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*Mrs James Greenleaf
with regards of
Wm. A. Adams.*

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A GREAT desire having been expressed for the publication of the sublime prayer offered by Dr. PALMER, and the eloquent oration delivered by Honorable H. N. OGDEN, on the occasion of the Dedication of the Confederate Monument, at Greenwood Cemetery, on the 10th of April, 1874, the "Ladies' Benevolent Association of Louisiana" have concluded to gratify this feeling, and now offer to the public, in condensed form, a short sketch of the Association, as published in the New Orleans Times, on the 5th of April, 1874, together with Dr. PALMER's prayer, Mr. OGDEN's address, and the most beautiful and appropriate ode, written for the occasion by "Xariffa," and most highly appreciated by the Association.

The editorial notices of the imposing ceremonies, as published on the 11th of April, by the city papers, have been added, which will give interest to the publication.

The Association embraces this opportunity of expressing its grateful appreciation of the kind services of the Rev. Dr. PALMER, Honorable H. N. OGDEN, and the venerable Dr. LEACOCK.

It cannot refrain from tendering to Mr. B. M. HARROD its warmest thanks for the great interest he has manifested in the monument—for the beautiful design which has merited and received universal admiration, and which will place him in the front rank of Southern architects.

To Mr. George STROUD, it also offers its thanks and congratulations, for the successful and prompt execution of the order entrusted to him.

The funds of the Association having been nearly exhausted by the expenses attending the dedication, it has been determined to offer this pamphlet to the public, at the low price of fifty cents, that every family in the city may have in its possession an official account of this beautiful tribute to the memory of the Confederate dead, and at the same time have the opportunity of contributing to the pecuniary resources of the Association.

(From the N. O. TIMES, April 26th, 1874.)

Monument to the Confederate Dead.—The Work of Louisiana Ladies.

THE announcement has been officially made through our columns, by the Ladies' Benevolent Association of Louisiana, that to-morrow, Monday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, they will formally dedicate the monument which, at much expense and trouble, they have erected at Greenwood Cemetery to the memory of the Confederate Dead.

A brief retrospect of the Association will not, on this occasion, be inappropriate. It was organized in this city in May, 1866, and obtained a charter in October following. Its objects were three-fold :

"To provide artificial limbs for Confederate soldiers; to mark and protect the graves of the Confederate dead, and, when deemed necessary and found practicable, to remove their remains for more perfect and satisfactory protection; to aid and assist the destitute widows and orphans of Confederate soldiers."

This good work has been prosecuted zealously and steadily. The first efforts of the Association were naturally those of a strictly charitable character. Demands of this kind gradually became, in the lapse of years, less and less; and then the Association determined to carry out its plans for taking up and removing to one cemetery, the remains of dead Confederates, scattered here and there in the State, and place above the mausoleum, a monument that would, at a glance, tell its simple but eloquent story. It is this crowning work that they propose to consecrate to-morrow.

The Association was organized by suggestion of Mrs. H. T. Bartlett, at her home, and the following Officers and Directors were selected :

Mrs. H. T. Bartlett, President; Mrs. Geo. A. Pritchard, Vice-President; Miss C. Hubbard, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. E. M. Lacey, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Risdon D. Gribble, Treasurer.

DIRECTORS—Mrs. H. T. Hays, Mrs. W. S. Mount, Mrs. I. L. Crawcour, Mrs. Henry Ginder, Mrs. W. C. Black, Mrs. Theo.

Shute, Mrs. J. K. Gutheim, Mrs. M. E. Randall, Mrs. T. R. Heard, Mrs. R. H. Browne, Mrs. J. J. Lyons, Mrs. J. C. Keener, Mrs. Virginia Harper, Mrs. J. O. Harris, Miss M. McCoard.

Mrs. Bartlett resigned the following year, on account of absence from the country.

A Board of Council, composed of Gen. H. T. Hays and Messrs. Wm. M. Perkins, M. Musson, Thos. L. Bayne and Theodore Shute, assisted the lady directors in their financial and charitable labors.

The present Directors are : Mrs. G. W. Pritchard, President; Mrs. M. E. Randall, Vice-President; Mrs. George S. Lacey, Treasurer; Mrs. Theo. Shute, Secretary; Mrs. S. Stewart. Mrs. Carl Kohn, Mrs. Hy. Grimshaw, Mrs. Chas. Waldo, Mrs. Ed. Kursheedt, Mrs. J. O. Harris, Mrs. Alex. Walker, Mrs. Charles Nash, Mrs. Fred. Wing, Mrs. Dr. Crawcour, Mrs. Ed. Bridge, and Mrs. P. Strong.

It will be seen that there have been very few changes in the list of managers since the Association commenced its labors, eight years ago. Its receipts, from all sources, in that period, amounted to \$23,907; paid out for charitable purposes, \$18,522; paid for expenses incurred in removing remains of several hundred Confederate soldiers, building the tomb, etc., and erecting the monument, \$11,385.

The most liberal individual contributor to this fund, since its opening, has been our former fellow townsman, the highly esteemed Mr. Paul Tulane, who, though a resident of New Jersey, has never forgotten "the olden time," when he was one of our busiest merchants, and proves this kindly feeling by yearly contributing liberally to our asylums. Being informed of the interesting ceremony to take place to-morrow, and invited to be present, Mr. Tulane telegraphed yesterday that he would be unable to be present, but directed his agent here to pay over to the Association, for him, the munificent sum of \$300.

We had the pleasure, week before last, on invitation of the officers of the Association, of a view of the monument in its entirety, after its completion by the erection, over the lofty mound containing the bones of the dead soldiers, of the shaft, busts and statue that complete the work. The tall shaft that

supports the topmost figure, rises from a granite foundation covering the mound, and is surrounded on its four faces by life size marble busts of Stonewall Jackson, Sidney Johnson, Leonidas Polk and R. E. Lee.

The statue is a life size figure of a Confederate soldier, in uniform, standing on guard, in an easy attitude, leaning on his gun, his countenance expressive of intense watchfulness and vigilance. The artistic beauty and accuracy of the figure and its finished execution will elicit prompt and unqualified admiration.

The monument was made in Italy, of the finest Carrara marble. The designs are due to the talented architect, Mr. B. M. Harrod; the whole contract was executed by Mr. Geo. Stroud, and both have performed their duty with a taste and skill that all who go to the Greenwood Cemetery to-morrow will at once recognize.



Dedication Services.

Prayer, by Rev. Dr. Palmer.

Almighty God, we adore Thee as "the King Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only wise God, God over all, blessed forever." Thou reignest supreme, "doing according to Thy will in the Army of Heaven, and among the inhabitants of earth. None can stay Thy hand, or say unto Thee, what doest Thou." In Thine adorable Providence, Thou "puttest down one, and settest up another," and "givest the kingdom to whomsoever Thou wilt." "Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine. Thine is the Kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as Head above all."

Even though clouds and darkness be round about Thee, it is our joy to know that Justice and Judgment are the habitation of Thy throne, and that Mercy and Truth shall go before Thy face." Often "Thy way is in the sea, and Thy path in the great waters, and Thy footsteps are not known." Thou dost cause Nations, as well as Men, to sit sometimes upon the wreck of all their hopes, and to write their history with their tears. Yet we dare not impeach Thy wisdom, even as we cannot resist Thy power. Help us, in all the gloom of our sorrow, to veil our faces before Thy dread majesty, and to say, "Alleluia! the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth—let the whole earth rejoice before him!"

Thou hast assembled us this day at the spot where our hearts are the saddest. We kneel together as mourners beside the tomb of those whom we loved in life, and whom we honor in death. Amidst melancholy memories we raise this Memorial of our love over their sleeping dust, and with pious hands unveil it before the world. Teach us here, O Lord, the great law of Thy kingdom in Providence and Grace; that "except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Out of death