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### Last Message from the President-General

The Cedars  
Stratford, Virginia

My dear Daughters:

This my last letter to you as your President-General could go from no more inspiring surroundings than this, the birthplace of Robert E. Lee, and on October twelfth, the anniversary of his death.

The day began for me at Lexington where, on invitation of Dr. Gaines, President of Washington and Lee University I shared with other members of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Foundation, members of the student body, of the faculty, and of the trustees, the very sweet and solemn service of remembrance in the little chapel which General Lee built during his presidency of the institution. No more inspiring, uplifting, and comforting setting could be imagined than this. Seated in the historic building, within full view of the recumbent Lee, there came a renewed sense of thankfulness that such a man had lived and loved and died for the right, and through it all there stole the sense of prayerful and feverent hope that such another might be sent to guide America today through the maze of difficulties she encounters during these parlous times.

When the Daughters of the Confederacy presented last May to the Army War College at Washington the portrait of General Lee, we honored ourselves, and the United States Government illustrated wisdom in high places by accepting it as a guerdon that each of the parties to the ceremony was aware of the value of a great life and of emphasizing it to the nation. Also was stressed the fact that glory of battlefields in the War Between the States is not unto the North, not unto the South, but to a common American valor. By this additional tribute to General Lee, we accentuated appreciation of the fine things exemplified in his political, social and military standards, and speak anew,

loyalty to the principles to which the South's great leader dedicated himself.

Whether we contemplate Lee as the devoted offspring of the physically frail mother, the loyal son of a brave father, whether his fine record while a student at West Point or as its superintendent, whether as a painstaking, determined and diplomatic civil engineer, an energetic and courageous fighter for the Union in Mexico, or a loyal defender in the War Between the States of the rights of the states to direct their own affairs in all matters not expressly delegated by them to the General Government; whether we join the world in acclaiming him the greatest military leader the English speaking peoples have produced, or consider him as an educator of initiative, force and culture, we find no fault in this man and we gaze with pride and affection upon him as an exemplar of all the virtues a people can desire, as a Christian who attained the prize of the mark of the high calling.

The great memory of the services on October 12th will ever be for his hearers, the address of Dr. Francis Gaines. In well modulated tones, President Gaines voiced with love and reverence, simplicity of language clothing eloquence of thought, a tribute to the great commander that irradiated anew his great life and emphasized afresh the continuing power of his example. So lifelike is the marble form of the recumbent Lee at Lexington, that gazing upon it, he seems to breathe gently; yes, he puts back the soft folds of the marble coverlet, and while we are thus rapt in attention, he surely rises to his majestic height and in tender words of reminiscence tells us, how he loved the Union, yet loved Virginia more, how horrible is war, and we hear the keynote of his life in the closing words of his injunction to the mother who asked for his blessing on her child: "Teach him to deny himself!"

Come, now, ye Daughters of the Con-

federacy and stand with me before this wondrous figure. Here plight we our troth to honor the name and the principles of the Great Commander, one who early found the Holy Grail and never lost the vision, who never failed in his duty to his nation, to his friends, nor to his God— ROBERT E. LEE!

This last message to you from the retiring President-General is in no sense a swan song. It is a wave of the hand and a cheery thank-you for the fine cooperation you have given me during the past two years. It is to express the hope that you will increase in numbers, that you will grow in knowledge of Southern history, that you will avail yourselves of every opportunity to promote a just estimate of Jefferson Davis, of Robert E. Lee, and of all the other great leaders of the Confederate cause. If you do these things individually, you will do them as an organization, and you will find that "It's the things we do together that count in the world today."

Meet me in Charleston in a spirit of love and hope, and willingness to bear and forbear in all our works.

Yours faithfully,

EUGENIA DOLLY BLOUNT LAMAR.

### Bouquets for The Bulletin

How U.D.C. workers can do without THE BULLETIN is a mystery to me. I have every number. It is my guiding star and inspiration.

MRS. R. F. PRAY, Texas.

Our treasury is empty but I feel that no president of a chapter could get along at all without THE BULLETIN so I am paying for it myself.

ESTELLE R. KILGORE,  
South Carolina.

THE BULLETIN fills a real need, and I look forward to getting it the first of each month.

MRS. L. COTTINGHAM,  
South Carolina.



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### It's Action We Need

November is an all-important month in the life of the United Daughters of the Confederacy as you well know. Its highlight is the General Convention which meets in Charleston, November 14th to 17th, for then it is that the final reports of the year's activities are made. In this, THE BULLETIN has a part, and it is for you to say whether this report be good or bad.

The outlook is encouraging, and with "a strong pull, a long pull, and a pull all together" we may be able to accomplish the much sought after, and much talked goal of "THE BULLETIN Paying For Itself."

We have nothing on which we may depend to finance THE BULLETIN but the money which comes in from the subscriptions. Therefore, our sole dependence is placed on you, and if you do not measure up to our expectations then we cannot hope to write the word "success" on our enterprise.

Personally, your chairman has never felt that you were not interested enough

to respond to your obligations. She is inclined to think it is a matter of memory or one of deferred action. But she tells you what she told her own division: That it is just as fair for her to forget to attend to what is required of her to make THE BULLETIN a success, as it is for you to send your fifty cents.

This is of necessity the last call for subscriptions; but your chairman will receive them any time between now and the convention, and if you do not accede to her request before, she will receive subscriptions in Charleston, if she has the permission of "the powers to be."

It is no use to urge you further. To speak of loyalty and coöperation to members of the U.D.C. is a work of supererogation. We have that.

*It's action we need!*

### North Carolina Convention

The 43rd Annual Convention of the North Carolina Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was held in the George Vanderbilt Hotel, Asheville, N. C., October 10-12th. Perfect Indian Summer weather added extra charm to the beauty of the hostess city and increased the pleasure and comfort of the guests. The two local chapters were most gracious in their hospitality and lavish in their entertainment of the more than two hundred persons attending. The fact that the Division President, Mrs. L. E. Fisher, is a resident of the city and a member of the Asheville Chapter perhaps gave added zest to the enthusiasm with which the hostesses welcomed the delegates and distinguished guests.

The annual convention dinner was followed by a program at which the principal speaker was Mrs. William Cabell Flournoy of Lexington, Va., Historian-General, who discussed the history and traditions of North Carolina in her address. She described the U.D.C. as "The custodian of memories of heroism and valor."

Former Congressman Walter Lambeth of Thomasville in responding for himself and others who received Crosses of Military Service received frequent and prolonged applause as he urged that we cling tenaciously to the pathway of peace.

Breakfasts for the leaders of the Children of the Confederacy and the his-

torians, and Division luncheons broke the routine of the business sessions. The convention formally indorsed Mrs. James Edwin Woodard for the office of Second Vice-President-General. Division officers were reelected as follows: President, Mrs. L. E. Fisher, Asheville; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. E. Lambeth, Thomasville; Third Vice-President, Mrs. A. Y. Kerr, Yanceyville; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Roy H. Cagle, Asheville; Recorder of Crosses, Miss Nannie Dodson, Winston-Salem. Mrs. H. S. McGirt of Wilmington was elected First Vice-President; Mrs. Henry Stevens of Warsaw, Recording Secretary; Mrs. S. S. Holt of Graham, Treasurer; Mrs. James Henry Farris, of Greensboro, Registrar; Mrs. J. J. Andoe of Greensboro, Historian; and Mrs. E. F. Reid of Lenoir, Honorary Vice-President.

### Wheeler Memorial Association

The eleventh annual pilgrimage of General Joseph Wheeler Memorial Association was made September 10, 1939.

Several hundred loyal friends and admirers met at the historic Wheeler home to do homage to his illustrious name. Mrs. J. W. Rutland, president of the association presided with her usual poise and dignity and appointed Mrs. J. T. Jones as secretary pro tem. in the absence of Mrs. J. B. Potts, recording secretary.

An unusually interesting program was given, interspersed with music by the Sheffield High School Band. The association was particularly honored on this occasion by the presence of Mrs. Walter D. Lamar, President-General of U.D.C. and Mrs. Jesse C. Roberts, Alabama Division President, also Hon. John Sparkman, M.C., 8th District of Alabama, each of whom gave eloquent tributes to General Wheeler, and Mrs. Lloyd Garrett a memorial to Miss Myra Hazard, a beloved officer of the association who had passed away since the last meeting.

J. G. Wilson read a report of Highway Commission, stating that the proposed plan of naming the highway from Augusta, Georgia, to Memphis, Tennessee for General Wheeler had been presented to the legislatures of each State through which the highway passes and some definite steps have been taken to accomplish the above proposal.

## HISTORICAL

We wished for you at Lee Chapel on the morning of October the 12th, the anniversary of General Lee's death, when a simple but impressive service was held in commemoration of that event. Among those present were many of the directors of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Foundation, as well as our distinguished President-General, Mrs. Lamar. Dr. Francis P. Gaines, of Washington and Lee University made a choice and beautiful address.

Please bear in mind the luncheon for historians to be given at the Francis Marion Hotel on Wednesday of convention week. Each division historian is asked to bring her special problem to this meeting. Do not bring the loving cups or trophies to Charleston, but please have them shining and ready to ship to the winners when you return from the convention.

Division scrapbooks to be entered in competition should be brought to Charleston, where they will be judged by a committee.

Period costumes will not be worn this time by the Daughters.

Your Historian-General feels deeply grateful for your intelligent coöperation in the past year, for the fine loyalty and support you have given her, and for the interesting reports you have sent in. It is a matter of regret that chapters seem to have been often reluctant in sending in their reports to the division historians. Do you realize that this is a distinct loss to your division, and affects your rating in the sum total? Will you not resolve to be more prompt in future in the discharge of this duty?

MARY H. FLOURNOY,  
Historian-General.

### Another Chapter in an Astounding Story

Chapters will be interested in the following account of the itinerary of a Confederate soldier's grave, especially when a Boston paper at the time of its last removal in the early spring devoted nearly two columns to it. Mrs. R. H. Chesley has for twenty years personally made the trip down the harbor to Deer Island to place flowers and flags on this grave—the only one there, set a little apart from the other fifty graves. They

have all recently been removed inland to Fort Devens at Ayer, Massachusetts.

The following was written by Edward R. Snow, well known historian of that state:

Another chapter in perhaps the most astounding tale to be associated with Boston's connection with the war of 1861 was brought to a close yesterday afternoon at Deer Island Cemetery when Mrs. Roscoe H. Chesley, originally of Georgia, paid her respects at the grave of Lieutenant Edward Johnston, Confederate prisoner, who met his death under strange circumstances at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor.

### TO MOVE BODIES

The occasion for the visit to the lonely cemetery on the isle off the Winthrop shore was the moving of the bodies in the cemetery to what is said to be their final resting place at Fort Devens, Ayer.

Remarkable conditions have associated themselves with Johnston ever since he was brought to Fort Warren as a naval prisoner from the Confederate ram *Atlanta*. Three stories have come down the three-quarters of a century since his death. First, he was wounded while trying to escape from the fort, dying later; second, he died of sickness contracted in the fort, and lastly, he was executed after unsuccessfully attempting to swim away from the fort.

His family in Florida never knew what happened to him, as the war ended with no news filtering through to the South of Johnston's whereabouts. His young wife brought up his small family in complete ignorance of the fact that her husband had died while a prisoner at Fort Warren. Dying thirty years ago, she told her daughter the strange mystery of her husband's career, and the daughter later came North in an effort to locate her father's grave. While in New York she read Confederate Vice-President Stephen's diary while at Fort Warren, and to her amazement read about Stephen's discovery of the grave of her father at the fort.

She rushed to Boston, obtained a pass to the fort down the harbor, but when she reached the island the gravestone could not be found. The officer then in charge did not know it had been moved some years before over to Castle Island, and placed in the graveyard there next to the marble marker to Robert F. Massie. Massie had come from Virginia to Cas-

tle Island in 1817, and had been killed in a duel Christmas morning of that year. She returned discouraged to Florida.

The daughter married and settled down at Jacksonville, but in the meantime the remains of Johnston and Massie were again moved to the new cemetery on Governor's Island. Then came the explosion of 1902, Boston's worst, with 18,000 pounds of gunpowder stored on the island blowing up. Plans were soon made for the abandonment of the island, and in 1908 news came that the cemetery was again to be moved.

Deer Island was now chosen as the final resting place for these two Southern comrades in death, and they were reinterred side by side in the Resthaven Cemetery overlooking Broad Sound Channel.

In 1920, Mrs. Roscoe H. Chesley of Georgia moved to Boston, where she founded the Boston Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. In her survey of the district, she was told of a Confederate gravestone at Deer Island and she visited it on Memorial Day of that year. It was Johnston's grave. Mrs. Chesley made it an annual occasion to pay her respects year after year.

In 1937, Mrs. Perse F. Gaskins of Jacksonville, Florida, was in Boston and called on Mrs. Chesley, then living in Cambridge. She told Mrs. Chesley she was the granddaughter of Lieutenant Edward J. Johnston and was interested in finding out any possible clue to the location of his grave.

The two made plans to visit the grave of Lieutenant Johnston and the next morning, in the year's worst snowstorm, Mrs. Gaskins stood by the grave of her grandfather.

Yesterday the news reached Mrs. Chesley that Johnston's remains were to be moved again, with Massie's remains, to Fort Devens.

Told that the grave might be moved at any minute, Mrs. Chesley made the trip to Resthaven cemetery yesterday afternoon, where she paid the final respects to a Southern naval officer. As she slowly read again the inscription on the great tombstone on Johnston's grave, she realized how utterly false time has made the statement on the stone marker. It reads: "His brother officers and fellow prisoners have placed this tablet to mark his last resting place."



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#### South Carolina Convention

The 43rd annual convention of the South Carolina division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will convene in Columbia, Wednesday, November 1, 1939.

Hotel Columbia will be the official headquarters. Opening exercises will be held Wednesday afternoon, November 1, in the ballroom of the hotel at 2:15.

Meetings are scheduled as given below:

Wednesday, November 1—11 A.M., credentials committee, mezzanine floor, Hotel Columbia; 11 A.M., executive meeting, English room, Hotel Columbia; 1 P.M., Dutch luncheon, executive board, Hotel Columbia; 2:15 P.M., business session, ballroom, Hotel Columbia; 6 P.M., president's dinner, crystal room; 8 P.M., historical evening, ballroom.

Thursday, November 2—9:30 A.M., business session, ballroom; 1 P.M., official luncheon, crystal room; 2:15 P.M., memorial hour, ballroom; 3 P.M., business session, ballroom.

#### California Division Scholarships

The passing of the Confederate Veterans, loved by all of us and always our first interest, leaves us turning more and more toward assuring the education of their descendants.

There was grateful appreciation and renewed interest in this movement in the California Division when the many friends of Mrs. E. F. Scattergood, retiring president, because of the love and esteem in which she is held made it possible for her to present the California Division with two checks for scholarships at the Sacramento Convention of May, 1937. One of these, in the amount of \$4,000, provides a permanent scholarship in the University of California at Los Angeles, declared by the convention to be known as the "Lulie Chilton Scattergood Scholarship."

The other check for \$500 was given by Mrs. Scattergood in furtherance of a like fund of \$4,000 for a scholarship at the University of California at Berkeley. This made a total of approximately \$1,600 contributed or pledged at the convention toward the second scholarship, named in honor of Mrs. Ivy Douglas Ostrom, because of her excellent work as Chairman of Education, and as an educator in California.

The newly-elected Division President, Mrs. F. B. Harrington, with her characteristic enthusiasm states as one of her

objectives this year, the completion of the latter scholarship requiring about \$500 of additional funds. Also, she hopes to further the educational work by adding substantially to the fund of the Sidney Lanier Scholarship, which is sponsored by the Children of the Confederacy. This scholarship fund was started by Mrs. Weyman G. Prickett when division director of the Children's work, and who is now a member of the Sidney Lanier for Hall of Fame Committee.

STELLA FAIRBROTHER THOMPSON.

#### Entertains for Officers

Autumn flowers including dahlias, roses and chrysanthemums, decorated the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Powell in Peakland Place, Lynchburg, when Kirkwood Otey Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, to which Mrs. Powell belongs, entertained with an elaborate reception complimenting two of the members of the chapter recently elevated to offices in Virginia Division. They are Mrs. B. C. Baldwin, elected president, and Mrs. Samuel W. West, corresponding secretary. Mrs. P. G. Hundley president of the chapter received with her two honorees assisted by Mrs. Richard Booth, president of Old Dominion Chapter, Mrs. James A. Scott and Mrs. N. D. Eller, members of the chapter who have been State presidents.

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