Order of Exercises for the Decoration of Soldiers' Graves, 1871

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ORDER OF EXERCISES

FOR THE

Decoration of Soldiers' Graves,

AT

AUGUSTA, MAINE,

June 24th, 1871.

Kennebec Journal Print.
Air—Pleydell's Hymn.

1 Love unchanging for the dead,
   Lying here in gloried sleep,
   Where the angels softly tread,
   While their holy watch they keep.

2 Wreaths we bring that ne'er shall fade,
   Greener with the passing years,
   Brighter for our sorrow's shade,
   Jeweled with our falling tears.

5 God of nations, bless the land
   Thou hast saved to make us free!
   Guide us with Thy mighty hand,
   Till all lands shall come to Thee.

Prayer,

Rev. E. Martin.

Oration,

Gen. J. A. Hall.

Poem,

H. S. Webster, Esq.

Music.

Hymn

To be Sung during the Decoration of Graves.

Air—America.

1 This fond Memorial Day,
   Sweet scented flowers we lay
   On comrades' graves.
   To brothers, brave and true,
   Who country only knew,
   The flag,—red, white and blue—
   Still o'er them waves.

2 We shed the heartfelt tear
   For brave souls ever dear
   To freedom's name.
   With flowers we crown the brave,
   Sweet flowers to gently wave,
   With wreaths each mound engrave,
   "Immortal fame."

3 Dying that the Truth might live,
   Here they rest in Freedom's name,
   Giving all that man can give—
   Life for Glory's deathless fame.

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6 Thus, comrades, on this day,
   We guard the loyal way
   Of truth and right;
   Our faith now renew,
   To country ever true,
   Sweet flowers we loving strew,
   Heaven bless the sight!
Prayer at Unknown Graves, Rev. Mr. Cram.

Prayer at Forest City Cemetery, Rev. Dr. Ricker.

Prayer at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Rev. Mr. Moor.

Closing Remarks, = = Rev. C. F. Penney.

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**Closing Hymn.**

**AIR—Old Hundred.**

Blest are the martyred dead who lie
In holy graves for freedom won,
Whose storied deeds shall never die,
While coming years their circles run.

Blest be the ground where heroes sleep,
And blest the flag that o'er them waves,
Its radiant stars their watch shall keep,
And brightly beam on hallowed graves.

While Freedom lives their names shall live
In glory on her blazing scroll,
And Love her sacrifice shall give,
While anthems round the altar roll.

Year after year our hands shall bear
Immortal flowers in vernal bloom,
Till God shall call us home to share
Immortal life beyond the tomb.

Our Father, all the praise be Thine!
Thy grace and goodness we adore;
Bless our dear land with love divine,
And shed Thy peace from shore to shore!

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Benediction, Rev. Mr. Upjohn.
The Procession will form in Market Square, the Right resting on Water Street.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

POLICE. CHIEF MARSHAL. AIDS.
HALLOWELL CORNET BAND.

CAPITAL GUARDS.
CARRIAGE WITH MAYOR, ORATOR, POET, & PRESIDENT OF THE DAY.
Carriages containing Flowers.

Members of City Government.
ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.
CUSHNOC FIRE COMPANY.
ATLANTIC FIRE COMPANY. PACIFIC FIRE COMPANY.

HEATH POST G. A. R.
NATIONAL MILITARY ASYLUM BAND.

SOLDIERS FROM THE NATIONAL MILITARY ASYLUM, TOGUS.

DETACHMENT OF ARTILLERY FROM U. S. ARSENAL.
COMMANDANT OF U. S. ARSENAL.

COMMANDANT OF NATIONAL MILITARY ASYLUM AND STAFF.

EX-OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY, AND EX-OFFICERS AND SAILORS OF THE NAVY.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS. CLERGYMEN IN CARRIAGES.

CITIZENS ON FOOT AND IN CARRIAGES.

ROUTE OF PROCESSION.

From Market Square through Water street to Bridge street; up Bridge street to State street; through State street to Greene street; up Greene street to Forest Grove Cemetery; through Forest Grove Cemetery to Winthrop street; up Winthrop street to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where the services will be conducted as per Programme.

Minute Guns will be fired by a detachment from U. S. Arsenal while the procession is moving. The several organizations named above will report to the Chief Marshal at Market Square, at 1:30 P. M.

The Mayor, Orator, Poet and President of the Day, and Clergymen, will please report to Committee of Arrangements, at Granite Hall, at 1:30 P. M., where carriages will be provided.

The Procession will move promptly at 2 P. M.

H. A. DeWITT, Chief Marshal.