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Daughters dear:

The whirlwind of U.D.C. happenings this month can only be outlined for you at this time.

The long scheduled presentation at Fort Monroe of the marker, honoring Dr. Craven because of his treatment of President Davis during the time that the two held the relationship of physician and patient while Mr. Davis was there imprisoned, took place under most happy circumstances, the details of which will be given you by the chairman and President-General later. To say that the arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Bolling and a most able committee is guarantee that all was well planned and perfectly executed. The Superintendent at Fort Monroe, General F. H. Smith, gave over the greater part of the day to our program. His aides too, seemed to enjoy assisting in the carrying out of the day's historic events.

During my stay at Fortress Monroe, the Peninsular chapters embowered my room with flowers and entertained me most graciously with a reception. Corsages came from a number of the neighboring chapters, and I was made happy by the kindly words of the Daughters attending the exercises. Members of the family of Dr. Craven present were most appreciative and were delightful people to know. I shall look forward to meeting with them when I go North next time. Dr. Douglas Freeman's paper, the *News-Leader*, gave generous space to notices of the proceedings at the Fort as did many others.

From Fort Monroe, I travelled in company with Mrs. Bolling to our week of council here at Stratford, with the Lee Foundation, where takes place the spring celebration honoring annually the parents of Robert Edward Lee. The presence of the French Ambassador and members of his staff, of the Honorable Breckinridge Long and others for ceremonies incident upon the presentation

to Stratford of the original Peale portrait of Lafayette by those who had long owned it, was the cardinal event of the day.

From here I go to Washington for the presentation of the Lee portrait to the Army War College, which event will be a little too late for the account of it to be included in this letter.

But a brief time remains for you to carry out the request of the President-General that each chapter order two additional copies of *The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government*, by Jefferson Davis, so that when his birthday, June 3rd is celebrated, there will be a noble tribute to him in the gratifying sale of his book, which the Daughters had reprinted.

An ex-President-General, who is the chairman of the Jefferson Davis Highway, Mrs. Woodbury is now in the far West and will arrive at Seattle in time to participate in the exercises to be staged out there on the occasion of the presentation by the Seattle chapters of the marker on the border of Oregon for the Jefferson Davis Highway.

I had a great pleasure recently in the visit to Macon of our beloved and distinguished Honorary President, Mrs. James Henry Parker, of New York. Mrs. Parker was looking very handsome and belied the report that had reached us that she was in poor health. I believe no woman has a finer record of unflinching generosity to our work than Mrs. Parker, nor is there one more loved by U.D.C. We look forward to seeing her at the Charleston Convention.

Mrs. Flournoy has made a distinctly valuable contribution to Southern historical reference books in *Sidelights on Southern History*. It is a book of which I have long felt the need and shall want it by me from now on. It is necessarily but glances at economic problems, but it is inclusive of information on so many things, these phases and personalities well and eloquently presented. I am proud that the Historian of our Order

has made this fine contribution to our laurels and I commend the book for old and young. It supplies valuable knowledge of our country and serves as an example of the best English and the fine restraint that characterizes such contributions to literature.

I am collecting, to be presented to you at a later date quite a bit of evidence to refute the genuineness of a letter published in the late sixties in the *Richmond Whig* which purports to be from General Lee to his son, Custis Lee, and in which is used the oft-quoted expression, "Duty is the noblest word in the English language." The phrase is high-sounding and some will hate to give it up, especially since we made the mistake of putting it on the base of the bust of General Lee presented to the Hall of Fame by the Daughters of the Confederacy, where it is customary to use some quotation from the original of the figure so placed.

To be sure it is a good sentiment, but it's too bombastic for Robert E. Lee to have uttered. It is supposed to be a comment on something that happened in a New England legislature. It has the smirk and the high-sounding tones of the crafty Polonius and not of the great and good man whose guiding principle was embodied in his advice to the mother who asked his blessing on her child, "Teach him to deny himself."

There are but six months left in which I am to serve you as your President-General, and in that time, I yearn to secure the requisite additional subscriptions to our edition of Mr. Davis' book, to have noble contributions to the Davis Monument Fund, and to go forward to the mark of the prize of the high calling which is ours by inheritance and by choice, namely: Honor to all the aims of our organization and a worthy upholding of the heritage of our Confederate ancestors. In so doing we range ourselves with the best citizenry the nation has produced.

DOLLY BLOUNT LAMAR.

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Feeling sure that all of you will be delighted to hear of the three great events in which the U.D.C. has played such an important part, much of the space is given to these in this issue.

The chairman asks your continued interest in securing subscriptions, as they are needed, and will be welcomed.

THE BULLETIN will not be issued during July and August, but will be resumed in September. However, many of you may be able to do your best work during what we term the "vacation season."

Remember that it is not just the pull, but the pull-all-together that makes a success of any enterprise. And we are counting on you.

### Two University Scholarships

Mrs. R. D. Wright, Second Vice President-General, announces that through Mrs. W. A. Haggard, Second Vice President, Florida Division, there is a scholarship at the University of Miami, valued at \$100.00.

A vacancy omitted from the education folder is the scholarship at the University of the South, valued at \$100.00.

## HISTORICAL

### Highlights During May

Three outstanding events have taken place during May, starting with the exercises on May 4th, at Fortress Monroe where a tablet in honor of Dr. John Joseph Craven was presented by the President-General, Mrs. Lamar, and accepted on behalf of the garrison by General F. H. Smith, Commandant. The tablet which is placed on the front of the casemate within which President Jefferson Davis was incarcerated for six months, was unveiled by Mr. Robert Craven and Mr. Harry Craven, grandson and great-grandson respectively of Dr. Craven, who came from New Jersey to take part in this historic occasion. Among those in attendance were Mrs. Robert Craven, Mr. Philip Fellinger, postmaster of East Orange, N. J., and through whose efforts the family of Dr. Craven was located; General and Mrs. Kilbourne of V.M.I., Mrs. William Cabell Flournoy, Mrs. R. Sidney Cox, President Virginia Division, Mrs. Charles E. Bolling, Mrs. Frank Anthony Walke, and Mrs. Walter Sydnor, members of the Craven Marker Committee, Miss Sally A. Anderson, President Confederate Memorial Literary Society, and many members from the Virginia, North Carolina, and District of Columbia divisions.

Preceding the ceremonies, the Virginia Division entertained the President-General and other guests at a luncheon at the Chamberlin Hotel.

On Friday, May 12th, another presentation took place when the portrait of General Robert E. Lee, a gift of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, was unveiled at the Army War College, Washington, D. C. The presentation address was made by Mrs. Lamar, President-General and the acceptance was by General J. L. DeWitt, Commandant of the War College. Both addresses were warmly applauded by the distinguished audience present which included members of the Lee family, Daughters of the Confederacy, and a large number of the officer students who are in attendance at the War College.

Those seated on the platform were: Mrs. Lamar, General DeWitt, Hon. Harry D. Woodring, Secretary of War, General Hanson G. Ely, U. S. Army, retired, Mrs. Chas. B. Hyde, Honorary-

President U.D.C., Mrs. Henry Robert, National President D.A.R., Mrs. Chas. D. Lanier, Greenwich, and Mrs. Thomas J. Starke, Richmond, members of the portrait committee; Miss Mary Lee of New York, and Hanson G. Ely, III, great-grandchildren of General Lee, who unveiled the portrait. Following the exercises which marked a most significant occasion in the history of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, General and Mrs. DeWitt entertained the official guests and officers and their wives connected with the War College at a luncheon given in the War College Club.

### New Market Day at V.M.I.

May 15th was a gala day in Lexington, Virginia. This day designated as "New Market Day" by the Virginia Military Institute marked the opening of its Centennial Celebration and the observance of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of New Market. The day was "a veritable U.D.C. Day," and came as a great climax to the other celebrations of the month. Mrs. Walter D. Lamar, President-General, Mrs. R. D. Wright of Newberry, South Carolina, Second Vice President-General, Mrs. W. C. N. Merchant of Chatham, ex-President-General, Mrs. William Cabell Flournoy, Historian-General, Mrs. R. Sidney Cox, Smithfield, President of the Virginia Division, and Mrs. John Collinson, President of the Maryland Division, Mrs. Charles E. Bolling, President of Fitzhugh Lee Monument Association, were among the distinguished members of the organization attending the ceremonies.

The exercises which were held in Jackson Hall were inspiring. The Cadet Corps seated in the center of the auditorium brought a thrill of pride to the audience, and Mrs. Lamar's address, scholarly and inspirational, was worthy of the occasion. She paid a glowing tribute to the Virginia Military Institute and to Stonewall Jackson and to Matthew Fontaine Maury whose names are indelibly linked with the institution they served. Among other things she made this significant utterance: "We are grateful for this day of memories that it shall serve to give us new knowledge of and new joy in ourselves of two of the most noted exponents of the kind of men V.M.I. gives to the world."

Later, Mrs. Lamar presented in the name of the general organization a loan scholarship of \$200.00 a year as a me-

morial to Stonewall Jackson to be awarded through its educational committee to students of Confederate ancestry in either junior or senior years at V.M.I. Mrs. R. Sidney Cox, President of the Virginia Division, presented a gift scholarship of \$150.00 from the Virginia Division to be awarded through its educational committee and to be called "The Stonewall Jackson Memorial Scholarship."

The memory of Fitzhugh Lee, nephew of General Robert E. Lee, was honored through an endowment fund presented by the Fitzhugh Lee Monument Association to bear the name of "Fitzhugh Lee Memorial Scholarship." This award, "a living memorial" to the gallant Confederate cavalry leader, is \$200.00 which will be awarded annually through the Virginia Division to a Virginia-born descendant of Confederate ancestry. Mrs. Charles E. Bolling, President of the Fitzhugh Lee Monument Association, presented a check of approximately \$4,900.00 to the Institute to be used for this purpose.

The gifts were received by Captain Robert W. Massie, of Lynchburg, president of the Board of Visitors.

A battle-scarred flag of the Confederacy which was one of a number of unidentified captured Confederate flags returned by the United States Government many years ago and placed in the custody of the Confederate Museum, was presented to the Institute in honor of its Centennial and in reverent memory of the New Market Cadets, by Mrs. Charles E. Bolling for the Confederate Memorial Literary Society. The Cadet Corps and the entire audience rose to their feet when the flag was shown, making an effective and thrilling scene. It was received by Norman Randolph Turpin, grandson of Mrs. N. V. Randolph of blessed memory, by him given to Captain Massie and will be placed in the Institute museum.

The outstanding feature of the occasion was the presence of William Morrison Wood, of Old Hickory, Tennessee, one of the less than 250 cadets who took part in that famous charge of seventy-five years ago. He was escorted by his grandson, Corporal Joseph L. Parrish, Jr., a member of the present corps at V.M.I. Mr. Wood paid tribute to the indomitable courage and deeds of daring of his fellow cadets and said they had "elicited admiration and praise of

all who are familiar with the history of the battle." During the garrison review he pinned on the regimental cadet colors, a battle streamer with the words, "New Market" on it. This streamer was earned in accordance with military regulations at New Market by the corps of which he was a member.

Mr. Wood was introduced by Colonel William Couper, V.M.I. historiographer, who graphically reviewed the Battle of New Market before the famous mural of the battle painted by Benjamin West Clinedinst of the V.M.I. class of 1880.

A cablegram was received from Philip Nelson Page, of Concordia, Argentine, who has resided there since 1865. He is the only survivor of the V.M.I. artillery section that participated in the Battle of New Market.

During the program at Jackson Hall an impressive part of the program was the calling of the names of cadets killed at New Market, and as each name was spoken, a cadet, member of the present corps arose and answered *Died on the Field of Honor, Sir*.

Words failed to describe the impression made by the garrison review which was held at the conclusion of the program in Jackson Hall. Cadet infantrymen, artillerymen and cavalrymen participated. It was a magnificent sight and those who witnessed stood at reverent attention, a thrill of intense pride pervading each heart as these marched past the reviewing stand.

The closing ceremony was held after the review at the monument "Virginia Mourning Her Dead" where three volleys were fired and taps sounded. This monument, erected in memory of the V.M.I. boys at New Market bears a plaque upon which their names were inscribed. A wreath was placed on it by Cadet First Captain William Irving, of Chester, Pennsylvania.

A bountiful luncheon followed when the visitors were guests of the Virginia Military Institute.

Too much praise cannot be given General Kilbourne, Commandant of V.M.I., who gave much time and thought to the planning of the program, and who expressed his deep appreciation as well as that of the institution of which he is head, for the gifts presented at this time.

While a generous spirit of cooperation was manifested by the people of Lexington on New Market Day, its perfect

success may be attributed to General Kilbourne who left no stone unturned in arrangements for the comfort and pleasure not only for the special guests but of the visitors.

An added inspiration to the occasion was the presence of the Confederate Veterans and Sons of Veterans who had assembled there for New Market Day and to attend the State Reunion which opened that night and continued through the next day.

At the opening meeting, Mrs. William Cabell Flournoy, Historian-General, brought the greetings from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. The occasion was an inspiring one. The Confederate Veterans, few in number, and enfeebled by time, whose loyalty to the cause for which they fought has never lessened and whose love for their great commanders has increased with the passing years, were in sharp contrast to the V.M.I. cadets—"the gentlemen of the corps," the personification of youth—who on the threshold of their careers are being instructed not only in the arts of war, but of right thinking and right living. These two, the soldier and the soldier in embryo, lent color to the scene and made it an occasion long to be remembered.

It was a typical Southern scene, the little town of Lexington affording a wonderful background for the celebration, for here two of the best loved exponents, not only of the Confederate cause, but of right thinking and right living—Christian soldiers and gentlemen—Robert Edward Lee and Thomas Jonathan Jackson sleep their last sleep. Truly, the heart of the South beats at Lexington!

As we go our different ways for the summer, let us not forget the importance of reporting all historical work early in the fall, that it may be duly assembled for our November convention.

With Charleston, South Carolina as the perfect setting for this convention your own good taste will prompt you to bring a period costume for historical evening, which will complete the atmosphere of this historic background. Please bear in mind that our costumes must be reminiscent of the sixties, and not of other historic periods.

With every good wish for a pleasant summer.

MARY H. FLOURNOY.

### The Jefferson Davis Monument Fund

We all know about the monument, but, do we all know about the fund? The fact is, as chapters and individuals, we have failed it! We have a large organization. If just one-half of our number had given the fifty-cent quota, the monument would now be a reality.

Every effort has been made to make Mrs. Lamar's régime known as one for Jefferson Davis. For the first time we Daughters have been given the privilege to show our love, pride, and admiration for our only President, and we have failed. What is the explanation? What is the excuse? What is our alibi? How can we look each other in the face, at the convention while we listen to our chairman, Mrs. Bashinsky's report, knowing we have failed her?

Many of us have responded; it is true, many have gone over the top, but the fact remains the battle is not yet won. The old campaigners are still in the thick of it. The sector has to be taken before November. Where are the descendants of our "boys in gray"? We need battalions! We are calling for volunteers!

Come on, rally under our banner, for this last drive. We have the courage, we have the cause, we have the goal. Come on, we can do it. We are in the last trench, the signal is given, "let's go," together "over the top."

KETURAH CORWINE SOUTHER.

### Memorial to Samuel Ashe

The North Carolina Division is giving its wholehearted support to the Ashe Memorial Committee which has been organized for the purpose of placing an appropriate marker as a permanent memorial to the late Samuel A'Court Ashe, C.S.A., on the capitol grounds in Raleigh. The General Assembly has already granted its permission and, as Captain Ashe was the last surviving commissioned officer of the Confederate States Army, a spot has been selected between the Confederate Monument and the Wyatt Monument to the first soldier of the Confederacy to die for the Lost Cause.

The memorial will consist of a handsome bronze tablet, bearing a portrait of Captain Ashe in bas-relief, heavily carved, resting on a massive monument of North Carolina granite, and will be a fitting expression of the love and es-

teem in which this patriot, soldier, scholar, historian, and Christian citizen was held by a host of friends and admirers.

### Sidelights of Southern History

Dr. Matthew Page Andrews, eminent historian and authority on Southern history in speaking of *Sidelights of Southern History*, by Mary H. Flourney says: "The first paragraph attracted my attention and won my enthusiastic approval. This particular statement illustrated by the first sentence therein has never been properly presented in history, and Mrs. Flourney has expressed it very well indeed. This book should be most useful for reference by U.D.C. chapters and members."

The book is indeed a most important contribution to Southern history. The writer, Mary H. Flourney is our own Historian-General, and enjoys an enviable reputation as lecturer, author, and student of Southern history, and is fully conversant with each subject treated in her book.

*Sidelights of Southern History* is a collection of articles written by Mrs. Flourney, many of which have received prizes from the Virginia Division U.D.C., General U.D.C., and the Southern Society of New York. These for the most part have for their themes some of the little known phases of Southern history, and are invaluable for the amount of information they contain and which are presented in concrete form.

The book is an ideal one for chapters to present to school and college libraries and has been recommended by the committee on Southern literature for home and foreign libraries, and gracious words of commendation from the President-General is contained in her letter in this issue.

The book is written in Mrs. Flourney's pleasing style, and shows the result of painstaking research.

Dr. Douglas Freeman in his foreword pays tribute not only to the women of the South for their heroism, but to their daughters who have striven through the years to preserve true Southern history. Dr. Freeman also commends Mrs. Flourney for her effort and her long service to the organization.

The California Division has presented the name of Mrs. Davis Cromwell Farnham, San Francisco, for the office of First

Vice President-General, the election to take place November, 1939, at the general convention.

### Children of the Confederacy

June is a busy month for the Children of the Confederacy. All the State conventions meet at this time and I wish it were possible for me to accept the lovely invitations of them all, but as some of the dates conflict, I will have to accept the ones that came first. My heart and thoughts will be with the others and my very best wishes for your success. I am sure your directors will talk to you about the objectives set forth in the 1939 Children of the Confederacy program, helping the Daughters in all of their undertakings, and about our own C. of C. Scholarship. This scholarship belongs to all of you. Every chapter must help. Who knows, but what any member of your chapter may one day be a beneficiary. So let us not wait for the last minute to send in our gifts or essays. Get your program out today and read over the many prizes offered. School is over now and you will have time before starting on your vacation trips to try for these prizes.

It was very gratifying to receive a lovely letter from one of my directors, Mrs. Francis Lauck Beall of Hedgesville, West Virginia. She said in part: "Your study in the 1939 program *Historical Homes of the South and the People Who Live in Them*, has certainly appealed to the children and is a source of unending interest for them, it is tangible, they have something they can get hold of. These places still exist, pictures of them may be collected, and visits made by the chapter members. Whenever I visit Stratford, Mt. Vernon, Monticello and lots of these old places in Virginia, my friends laugh at me, because I insist I still see the "darkies" in the quarters, I feel Mrs. Washington's presence, and as I enter the doors I am greeted by their spirits, my manner becomes more formal. I see Mrs. Lee in her high poster bed, I hear little Robert wailing from his crib, and I sense the black Mammy's bustling in and out with corncakes and hot sausages. This is no pose, but very real to me, and it makes me feel futile, small, but I get genuine pleasure, different from the average gaping tourist." Thank you, Mrs. Beall, for that lovely letter.

LOUISE MARTIN ALLEN.