

ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

May 30th, 1874

At the Soldiers' Lot in Mount Vernon Cemetery.

PRAYER BY THE POST CHAPLAIN,

After which the Comrades detailed for that purpose will proceed to the Graves to be decorated under command of the Adjutant and Sergeant Major.

KELLER'S AMERICAN HYMN,

By the Abington Choral Society, accompanied by the Band.

I

Blest be the ground where our Braves are at rest,
Honored each shrine where our Martyrs repose,
On through the ages to come shall be bless'd,
Those who defended our land from its foes,
Guarded our land from its traitorous foes.
Comrades, advance in the East and the West!
Scatter fresh garlands where Martyrs repose,
Plant the old Flag where our Braves are at rest!

II

Blest be this day bringing memories so bright,
Throughout the length and the breadth of our land,
Stout were these hearts who fought stern for right,
Brave were the deeds of this strong patriot band,
Valiant the heroes of our army grand!
Comrades, advance and make sacred this rite,
Twine your fresh laurel wreaths over the land,
Hallow this day charg'd with memories so bright.

III

Bless Thou our nation, thou God of the free,
Vouchsafe that liberty our Fathers gave;
Guard Thou our country from sea unto sea—
Soil which our heroes long struggled to save,
Land of our Sires, and redeemed by the Brave.
Comrades, this trust keep for millions to be,
Ages to come will remember each grave,
Cost of our nation so dear yet so free!

Signal for Decoration of Soldiers' Graves by a Firing Party under command of Capt. T. S. Atwood.

DIRGE.

The ceremonies will close by singing America.

I

My country! 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty!
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side
Let freedom ring.

II

My native country! thee,
Land of the noble free
Thy name I love,
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

III

Our Father's God! to thee,
Author of liberty!
To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might,
Great God our King.

BENEDICTION BY REV. F. P. HOWLAND.

The Public are invited to join in Singing. Dinner at Island Grove for all who wish.

Oration at Grove at 2 o'clock, by

J. Mason Everett, of Boston.