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and honored, we earnestly ask for the foregoing declaration of principles the hearty support of the liberty-loving American people, regardless of previous party affiliations.

If nothing unforeseen, happens to prevent, the unveiling of a monument to the Confederate Dead, here at Berryville, will take place July 21 st. 1900. The erection of this statue is a work of love, it is one of the numerous testimonials of the deathless admiration held by all the world for the heroes who fought and fell under the Stars and Bars. Who they were and what they fought for, requires no mention or explanation to our people.

Suffice it to say, when one looks upon this monument, he will be able to look back through the vista of years to the fields of Manasses, Yellow Tavern, and Trevillian Station, and, in fancy see the men of Clarke do battle for constitutional principles: for the sovereignty of the States: for a decision of the Supreme Court of the land: and for hearth and home.

We reverentially bow to the God of Battles, who decided against their arms. Whatever he wills, is right.

He willed that the Union should stand and the Confederacy should fall. But it cannot be said the Lost Cause was wrong, because it lacked the persuasive argument of success: were this true you might as well deny to the martyr his crown—as well might you condemn the exile for the tyranny of the Czar that banishes him to the snows of Siberia: as well might you rail at the old African Lion—Paul Kruger, for yielding to the overwhelming forces of England—as say the South was wrong, because she lost.

And thanks be to God, there yet remains in the Southern people a saving spirit. It will see that the causes, motives, and conduct of the late Civil War, from the Confederate standpoint, are preserved in all their virginal purity, and lifted beyond the reach of contempt. It is this spirit that has inspired the people of Clarke to honor her hero sons, who fell in battle for the cause they loved.

The Confederate women of Clarke have worked for this tribute to their memory; Confederate Soldiers have contributed to it; the sons and daughters have leant their humble effort—and by it, they say to all the world, the history of the Confederate soldier shall not die; nor shall his memory fade away; and if our Northern friends tell us we “do not know the war is over,” we will reply “It will never be over with us, until the story of the lost cause is written in all its purity—The sincerity of motive shall be shown; the justness of the quarrel made plain: the daring self sacrifice, and martyrdom of her heroes must be historically perpetuated—And the whole truth be so deeply carved upon the pillars of time, that the glory of the Confederate Soldier will become the common glory of the whole land.”

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