

John Wanamaker at Gettysburg
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Speech of John Wanamaker

“On This Hallowed Ground of Gettysburg, Consecrated By Abraham Lincoln, the Martyred President, Today, after the Lapse of Half a Century, the North And South Meet With The East And West, Under The Nation’s Flag, To Do Honor To The Soldiers Still Living And To Pay Loving And Respectful Homage To Those Who Are Asleep In The Stillest Of All Slumbers. Neither Stress Of Time Nor Distance Of Home Shall Break Nor Blur The Friendships Our Brothers Sealed With Their Own Blood. The White Stones Of Memorial Erected By Grateful Comrades, To Mark The Deeds of Valor Accomplished Here, Also Inspire To Duty And High Endeavor The Efforts of All Generations. In This Cathedral of The Living And The Dead, We Pause At The Close of Day, Hands Claspings Hands, Heads And Hearts In Silence, Bowing, To Say A Prayer For Each other And Our Beloved Country, That Peace And Fraternity May Abide Until The Trump Shall Sound And Life’s Shadows Flee Away Forever.

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