

## Decoration Day Exercises.

The beautiful National exercises of decorating the dead heroes graves, was appropriately observed in Hope. A fairly large concourse assembled in front of the G. A. R. Hall at 10:30 o'clock a. m., which headed by the Hope Cornet Band and the Geo. P. Foster post proceeded to the cemetery, and with the beautiful ritual of the post in commemoration of the day, the graves were strewn with garlands of flowers, as a token of the love, honor and esteem in which the fallen heroes were held in the memories of all patriotic citizens of the land they died to save.

In the afternoon a large crowd assembled at the Congregational church, where appropriate memorial exercises were the order. A quartette composed of Mrs. C. J. Paul, Mrs. C. V. Russ and Messrs. Jacobson and Iseminger, assisted by Mrs. C. G. Merriell as organist, furnished appropriate music, Mrs. F. N. Gilmore also rendered a very pretty and appropriate solo during the exercises. Very able addresses were listened to from Revs. S. B. Mahaney and M. L. Stimson, together with volunteer speeches from several of the members of the post, and this constituted the program of the day.

It is very fitting that such occasions should be observed with all the fervor and zeal that becomes them, and that a love of such a beautiful ceremony may be instilled in the hearts of the rising generation, that when the last roll call is sounded for the brave boys who still remain with us, and they are called to join the silent majority whose graves we now decorate, they will consider it a sacred duty entrusted to them to do the same honor over the graves of those who now, on the 30th of May of each succeeding year, do honor to their fallen comrades.