

die without fear, tranquil and hopeful, only regretting to leave my wife alone, and not to see the triumph of the good cause."

Many good men have sealed with their blood their love for this land, but none were more truly devoted to it. The country which can show to the world such heroes as those who died in this war, is a great country, and has nothing to fear from the tyrants of Europe, were they all to unite to crush this republic. Love of freedom is the greatest school for soldiers, and enthusiasm creates armies.

AMOS HUMISTON, *Sergeant Co. C, 154th Regiment N. Y. S. V.*, was born in Owego, Tioga county, N. Y., on the 24th of April, 1830, and was the son of Ambrose and Mary (Bronson) Humiston. He received a common school education, and learned the trade of a harness maker, at which he was employed for some time at Candor, Tioga county, where he married Philinda B. Ensworth, by whom he had three children. Inheriting the blood of his grandfather, who was killed in the service of his country during the war of 1812, he volunteered as a private in company C, 154th N. Y. volunteers, at Portville, N. Y., on the 17th July, 1862. He was subsequently promoted fifth corporal and orderly sergeant; was with his company in the actions at Chancellorville and Gettysburg, and fell mortally wounded in the action last named. With barely sufficient strength for that purpose, he crawled to a friendly tree, and, taking from his pocket an ambrotype likeness of his three children, fixed his dying gaze upon them and passed from the field of carnage to the presence of his Creator. When found, the likeness of his children was still firmly grasped in his hand; but beyond that likeness there was nothing showing his name or that indicated that he had friends, or the number of the company or regiment to which he belonged. The picture, and the facts connected with it, came to the hands of Dr. Bourne, of Philadelphia, through whose exertions it was identified and the name of the noble dead ascertained.

ABRAHAM DENNISTON, *private Co. G, 107th Regiment N. Y. S. V.*, was born on the 16th day of January, 1827, in the town of New Windsor, Orange county, N. Y., in that part of the town known as Little Britain, and adjoining the farm of the late Gen. James Clinton. His parents, who are both living, are Goldsmith Denniston and Fanny Denniston, the ancestors of whom, upon

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HORATIO SEYMOUR.