

After this came Hon. Rodney Haggard who announced that he had a letter from the mother of Gen. Morgan in answer to an invitation she had received to be present. This he read in a very impressive manner adding to the pathos of the language by his manner and voice. She declined reluctantly stating that age and its infirmities asserted their claims. She sent her love and her blessing and a prayer for all of the dear "boys" who "rode" with her distinguished son.

Mayor H. T. Stanton, the poet-laureate for the Sovereigns of Kentucky was the next speaker who talked to his Comrades about the past with its memories, the present with its duties, and the future with its hopes.

Col. John G. Craddock, the Nestor of the Kentucky press, was called on and entertained the crowd for a few minutes in his inimitable style.

These exercises were interspersed with choice music and general good feeling prevailed. This formal part of the informal meeting was completed about 11:30 o'clock. Dinner was announced at 12:30 o'clock and the crowd estimated at about 3500 to 4000 all partook of a substantial feast prepared by the good women of this good old county. There was not only enough to feed this large assembly but more than the biblical number of basketsfull was left. All honor to the people of Clark county and especially her noble women who have never been called on in vain. After some time spent in social intercouse the soldiers formed and returned to the city and the crowd to their homes thus closing an occasion which will always live among the pleasant memories of all who were present and doubtless will be an epoch in the life of many a soldier who met here his comrades.

BUGLE CALLS.

AMONG those present we noted Gen. B. W. Duke, who was accompanied by his daughter Miss T. M. Duke and his son Henry who, with Col. R. C. Morgan were guests of Capt. Hathaway.

THE register of names could not be made complete before the soldiers left, but measures were taken to complete it and we are promised a copy of it for our paper when it is done which will be promptly published.

We one and all say we are glad you came "boys" and may you do so again. Our latch string is always out to you and you will always find as you did on this occasion a hearty welcome and a generous entertainment. So mote it be.

JUDGE THOS. H. HINES and Capt. T. W. Bullett, who were guests of Mayor Garner; Capt. Hart Gibson and Capt. Logan, guests of Misses Bright; Capts. Berry and Logan, guests of James Hodgkin; Capts. Wellington and Ash, guests of Mrs. W. E. Curry; Capt. Hockersmith, with Geo. Strother; Lieut. Toll, with R. R. Perry; Lieut. John Riddell, with Capt. J. L. Wheeler and others equally distinguished and welcome.

The Committee on Invitation Col. J. T. Tucker, Lieut. J. H. Croxton, Capt. J. L. Wheeler, Col. Cicero Coleman, Capts. B. A. Tracy and Leeland Hathaway had their hands full. The rations committee, with B. H. Jones, chairman, certainly did the work well. The day was auspicious, the people were responsive and appreci-

ative. The "old boys" were at their best. The sky was bluer, the sun brighter, the air fresher and balmyer than their won't, and all in all it was a glorious success and every body went home blessing Winchester and Clark county and we have scored another grand success and added another flower to our wreath.

THANKS.

On behalf of the Confederate soldiers of Clark county we desire to thank the good people of Clark and especially the noble women, for the substantial aid rendered to us in entertaining our comrades and friends on the 1st inst. Our thanks are also due to our Sheriff and the special deputies who so kindly gave their services, for the very courteous and efficient manner in which they assisted us.

Very Truly,
THE COMMITTEE.

Ohio Penitentiary Alumni.

At Winchester, Ky., August 1st, there will be a quiet reunion of the survivors of Gen. John H. Morgan's command who, during the late war, were confined in the penitentiaries of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Winchester will make them her honored guests, just as she has ever done the representatives of all great educational institutions who enter her gates. J. T. Tucker, B. A. Tracy, J. L. Wheeler, Leland Hathaway and J. H. Croxton, all of whom are graduates of the Ohio penitentiary, are a committee of reception, and all that are left of the gallant seventy confined at Columbus, and such of the scattered few who were in Pennsylvania and now living, will constitute the honored guests of that city.

These distinguished citizens were, under the compulsory education law promulgated by President Lincoln in April, 1862, the enforced students of the Ohio penitentiary, an institution of learning that did much about that time to promote the statesmanship of Kentucky and Tennessee. They were matriculated shortly after the fight at Buffington Island in July, 1863. A portion of them were classified July 31st, and the remainder August 1st. They were in all seventy men and officers, with Gen. John H. Morgan and Gen. Basil W. Duke at the head of the class. Among them were many who have since honored the State in all the highest walks of social, literary, professional and political life, such as Judge Thomas Henry Hines, of the Court of Appeals, Hon. James B. McCreary, ex-Governor, and now in Congress, Gen. R. M. Gano, Roy S. Cluke, R. Sheldon, Hart Gibson, Calvin C. Morgan, R. S. Bullock, Cicero Coleman, D. Howard Smith, C. H. Morgan, Dr. Theophilus Steele, R. W. Cunningham, Thomas W. Bullitt, R. H. Morgan, M. D. Logan, J. T. Tucker, Thomas A. Moreland, Buford A. Tracy, J. L. Wheeler, Sam Taylor, Leland Hathaway, D. Hockersmith, J. H. Croxton, Anderson Berry, and others just as gallant and just as honorable to the records of the State and the nation. Of this number seven made their escape on the morning of November 23th at one o'clock, and saved themselves by flight to Kentucky and thence south. Five of

them were selected by Judge Thomas H. Hines to aid him in the escape of Gen. Morgan. They were Sheldon, Hockersmith, Magee, Taylor and Bennett.

Col. R. H. Morgan was with Judge Hines in the basement tier of the prison cells, and Gen. John H. Morgan in the tier above. To obviate this trouble Col. Morgan was instructed to go to Gen. Morgan's cell, change clothing with him, and allow the General to return to the cell below, from whence only escape was feasible. This well-planned scheme was well executed just at the time that the tunnel was ready for use. The seven, including Morgan and Hines, made good their escape that night about an hour after the clocks of the city had marked the hour of midnight. The remaining sixty-three were detained there several months longer, and finally sent to Fort Delaware, where some of them were exchanged, and others remained to the close of the war. A braver lot of men never lived, and, without exception, they have since proven good citizens, many of them ranking very high in all the professions to which they aspired.

The survivors of this gallant band are to be the honored guests of Winchester, Thursday, August 1st, when deeds of heroism will be lived again, the loved and lost will be recalled to memory, the hearts of the living be more strongly cemented together, and the blessings of peace become a universal benediction. All honor to the gallant men and to the hospitable little city!