Memorial Day was well celebrated here yesterday. The beautiful day brought out large numbers of people and, according to the custom in this town, the children of the schools had a prominent part in the exercises.

There was no out-of-town speaker this year, and the orator for the occasion was Mrs. Mary C. Berry.

The exercises at the North Pelham cemetery took place at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. Mr. Warren Herbert was in charge and had with him a corps of the veterans who live in town.

The children were provided with bouquets of flowers with which the graves of the dead soldiers were decorated.

Exercises rendered by the scholars of the North Pelham school under the direction of Miss Besale Kennedy were as follows:


After a brief address by the Rev. J. L. Hoyle, the exercises in that part of the town were brought to a close.

At 1 o'clock large numbers of people began to gather in the vicinity of the town hall, which was designated as the meeting place from which the march was to be taken up to the cemetery.

There was a little delay, but the march finally began, being led by flie and drum. Fully 100 people, including the school children, were in line. Chan W. Hobbs was in charge of this part of the day's exercises, assisted by Orton Moore.

On the arrival of the company at the cemetery the children with their wreaths and bouquets stood by the soldiers' graves and at the signal given by Drummer F. E. Wright, the graves were simultaneously decorated. On returning to the appointed place in the cemetery prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Hoyle, and taps was sounded by drum and fife and the march was taken up to the church.

Here the major part of the program was given by the children of the town schools and was as follows:


Exercises by district No. 2: Flag exercises by the school; recitations on “Memorial Day” by Marion Coleman and Gertrude Burton; song, “Flag of Our Nation Land.”

Exercises by District No. 3: Song, “There Are Many Flags in Many Lands;” recitations, Mary Dougherty; Flag Song.

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During the exercises at the church an extract was read from "Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg," by Charles W. Hobbs.

The church choir sang "They Bore the Flag." Mrs. Frank Hillman was present.

The address by Mrs. Berry was well listened to. She urged in view of what the Union troops had done, that we should value liberty, union and patriotism. She recalled the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620, and traced the growth of our land religiously, educationally, commercially and territorially, showing that before 1800, 20 states had been added to the original 13.

Speaking of the causes that led up to the great war, she said: "We were a house divided against itself."

The speaker was then followed, and her address was much enjoyed.

The exercises were brought to a close by the choir leading the congregation in singing "America."

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