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**T**HE object of this Organization is to honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln and his wife in her home city, Lexington, Ky., where she was born and educated and went out at the age of 24 to become his bride, to be a part of his life in the early days of struggle, in the mid-days of pleasure and success, and in the final sad day of sorrow. Mrs. Lincoln with her great husband suffered much. Their lives were tragic.

Our plan is to raise \$150,000 to be expended in a handsome building thoroughly equipped, and with a beautiful bronze tablet of the two, and \$50,000 put in a trust fund, the interest to forever keep it in perfect condition upon the campus of Sayre College.

This institution is one of the oldest schools of the South for girls, and all of Mrs. Lincoln's relatives have been educated there. The Charter and Deed of Conveyance forever forbids the creating of a debt upon its real estate. The Board of Trustees have provided a beautiful site upon its five-acre holdings, and, therefore, the site is a permanent and perpetual grant in fee.

Our Committee is composed of some of the most representative ladies and gentlemen of the nation. We are supported by the Metropolitan Press of the country, and also many distinguished individuals. Our motto "He that honoreth my wife, honoreth me." This movement should appeal to the patriotism of the nation whom her distinguished husband saved.

Reader, mail your contribution at once to J. M. Spencer, 44 Astor Court Bl'dg, New York City.

In behalf of the Committee, I am

Yours very sincerely,

DANIEL E. SICKLES, President,  
Major-Gen. U. S. A., Retired.



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HEADQUARTERS  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
No. 280 BROADWAY

New York City, Jan. 15, 1912

DEAR GEN. SICKLES:

This resolution was passed unanimously by the Council of Administration on Saturday.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE B. LOUD.

*Be it resolved:* That the Council of Administration of the Department of New York, G. A. R., most warmly endorse the movement to erect a Memorial Building at Sayre College in Kentucky, one of the oldest and most renowned of educational institutions in the South, to the memory of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of Abraham Lincoln, that the Department Commander promulgate this commendable proposition in the next General Orders, and that the Assistant Quartermaster General establish a separate fund for the same as appropriated and transmitted to him by the Posts of this Department or received from any other source.



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Governor's Island, N. Y.,  
April 17, 1911.

Dr. J. M. Spencer,  
44 Astor Court Bldg.,  
New York City.

MY DEAR DR. SPENCER:

I have just returned from Washington and found your letter of April 14th asking me to become a member of the Mary Todd Lincoln Memorial Association, which I accept with pleasure.

Of course it is always a pleasure and happiness to me to do anything to keep green the memory of our great President, Abraham Lincoln, and I most heartily hope that our enterprise will prove a great success.

Thanking you for the thought of me, and your kind expressions with reference to my connection with your Memorial Association, believe me, my dear Dr. Spencer, to be,

Very sincerely yours,

FREDERICK D. GRANT.



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HORATIO C. KING  
COUNSELOR-AT-LAW  
TEMPLE BAR  
44 COURT STREET

Telephone No. 1475 Main.

Brooklyn Borough, N. Y. C.,  
Nov. 17, 1911.

Dr. J. M. Spencer,  
44 Astor Court Bldg.,  
New York City.

MY DEAR DR. SPENCER :

I think your plan for a Mary Todd Lincoln Memorial in your College in Lexington, Ky., is a most worthy and excellent one, and merits the support of all the American people. I will be happy to aid you in any way in my power.

Yours very truly,

HORATIO C. KING.



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HEADQUARTERS  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK  
No. 280 BROADWAY

New York City, Nov. 8, 1911.

Dr. J. M. Spencer,  
44 Astor Court Bldg.,  
New York City.

MY DEAR DR. SPENCER:

I am most forcibly impressed with the splendid purpose of the Mary Todd Lincoln Memorial. You may count on me for the most enthusiastic support and co-operation of myself and friends.

Yours very sincerely,

GEORGE B. LOUD,  
Commander of the Department of New  
York, Grand Army of the Republic.

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(TELEGRAM)

Chicago, Ill., April 11, 1911.

DR. J. M. SPENCER,  
New York City.

Am glad to permit use of name for  
purpose mentioned.

MRS. CYRUS H. McCORMICK.



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Louisville, Ky.

It is an honor to have her name connected with her birthplace, and would be a great pleasure to me to have it done. And there is no better way than to have it for the betterment of our girls who are preparing for a life of usefulness.

I can only add that it would give pleasure to all of her Kentucky relatives.

Yours truly,

EMILY TODD HELM  
(Mrs. Lincoln's Sister)

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May 12, 1911.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt has handed me your very courteous letter. She wishes me to say that she has great sympathy with the purpose of the movement.

FRANK HARPER, Secretary.

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Louisville, Ky.

MY DEAR MR. SPENCER:

It should go without saying that I heartily approve the scheme for the erection of a dormitory building in memory of Mrs. Mary Todd Lincoln for Sayre College, Lexington, and I will do whatever I can to advance that interest.

Sincerely,

HENRY WATTERSON,  
(Editor of the Courier Journal, Louisville)



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DEAR MR SPENCER:

The mission upon which you are engaged to preserve the memory of Mrs. Lincoln, by the erection of a memorial to her upon your College campus, it seems to me, should enlist the ready and generous co-operation of all who cherish the memory of Mr. Lincoln. She was a part of his life, in the early days of struggle, in the mid-days of pleasure and success, in the final days of sorrow.

I bespeak success for you to your undertaking and heartily recommend it.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. P. UPTON

(Fifty years Editor Chicago Tribune)

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DEAR MR. SPENCER:

I am much interestsd in the proposition to have erected in connection with your Woman's College a memorial building that will bear the name of the wife of the great President whose Kentucky birthplace has been secured and properly marked as a shrine for coming generations. No more fitting monument to Mrs. Lincoln could be conceived than a



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building dedicated to the education of girls, and of course no more fitting place than in the land of her ancestry, the city of her birth and education.

In common with her great husband, Mrs. Lincoln suffered much. Their lives were tragic. Her name is already written in enduring characters in the history of the nation, and surely the Mary Todd Lincoln building must be forthcoming.

JENKINS LLOYD JONES,  
Abraham Lincoln Centre, Chicago.

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER

Albany, April 19, 1911.

J. M. Spencer,  
44 Astor Court Bldg.,  
New York City.

SIR:

I beg to advise you of the receipt of your letter of April 12th addressed to the Hon. John A. Dix, requesting that the Mary Todd Lincoln Memorial Association be allowed to use his name as one of its honorary Vice-Presidents.

His Excellency directs me to inform you that it will give him great pleasure



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to lend his name in this respect, and thereby do honor to the wife of a patriot and statesman whose services to the country were above all party considerations.

Respectfully,

(Signed) ECKFORD DEKAY,  
Lieutenant Commander Naval Militia,  
Military Secretary to the Governor.

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OFFICE OF  
THE ADMIRAL OF THE NAVY  
Washington, D. C., April 27, 1911.

Rev. J. M. Spencer, D.D.,  
44 Astor Court Bldg.,  
New York City.

MY DEAR DR. SPENCER:

Replying to your letter of the 25th instant, in which you desire to add my name to the Committee of the Mary Todd Lincoln Memorial Association, I would say that it gives me great pleasure to support that cause.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

GEORGE DEWEY.



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THE OUTLOOK

287 FOURTH AVENUE

OFFICE OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT

New York, Oct. 9, 1911.

MY DEAR MR. SPENCER:

You are entirely at liberty to speak of our interview. I am glad to hear from you and it was a real pleasure to see you. Of course I sympathize warmly with your purpose, and you are more than welcome to say so.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

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Lincoln, Neb., March 4, 1911.

MY DEAR MR. SPENCER :

I am pleased to approve of plan inaugurated by your college to build a memorial to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln. The fact that she was of Kentucky ancestry and related to men prominent in Kentucky history—this aside from her own difficult part in the stirring times of the Civil War, makes it appropriate that her name should be commemorated in Kentucky.

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. J. BRYAN.



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New York City, April 19, 1911.

Dr. J. M. Spencer,

44 Astor Court Bldg.,

New York City.

MY DEAR DR. SPENCER :

I am very sorry for the delay in answering your letter of April 12th. I shall be very glad to have you add my name as one of the Committee, and wish the movement every success.

Yours very truly,

LOULA PERRY OSBORN

(Mrs. Henry F. Osborn)

COPY

New York City, May 8, 1911.

Dr. J. M. Spencer,

44 Astor Court Bldg.,

New York City.

MY DEAR DR. SPENCER :

I am in receipt of your letter of April 24th, and shall be glad to have my name added to those you already have, for a Committee to support the movement in behalf of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

FLORENCE J. HARRIMAN

(Mrs. J. Borden Harriman)



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STATE OF KENTUCKY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JAMES B. MCCREARY, GOVERNOR

Frankfort, Jan. 3, 1912.

Dr. J. M. Spencer,  
44 Astor Court Bldg.,  
New York City.

MY DEAR DR. SPENCER :

I am very much interested in the Mary Todd Lincoln Memorial. Mary Todd Lincoln was born and reared in Fayette County, and I endorse the movement to honor her memory, and will be glad to support the laudable purpose of the organization.

JAMES B. MCCREARY,  
Governor of Kentucky.

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New York City, April 12, 1911.

Rev. J. M. Spencer, D.D.,  
44 Astor Court Bldg.,  
New York City.

MY DEAR DOCTOR :

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant asking me to come upon the Committee of the Mary Todd Lincoln



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Memorial, it will afford me great pleasure to support the movement in every way possible.

Appreciating your kind words and wishing you every success, I am

Very truly yours,

A. V. WADHAMS,  
Commodore U. S. N., Retired.

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Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 25, 1911.

Dr. J. M. Spencer,  
44 Astor Court Bldg.,  
New York City.

MY DEAR DR. SPENCER :

I am glad to be recorded as a member of your Committee of the Mary Todd Lincoln Memorial. I am deeply interested in the most praiseworthy purpose of this Organization, and am glad of the opportunity to support it in every way possible.

Yours very sincerely,

NEWELL DWIGHT HILLIS,  
Pastor of the Plymouth Church.



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WILLIAM O. STODDARD

CENTRAL AVENUE

Madison, N. J., May 3, 1911.

Dr. J. M. Spencer,

44 Astor Court Bldg.,

New York City.

MY DEAR SIR :

Please accept my thanks for your kind favor of the 2d inst. I shall take a deep interest in the proposed Memorial of a noble-hearted woman who was one of the best friends I ever had.

During nearly the whole of her husband's first term I was half jocularly described as "Mrs. Lincoln's Secretary," her constant attendant at all receptions, public or social, and her adviser in many affairs. She was a woman much misrepresented and scandalously abused. I shall be glad to meet you here, and aid your undertaking. I can do so. For instance, the slanders assailing her patriotism, which was sincere and earnest, accusations of correspondence with "Secessionists," etc. During all that time, she would open no **letter or parcel** until I had opened and decided whether or not she should see it. The



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mass of vituperation sent her by mail never reached her. I can say no more, now, for I am writing in bed, convalescing from a severe prostration. We shall have other matters for conversation. Tell your friends they are doing an act of simple righteousness. Mrs. Lincoln's course in the White House was admirable, unexceptional, patriotic!

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WILLIAM O. STODDARD.

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BALDWIN BLOCK,  
COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

February 5, 1912.

Personal.

Major-Gen. D. E. Sickles,  
44 Astor Court Bldg.,  
New York City.

MY DEAR GENERAL :

I am in receipt of yours of February 1st. I think your effort to honor the memory of Abraham Lincoln and Mrs. Lincoln by raising a memorial for them at Mrs. Lincoln's old home, Lexington, is a very creditable one. I have always thought that some such tribute should



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have been paid to Mrs. Lincoln long ago, and I am glad to join you to help carry out the plans.

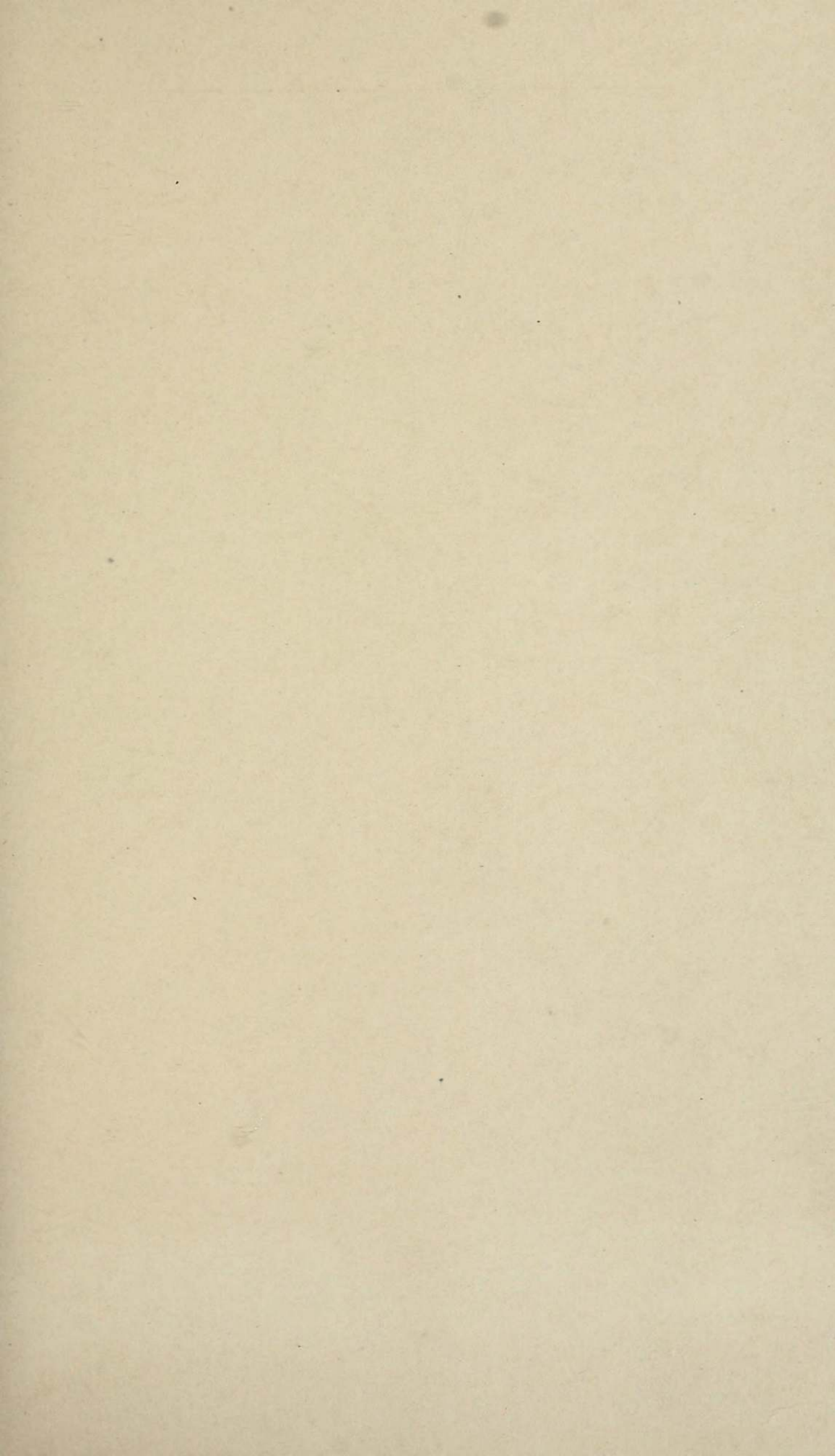
As you say there are not many of the Civil War Veterans left, especially is it so of those who held prominent commands. They seem to have passed away in a much greater proportion than the others and there is no one whom the veterans are more pleased to have with them than yourself.

Thanking you, I am,

Truly and cordially,

GRANVILLE M. DODGE,  
Major-Gen. U. S. A., Retired.

















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