

## ORPHANS' HOMESTEAD

On Friday evening, July 3, 1868 the children of the Homestead had a pleasant time in Agricultural Hall, the programme being specially arranged with reference to a commemoration of the Battle, July 1863. The evening was very warm, preventing, doubtless, many from being present; yet the large Hall was about two-thirds full. The Hall had been tastefully draped for the occasion with National flags, the children of the Homestead, with the officers of the Institution, occupying the platform. The word "GETTYSBURG" in large gilt letters, was arranged in a semi-circle around over the platform, with "1863" underneath, and a drapery of national flags.

The boys were all uniformed in a grey suit, with officers, miniature guns, etc., and went through the military drill. The girls wore white bodies with blue sashes

The programme of exercises was as follows:

1. Chant by the children
2. Prayer by Prof. Ferrier
3. Psalm (in concert) by the children
4. Prayer (choral and recitative)

Maria Lane, Penna.  
 Lillie Shaw, Penna.  
 Lizzie Boertz, Mich.  
 Amelia Long, Penna.  
 Sarah Bennett, Penna.  
 Rosa Self, Ill.  
 Naomi Metz, Penna.

5. Salutations to the flag

F. Humiston, N. Y.  
 C. S. Washburn, Conn.  
 L. Brown, N. Y.  
 W. J. Lane, Penna.

6. Beautiful Flag

Annie Robb, Penna.  
 Susie Campbell, Penna.  
 Addie Swope, Penna.  
 Lizzie West, Penna.

Eluja Sorber, Penna.  
Maggie Russell, Penna.  
F. Robertson, Penna.  
Emma Sorber, Penna.  
Sallie Farley, Penna.  
Bella Hunter, Penna.

7. Poem by Miss Latimer.
8. "Gone to the War," (Song by Lieut., Norton)
9. Gettysburg Battle Song

L. Brown, N. Y.,  
Jessie Archer, N. Y.  
Annie Steck, Penna.  
Eva Brown, N. Y.  
Ruth Metz, Penna.  
Gusta Boertz, Mich.  
Alice Humiston, N. Y.  
Ida Metz, Penna.  
Minnie Glennie, Mich.  
Mary J. Ballantine, Penna.

10. "I have a home," (Hymn) by the children
11. Five years ago today

W. Swope, Penna.  
Tynie Wallace, Penna.  
F. West, Penna.  
J. W. Wingert, Penna.  
F. Humiston, N. Y.

12. The Requiem--Lizzie Boertz, little ones, boys
13. Remarks by Prof. Ferrier and Dress Parade by the boys.
14. Singing by the children.
15. Benediction by Rev. Mr. Brendenbaugh.

The singing was led by Lieut. Norton, Principal of the Institution, with a Melodian. The "string band" was also present and contributed much to the entertainment. There are about 70 orphans in the Homestead which seems to be admirably managed.

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