❁INTRODUCTION.❁

At the Annual Business Meeting of the Third Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers Association, held at The Weirs, N. H., Aug. 26th, 1886, Comrade Charles H. Allen informed the Association that the grave of our late Commander, Gen. John Bedel, was unmarked by any headstone or monument; and by vote of the association Comrade Allen was appointed as chairman of a committee to solicit subscriptions and raise money to purchase a monument, and erect the same at the grave of Gen. John Bedel, at Bath, N. H.

Comrade Allen immediately prepared subscription papers and distributed them in different parts of the state. The first cash received by the treasurer was from Capt. J. M. Parker, of Fitzwilliam, N. H., Jan. 19, 1887. At the reunion of 1887 Comrade E. B. Peabody, of Milford, N. H., brought in subscriptions amounting to \$22, and the other comrades present contributed enough to bring the amount of receipts up to \$111. At this meeting of the Association Comrades W. H. Trickey, M. P. Donly, J. M. Parker, Ross C. Duffy, and D. Arthur Brown were added to the Monument Committee. It was proposed to have the monument dedicated on Friday of the reunion week of 1888. The committee were given full powers to raise funds, purchase the monument, and make all the arrangements for the dedication. The money came in so slowly during the year that the committee decided not to order a monument before



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the reunion of 1888, but procured plans and specifications for monuments of different sizes, and at the reunion, Aug. 30th, 1888, presented lithographs of two monuments, either of which they recommended for acceptance by the Association, if funds could be raised to pay for them. Comrade Ross C. Duffy, of Nashua, handed in subscriptions amounting to \$50, collected by him at Nashua, and Comrade Wm. Simonds, of Bath, N. H., handed in subscriptions amounting to \$66, which he had collected at Bath. Contributions from the comrades present carried the amount received up to \$270, enough to purchase the largest of the monuments recommended.

The committee were instructed to purchase a monument and make all arrangements for the dedication at the earliest possible date. Comrade A. S. Atherton, of Wakefield, Mass., was added to the committee. The Association voted unanimously to request Maj. Wm. H. Trickey, of College Hill, Mass., to deliver the dedication address.

The committee immediately ordered the monument of the Monumental Bronze Co., Bridgeport, Conn., which company executed their part of the contract promptly and in a satisfactory manner. The chairman and secretary of the committee visited Bath to prepare the foundation for the monument and make the local arrangements. Comrade Wm. Simonds was appointed to represent the committee at Bath and have general charge of all arrangements in the town, and to his energy and executive ability the Association is largely indebted for the successful completion of the undertaking.

On Sept 22d, the committee issued the following notice, mailing a copy to every comrade of the Third Regiment, so far as known :

BEDL MONUMENT DEDICATION, Oct. 10, 1888.

Arrangements for the dedication of the monument erected to the memory of Gen. John Bedel, at Bath, N. H., have been made as follows :

Comrades will leave Concord on Wednesday morning, Oct. 10th, at

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10.55 o'clock. Lunch at Plymouth. Arrive at Bath at 3.30 P. M. Line will be formed at the station, and the Third Regiment veterans and guests will be escorted by Col. Emery Post, G. A. R., of Lisbon, to the cemetery (not a long march), where the monument will be dedicated in the form prescribed by the G. A. R. ritual. After dedication the line will be formed and the company march to the Town Hall for supper. Assemble at the Congregational Church at 7 o'clock to hear the Memorial Address by Maj. W. H. Trickey, and remarks by W. H. Shurtleff, Esq., Hon. A. S. Bachellor, Samuel B. Page, Esq., Hon. E. F. Mann and others. Return by train leaving Bath at 9.30 Thursday morning, arriving at Concord at 3.10 P. M.

CHARLES H. ALLEN, CHAIRMAN.

D. ARTHUR BROWN, SECRETARY.

Will you go? Reply on enclosed card.

Special invitations were also sent to the Governor, Secretary of State, Adjutant-General, members of Congress, and other distinguished men of our state.

❁ DEDICATION. ❁

On Wednesday morning, Oct. 10th. a party of nearly fifty veterans of the Third Regiment assembled at Concord, and with the War Veterans' Drum Corps, of Manchester, their invited guests, Hon. Frederick Smyth, of Manchester, Hon. C. H. Amsden, of Penacook, Dr. William Child, of New Hampton, Col. Nat Shackford, of The Weirs, Col. Geo. W. Gould, of Keene, Ira C. Evans, of Concord, Maj. H. F. Gerrish, of Concord, Hon. John C. Linchan, of Penacook, Mrs. W. H. Trickey, Mrs. C. H. Allen, Mrs. A. S. Atherton, Mrs. Ross C. Duffy, Mrs. D. Arthur Brown, Mrs. Thomas Robinson, together with the representatives of the *Veteran's Advocate*, *Evening Monitor*, *People and Patriot* and *Manchester Union*, left Concord on a special passenger and parlor car, kindly placed at the disposal of the veterans by Hon. E. F. Mann, Assistant Superintendent of the White Mountain Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, attached to the Canadian Pacific express at 11.12. At Plymouth the party stopped for lunch, and at Woodsville the cars were detached and run to Bath as a special train, reaching the station at 3 P. M. Here the veterans were formed in line by Chas. H. Allen, Acting Adjutant, who then turned the command over to Capt. W. H. Maxwell, of Manchester. A few minutes later the train south arrived, bringing the comrades from the northern part of the state, and Post No. 23, G. A. R., of Lisbon, which had

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volunteered to act as escort. The procession was then formed in the following order :

Wm. Simonds, of Bath, Marshal.

D. Arthur Brown, of Penacook, Drum Major.

War Veterans' Drum Corps, of Manchester, D. H. Bean, Leader.

Col. Emery Post, No. 23, G. A. R., of Lisbon, John C. Brooks, Commander—34 men.

Veterans Third Regiment N. H. Vols., Capt. W. H. Maxwell, Commander—57 men.

Carriages containing the invited guests, representatives of the press, Mrs. General Bedel and daughter, and ladies of the party.

Citizens generally, in carriages and on foot.

The line of march was taken up across the bridge spanning the Ammonoosuc river, through the pleasant village, past the Gen. Bedel residence, decorated with flags, up the long hill road to the cemetery. Here the veterans and Grand Army boys formed in hollow square about the grave and monument, and the dedicatory exercises were performed according to the G. A. R. ritual by the following comrades :

John C. Linehan as Commander ; A. S. Atherton, Senior Vice Commander ; D. Arthur Brown, Junior Vice Commander ; Chas. H. Allen, Officer of the Day ; Geo. W. Emmons, of Boston, Officer of the Guard ; and Wm. H. Trickey, Chaplain.

At the conclusion of the exercises as laid down in the ritual, Commander Linehan made the following address :

HON. JOHN C. LINEHAN'S ADDRESS.

COMRADES :—In the name of the survivors of the Third Regiment New Hampshire Volunteers ; of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which we are assured he would, if alive, have been an honored member ; and in behalf of the generous, public-spirited citizens whose aid has been so timely ; I dedicate this memorial shaft.

I dedicate it to the memory of as brave a man as ever drew a sabre, or handled a musket.

I dedicate it in remembrance of one whose name will be forever