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# FESTIVAL OF OUR DEAD.

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— MEMORIAL DAY, 1885 —

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— DEXTER POST 38, G. A. R., —

BROOKFIELD, MASS.

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*To Comrades and all Honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors of  
the United States Army, Navy and Citizens :*

The duty of the day is of impressive significance. We meet to honor our dead and to deepen our reverence for their worth; to renew the pledge of loyalty to our country and our flag, and to emphasize in the minds and hearts of all who unite with us, the duty and privilege of patriotism. Let the deportment of all be such that we may worthily honor the graves we decorate, the memories we cherish and the flag we salute.

Our comrades sleep well; no tear can disturb their profound slumber, no perfume of flowers make their rest more sweet. But wherever Memorial day is observed there rises a higher ideal of American valor, a holier care for the men who saved the Union.

We most earnestly appeal to all patriotic citizens to aid in dis-

countenancing everything that will tend to make the day aught else than that which it was intended to be: *A Memorial Day.*

On that day let all business cease; let every comrade be found in the ranks; let all soldiers and sailors join with us in the services of the day. Let all citizens, women and children, attest their personal interest by their presence and participation in the services of the hour; let all classes join the procession as it takes its way to the cemetery, as a token of respect to the memory of those who have dared, suffered and died, that this Great Republic might live.

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In compliance with Rules and Regulations and Orders from National and State Department Headquarters,

*Comrades, Soldiers and Sailors will meet at Post Headquarters, Saturday, May 30, 1885, at 6 A. M., sharp.*

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—*ORDER OF EXERCISES.*—

The Column will move at 6:45 A. M., with the Brookfield Cornet Band, for

←**PODUNK,**→

arriving there at 7:45 A. M.

The Column will reform and march to the Cemetery where the usual services will be observed; after which the Column will move for

←**EAST BROOKFIELD,**→

arriving at 9:30 A. M.

The Procession will immediately form in Railroad Square, under the direction of Comrade FRED BULLARD, Chief Marshal of the day, and march to the Cemetery, escorted by the Bay State Engine Company.

—*PROGRAM.*—

1. Retreat, - - - - - by the Bugles.
2. Singing, - - - - - East Brookfield Glee Club.
3. Prayer, - - - - - Rev C. T. Holt.
4. Address, - - - - - Comrade Re. J. W. Hird, of North Brookfield.
5. Decorating the graves. (At the conclusion the Post will form near the stand.)
6. Singing—America, - - - - - by the Glee Club, Citizens and Children.
7. Tattoo, - - - - - by the Bugles.
8. Saluting the Dead, - - - - - by the Post

At 11:30 o'clock the procession will move for Railroad Square, and be dismissed. The Column will then move for

—BROOKFIELD CENTRE,—

Arriving at the head of Maple and Central streets at 12:45, where it will be received and escorted by Cataract Engine Company to G. A. R. Headquarters, where a Collation will be served.

The President of the Day, Orator, Clergy, Selectmen, Engineers, Invited Guests and Children of the Town, will meet promptly at 2 P. M., at the Vestry of the Unitarian Church, and will be formed under the direction of LEVI DAVIS, Esq.

At 2:15 P. M. the Post, escorted by Cataract Engine Company, with Band, will escort the President, Orator of the Day, Clergymen, Selectmen, Board of Engineers, Guests and School Children to

—THE TOWN HALL.—

At 3 P. M. the meeting will be called to order by Comrade E. D. GOODELL, President of the Day.

—PROGRAM.—

1. Music, - - - - - by the Band.
2. Singing, - - - - - Brookfield Glee Club.
2. Prayer, - - - - - Rev. J. Capen.
4. Memorial Address, - - - - - Rev. C. Stebbins.
5. Singing, - - - - - Brookfield Glee Club.
6. Recitation, - - - - - Miss Kilner, of East Brookfield.
7. Music, - - - - - by the Band.

At 4:30 the procession will form under escort of Cataract Engine Company, and march to the Cemetery. Citizens and Children will form under direction of LEVI DAVIS, Esq.

—PROGRAM.—

1. Retreat, - - - - - by the Bugles.
2. Singing, - - - - - Glee Club.
3. Prayer, - - - - - Rev. C. T. Holt.
4. Dirge, (during decoration ceremony.) - - - - - by the Band.  
(At the conclusion the Post will form at the stand.)
5. Singing—America, - - - - - Glee Club, Citizens and Children
6. Tattoo, - - - - - by the Bugles.
7. Saluting the Dead, - - - - - by the Post.

The procession will then take up the line of march for the Town Hall, where it will be dismissed.

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 EVENING EXERCISES AT THE TOWN HALL.
 

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At 7:15, the Post, escorted by the Engine Company and Band, will proceed to the Brookfield House, where it will receive  
 ALANSON HAMILTON POST, No 160 W. Brookfield, EDWIN WILBER, Com'r;  
 J. ARTHUR JOHNSON POST. No. 173, Sturbridge. J. H. HARRISON, Com'r.  
 and escort them to the Town Hall.

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The meeting will be called to order by the President at 8 P. M.

—PROGRAM.—

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| 1. | Music, - - - - -   |                            | Band.      |
| 2. | Prayer, - - - - -  | - Rev. J. H. Barrows.      |            |
| 3. | Singing, - - - - - | - - - - -                  | Glee Club. |
| 4. | Poem, - - - - -    | - Comrade Dr. F. W. Adams. |            |

The exercises will conclude with the singing of the

—STAR SPANGLED BANNER, IN CHARACTER.—

MISS EMMA STONE, representing the Goddess of Liberty;  
 Comrade S. W. FOWLER, the United States Army;  
 Comrade F. Grimes, the United States Navy.

Comrades and Citizens are respectfully requested to join in repeating the Chorus.

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Flowers will be received at G. A. R. Headquarters on May 30,  
 from 7 A. M. till 12 M.

		W. H. NICHOLS,	}	Committee of Arrangements.
J. M. BADGER, <i>Chairman</i> ,		J. M. BELLOWS,		
		F. A. SAWTELL,		

E. LEGG, *Marshal*.