Decoration Day Appropriately Observed

THOUSANDS AT NATIONAL CEMETERY

School Children Decorated Graves—Crowds of Visitors in City Among Largest in History of the Day—Prof. Hall Delivered the Address

Beaufort, S. C., June 4.

Decoration Day was appropriately observed in this city. The post office and public buildings were closed for the day.

The main exercises of the day were held at the National cemetery under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The line of march formed at 11 a.m. resting on Charles street and was headed by "The Sons of Veterans," followed by the Grand Army of Republic and local organizations.

The parade moved down Pine street to Carteret, and up Carteret to Beaufort high school, where it was joined by the school who took their places on the left of the line. The parade then moved up Boundary street to the National cemetery, where a most impressive programme was rendered.

The school children formed a circle around the flag while the band played "The Star Spangled Banner," after which the procession moved down the avenues to the rostrum. On reaching there, the Grand Army Republic posts were dismissed until the graves of the dead heroes were decorated with flowers by the school children, after which they resumed their places in line. The following programme was rendered:

Master of Ceremonies:

Mr. Jas. Riley, Sr.

Invocation:

Rev. W. N. David

Music:

"Battle Hymn of Republic"

School Children

Reading general orders from Department Headquarters:


Music:

Reading Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

Miss Justine Williams

Music:

"America"

School Children

Oration, Prof. L. A. Hall of Penn School

Benediction:

Rev. A. Spalding

The crowds which came over to the exercises this year surpassed in numbers those of the last three years and all of the visitors were visibly affected by impressive ceremonies.

From Savannah and Charleston came the largest crowd of veterans and their friends, and the showing which the old heroes from every section that were in the parade was very commendable.

There was an appreciable diminution in the ranks of the veterans this year as compared to last year, caused by the ravaging work of

"Father Time."

The veterans all stood the march well, even the more decrepit ones of them marching with steady step to the inspiring music.

Taking everything into consideration, the past celebration of Decoration Day was one of the most impressive in the history of Beaufort and will long be remembered by the large crowd of visitors who were in the city.