

TO UNVEIL HAMPTON SHAFT TO-DAY

PRESIDENT MITCHELL TO DELIVER ADDRESS AT EXERCISES.

Monument to Great Confederate Soldier Stands on Marion Square Close to Statue of Calhoun — Daughters of the Confederacy, Confederate Veterans and Local Militia Companies to Take Part in Ceremonies.

The granite shaft, an offering from the Charleston Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy to the memory of Gen Wade Hampton, which will be unveiled this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, is as simple as his services were sublime, and is as inflexible as his character, was resolute and exalted as his character was renowned. It is a tribute from the noblest and best of women to the memory of one of the grandest and most glorious of men; a soldier, a statesman, a patriot and a hero.

An appropriate site has been selected for the memorial to Wade Hampton. It is on Marion Square, in the same inclosure with the monument erected to Carolina's illustrious statesman, John C. Calhoun. The patriotic principles taught by Calhoun were put into practice by the people of South Carolina in 1860, and were defended to the death in the crimson lists of battle by the gallant and self-sacrificing soldiers of the South, one of the foremost and most famous of whom was Wade Hampton. The shaft is near the South Carolina Military Academy, fondly and familiarly known as the Citadel, and many of those who were trained and taught within those historic walls served with credit and bravery in the Confederate army, and some of them fearlessly rode with Hampton in the famous old cavalry corps of the Army of Northern Virginia. To the spirited young cadets this memorial to the renowned cavalry leader will convey a lofty lesson, a lesson of duty and of devotion; duty ably, intrepidly and conscientiously performed; devotion unselfish and unsurpassed.

Appropriate Speakers.

The Daughters of the Confederacy have been fortunate in their choice of the gifted gentlemen who are to conduct the ceremonies incident to the unveiling of the memorial to Gen Hampton. One who served with conspicuous courage and skill as an officer in the German Volunteers, of the Hampton Legion, is to preside. A lineal descendant of Gen William Moultrie, the comrade in arms during the Revolutionary war of Gen Wade Hampton's grandfather, and whose ancestors were among the bravest and truest of the defenders of the South from 1861 to 1865, will offer the invocation, and the president of the South Carolina University—the alma mater of Wade Hampton—a scholarly Virginian, the noble old Commonwealth that was the scene of most of Hampton's dashing and brilliant deeds, is to deliver the oration.

It is appropriate that the volunteer troops of Charleston should take part in the ceremonies, for they worthily represent companies that fought throughout the War for Southern Independence, and they are in a great measure indebted to Wade Hampton for the privileges they now enjoy, for until he became Governor their commands could not be reorganized.

The thin gray line of Confederate Veterans who are wearing their wounds like stars, will be present this afternoon to testify their devotion to their reverence for the memory of Wade Hampton, among them the few survivors in Charleston of the soldiers of the Legion he commanded. One who was Hampton's chosen and courageous aide, who was his confidante, and to whom his memory is dear, will be absent on account of sickness.

Hampton, the Soldier.

Wade Hampton was a remarkable, a renowned man; an intuitive soldier, as handsome in appearance as he was heroic in action. His earliest active military service was as colonel of the Hampton Legion, that shared in the glory and materially aided in the triumph of the first battle of Manassas. He rose by merit to be a lieutenant general and enjoyed the confidence of the immortal Robert E. Lee, by whom he was accorded the highest praise for bravery, strategy and skill. In battle he was an inspiration to his men, who followed him over many a memorable field. Gen Hampton was insensible to fear; he courted danger and defied death. He was ever in the front of the fight and received several wounds when charging the Federal foe. His life was an eventful one; a wealthy planter, of lofty lineage, cultured, devoted to field sports; his engaging society everywhere courted; a magnificent type of manhood, his palatial home the seat and centre of refined and delightful hospitality, he left fields and fortune, the happiest of homes, at the call of his State, and in defence of principles ingrained in every Southern breast. One of the most pathetic scenes of the war was the death of Gen Hampton's knightly son, Preston Hampton, who was killed during a desperate charge against columns of Federal cavalry in Virginia. Though sad at heart at the death of his brave boy, there was not any time for tears; a moment's sad gaze on the pale, upturned face, a hand hurriedly placed on the nerveless breast, a kiss on the brow of his slain son, and devotion to the loved dead was for the time forgotten, and duty to the living was promptly resumed, as Gen Hampton quickly vaulted into the saddle and with sabre in hand engaged the enemy.

Hampton, the Statesman.

Thirty-six years ago Gen Hampton was in the enjoyment of the ease and elegance of a planter's life in Mississippi, with all the attractions of home that one could desire. Old army comrades came to see him, to listen to his entertaining talk, to revive precious memories, and distinguished men from Europe, who had heard of him from Gen Wolsley and from Col Horos von Berk, visited his home and were charmed by the gracious welcome they received; by his sparkling and clever sayings. Tranquil and pleasant were the hours passed with the loving and loved ones of the happy household. Soon, however, he was to leave these treasured scenes to take part in another campaign, in which he was to be the central and most conspicuous figure; not in the field, but in the forum. South Carolina again called on her devoted and distinguished son, Wade Hampton, to lead her patriotic sons to try to redeem the State from Radical misrule—the rule of the robber. He promptly answered her call, and although many of the wisest and worthiest men in Carolina doubted the success of the movement, by the magnetism, the signal ability, the persuasive power and the resolute manner which he displayed on the hustings, after a

lengthy and bitterly contested campaign, honest government triumphed at the polls and Hampton and Home Rule restored peace and prosperity to South Carolina.

As Governor and as United States Senator Gen Hampton served his people with the same unalterable regard for their interests and worked as faithfully for their welfare, winning golden opinions from distinguished men throughout the nation, that he so signally displayed when fighting for the God-given rights of freemen.

Charleston has been the birthplace of many illustrious men, and of the number there is not one whose character shines brighter than Hampton's in the eternal temple of truth, to whom she owes a deeper debt of gratitude, or whose fame is dearer to the hearts of her children.

A Leader's Words.

Many and tender and treasured have been the tributes that Wade Hampton paid to the soldiers and the sailors who fearlessly fought for the Confederate cause, and to the noble and self-sacrificing women of the war, and God bless the sweet Daughters of the Confederacy for their pious and praiseworthy work. At the unveiling of the Confederate monument at Camden Gen Hampton delivered a scholarly and heart-stirring address, closing with the following appeal: "To you, women of the South, belongs the high and sacred duty of guarding the graves of these dead soldiers of the South—duty which so far has been nobly discharged. You have another duty to perform—it is to teach your children that while serving their country faithfully they must cherish as among their proudest heritages the memory of the men who died for the South. Teach them to be worthy of their fathers, to love their native land and to defend their liberties forever, if need be with their lives. I need not exhort you to preserve these cemeteries—these God's acres sacredly. You have made them for our warrior dead; you have dedicated them in the name of the Most High; in your loving care they will be forever safe. Blessed by God and protected by woman, no holier spots can be found on earth."

Order of Exercises.

The order of exercises at the unveiling this afternoon will be as follows:

Lieut Col Rawlins Lowndes, master of ceremonies.

Music.

1. Invocation, Bishop Guerry.

Music.

2. Unveiling of the monument by granddaughters and great-granddaughters of Gen Hampton.

Music.

3. Firing salute of guns — German Artillery.

Music.

4. Oration, Dr S. C. Mitchell, president University of South Carolina.

Music.

5. Strewing wreaths on the base of monument by Daughters of the Confederacy.

Music.

6. Benediction, Bishop Guerry.

Music.

(Music by Metz Band and Citadel Cadet Band.)

Owing to the illness of Col Rawlins Lowndes, the Hon James Simons will act as master of ceremonies for the unveiling exercises.

The following are the officers of the Charleston Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, to whose efforts the erection of the monument is due:

President, Miss M. B. Washington; first vice president, Mrs M. G. Eason; second vice president, Mrs W. H. Huger; recording secretary, Miss C. L. Porcher, pro tem; corresponding secretary, Mrs A. S. Smith; treasurer, Miss F. Ottolengui; historian, Miss Barry O'Driscoll; registrar, Mrs W. M. Gourdlin.

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VETERANS TO TAKE PART.

Orders Issued with Reference to Hampton Unveiling.

The following orders to the Confederate Veterans of Charleston have been issued by Col S. E. Welch, commanding the 1st regiment, U. C. V.:

Headquarters First Regiment.

United Confederate Veterans.

Charleston, S. C., March 28, 1912.

General Orders No 2—Series 1912—

Charleston Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, has extended an invitation to the members of Camps Sumter, A. Burnet, Rhett, Palmetto Guard and Washington Artillery, as well as to all other veterans in the city, to be present at the unveiling of the monument which they have erected to the memory of Gen Wade Hampton.

In compliance with the above invitation, the members of the various camps are requested to assemble on the east side of Marion square, opposite Citadel Square Baptist Church, at 4.30 P. M. to-day, (28th March), to attend upon the unveiling ceremonies.

S. E. Welch, Colonel, Commanding First Regiment, U. C. V.

A. W. Lanneau, Adjutant.

CHILDREN TO HAVE FIELD DAY.

Courtenay School Plans First Event of its Kind Held Here.

On Friday, April 12, the pupils of the Courtenay School will hold their first annual field day at Hampton Park. This will be the first track athletic meet ever attempted by a public school in Charleston. There will be entries for most of the regular track events: the 100-yard dash, 220-yard run, quarter mile, half and mile, running broad and high jumps, relay races, tug of war and shot put. In addition there will be several events for the girls.

The feature of the day, however, is to be a tug of war and a mile relay race, in which it is hoped that all of the public schools will contest. Mr Richard Allan, of the James Allan Company, has offered, and Mr Achurch has engraved, a very handsome silver cup to the winner of the tug of war. The cup is to be kept for one year and, if won three years in succession by any school, is to be the permanent property of that school. The H. M. Lazarus Company has offered a pennant to the winner of the relay race. The Ball Supply Company and A. McL. Martin Company have also offered prizes.

This is an entirely new field of pleasure for the public school children of Charleston and another step in organized sport for children. It is hoped that sufficient interest will be manifested by the public to make it a success. Refreshments will be sold by the girls, and an admission fee of 10 cents will be charged. The proceeds will be given to the Fingar memorial fund.