

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 1868  
ORPHANS PARTICIPATE

The Memorial Day procession to the National Cemetery was headed by the children of the National Orphans Homestead, carrying bouquets and banners representing the various states, whose dead repose in the National Cemetery.

After the address and benediction, which closed the Memorial Day exercises in the National Cemetery, the decorating of the graves followed. The Orphans passed from block to block, depositing the floral tribute, and chanting the following lines.

Lightly, lightly, lovingly tread  
O'er the dust of the patriot dead  
Strew the flowers and the triumph wreath  
O'er the brave who sleep beneath.

Lightly, lightly, ~~loving~~ rest <sup>lovingly</sup>  
Wreath and flower upon each breast  
Offerings pure and sought with care  
Sacred made by love and prayer.

In the evening some interesting exercises took place in the school room of the Orphans' Homestead, opening with Prayer by Prof. Stover, and followed by vocal music by the children under the lead of Lieut. Norton, and the reading of an original poem by Miss Latimer, commemorative of the sacrifices made in behalf of the Republic by its fallen soldiers.

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June 3, 1868

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SOLDIER'S ORPHANS

The children connected with the National Orphans' Homestead intend to give an entertainment in agricultural Hall, on Friday evening, July 3, the exercises to consist of Recitations, Declamations, Singing, etc. The programme will be arranged with special reference to the anniversary of the memorable Battles of July, 1863. Admittance 25 cents. Exercises to commence at 8 o'clock.

As the proceeds are to be for the benefit of the children of the Homestead, we hope to see a full Hall.

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#### FIRE PROOF SAFE FOR HOMESTEAD

Messrs. Evans and Watson, of Philadelphia, have sent to the National Orphans Homestead, a donation of a fire-proof safe for the use of the Homestead. The safe has arrived and is in use, and is a very opportune gift.

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#### A DESIRABLE PICTURE

An interesting scene transpired on Friday morning, June 21, 1867 at the Orphans' Homestead. General Grant, and His Excellency, Governor Geary, on setting out, with their escort, to make the tour of the battlefield, halted at the door of the Institution, to be photographed in company with the fatherless little ones there sheltered. The Generals dismounted, and Gen. Geary, leaving the grouping, kindly assisted in arranging the children. Gen. Grant and the Governor, with Generals Horace Porter and S. W. Crawford, formed the center of the grouping, and on either side stood the boys and girls. All remained standing until two negatives were taken.

The picture will be a very interesting one. Among the orphans included in it are children from Illinois, Michigan, Maryland, New York, and our own State. The photograph is to be copy-righted and sold exclusively for the benefit of the Soldiers' Orphans at the Homestead. Copies will be ready within a few days, at Mr. Tyson's gallery, in this place.

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