

ngton was fought on the nineteenth
e first Massachusetts volunteers were
day of the month, 1861, in the streets
were the first men who responded to
eat for seventy-five thousand soldiers,
unter. Such was their promptitude
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their homes at midnight, and, press-
a storm of driving sleet, were in
awaiting orders to march, before
n, after their receiving the summons.
much to do with saving the govern-
he boast of the rebels, when they
unter, might have been made good.
y, that flag might have floated from
ngton, and the savage eye of the
n glaring down upon us from the
city.

giments was passing through New
that city met one of its members on

"I can do for you?" said the New
armed toward the representative of
its militia who had been so prompt

at a moment, and finally, raising one
boot with a hole in the toe, and, in
ly the worse for wear.

ere with such boots as those, my
riotic citizen.

me for me to join my company, sir,"
was ploughing in the same field at

Concord where my grandfather was ploughing when the
British fired on the Massachusetts men at Lexington. He
did not wait a moment; and I did not, sir."

It is needless to say that the soldier was immediately
supplied with a full equipment for all his wants, and with
a "God-speed" was sent forward on his way.

VII. THE UNKNOWN CHILDREN.

A gentleman from Philadelphia, who was at Gettysburg
as a volunteer surgeon, obtained there a most touching
relic of that terrible battle. It was a melinotype, or an
ambrotype on iron of three children, and was taken from
the hands of a dead soldier who belonged to the Union
army. He had been mortally wounded, and crawled to a
sheltered place, where his body was found, with the picture
of his children so placed that his eyes could rest upon it in
his dying moments. There was no clew to his name, or
his regiment, or his former place of residence. He had
evidently carried it with him into battle, and that image
perhaps of a motherless group that must be cast henceforth
upon God's fatherhood shows with what thoughts it was
hardest for him to struggle in death.

Of the children in the picture, two were boys and one a
girl, all of them with features of uncommon beauty. The
oldest, a boy, is seated in the centre, the youngest, a boy,
on the other's right hand, and a little girl on the left. The
picture had a flat gilt frame, and probably had been sent to
the soldier from home in a letter. It is to be hoped that
it may find its way yet into the hands of some of the rela-
tives of the deceased father.¹

¹ Since this paragraph was laid aside for insertion here, the identity of the un-
known soldier has been ascertained. His name was Humiston, and his widow
and three children live at Portville, Cattaraugus County, New York. The pub-
licity given to the circumstance led to this discovery.

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