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WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 12, 1895.*

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE :

You are earnestly invited to attend the Twenty-fifth Annual Reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland. This meeting will be held at Chattanooga, Tennessee, September 18, 1895.

In view of the fact that ceremonies of great interest to the veterans of our Society will continue throughout Chickamauga week, beginning on Monday, September 16, comprising regimental, battery, and brigade reunions, and the dedication of State monuments, and the further fact that the National Dedication of the Park will occupy both the day and evening of Thursday and Friday, September 19 and 20, it has been thought best to confine the formal exercises of the Society to one day, namely, Wednesday, the 18th.

The business meetings will be held at the Court House, at Chattanooga, beginning at 9 o'clock A. M. This early hour is fixed to enable those members of the Society who desire to attend to be present at the dedication of the Minnesota and Ohio monuments, which will take place at a later period of the day. The public exercises will take place at night, in a tent having a seating capacity of 8,000, to be erected at a central point in the city. There will be a large attendance of distinguished guests, representing all departments of the General Government, the Governors and other officials of many States, the leading Army Societies, and the most prominent Confederate veterans. It is a special

pleasure to announce that there will be a numerous attendance of the officers and members of the Society of the Army of the Tennessee.

The annual address will be delivered by General Charles F. Manderson, of Nebraska.

The entire week will be a season of transcendent interest to veterans of the Army of the Cumberland, and it is hoped that every member of the Society will make an earnest effort to be present. The National Park project received its first formal endorsement from our Society, and as each successive feature of the comprehensive plan has been laid before its members they have given enthusiastic, influential, and continuing support. The Government has appropriated \$725,000 for the establishment of the Park, and \$20,000 in addition for the expenses of the coming dedication. Twenty-five State Commissions are at work with the National Commission in identifying lines of battle and erecting, or preparing to erect, their State monuments.

The dedication, under the direction of Secretary Lamont, will be an event without precedent in our National history, or in the war history of any nation.

All the armies that contended for mastery on those memorable fields will be numerous represented in the dedicatory exercises. The three co-ordinate branches of the Government, the Lieutenant General of the Army, the Admiral of the Navy, and the Governors of all the States, have, under the authority of Congress, been invited by the Secretary of War to participate. Congress, by concurrent resolution, has provided that the presiding officers of the two houses, with twenty Senators and thirty members of the House, shall represent that body.

The local Executive Committee of the Society at Chattanooga having in charge the arrangements for the Reunion are Captain Xen. Wheeler, chairman, General Joseph W. Burke, Major William J. Colburn, General Willard Warner, and Lieutenant Frederick F. Wiehl. Communications in regard to quarters and other matters connected with the Reunion may be addressed to any of

the members of the above committee. It is suggested, for reasons which will be obvious to all, that those contemplating attendance should secure accommodations at an early day. Hotel charges will be reasonable. It is expected that the railroad rate from all points will not exceed half fare, and the present indications are that it will be one cent a mile in each direction.

An immense attendance, made up from every section of the country, is already assured. It is confidently expected that our Society, within which the Park project originated, will attend in such force as to make its presence a prominent feature of this national event.

By direction of General W. S. ROSECRANS, President.



Corresponding Secretary.