

morning the mounds were covered with flags and flowers. This post also decorated the graves at Blue Island Cemetery, Palos, and Bremen.

#### Bohemian National Cemetery.

The Bohemian National Cemetery, one mile north of Irving Park, was the scene of a large and hearty demonstration. There were 6,000 people present when the impressive service of the Grand Army was begun by Capt. E. R. Lewis, assisted by Frank Shults and James Kubick. A choir numbering forty-five Bohemian children effectively rendered "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Cover Them with Roses," "America," and other patriotic and appropriate songs. A salute to the dead was fired by the Bohemian Sharpshooters over the graves of their departed comrades, after which flowers were strewn and flags were planted to mark the narrow beds where brave Bohemian-Americans are slumbering. "Our Flag" was recited by Miss Rose Kakuska and an original poem by Mrs. E. R. Lewis was delivered by Miss Bertha Waska. Addresses were delivered by J. V. Matejka, editor of *Chicagske Listy*, on "American Patriotism," and by Joseph Cermak, editor of *Stornost*, on the "Duties of Bohemian People to America." Recitations were also given by Silvia Svojs and Analia Kubick and Capt. Stainer spoke in memory of Capt. Hudak. The exercises were held by the side of the monument to the Veteran Soldiers and Sailors, which is in process of erection. A pedestal of granite twelve feet high, standing on a slight eminence, has already been completed. Upon this is to be placed the figure of a Union soldier in bronze holding a flag and musket, which it is expected will be ready for unveiling next Decoration day. The monument when completed will cost \$1,000.

#### Germans at Waldheim.

Fifty flags waved yesterday over the graves of the fifty German-American soldiers who lie buried at Waldheim, and the perfume of many flowers mingled with the strains of martial music. Early in the day various committees went to the cemetery and attended to the decorations. Not a grave was neglected. The exercises were simple and impressive. From a temporary stand patriotic speeches were delivered, patriotic songs sung, and patriotic music played. There were but two speakers. Judge Tuthill delivered an eloquent address in English and Judge Brentano spoke in German. A poem entitled "Memorial Day" was read by Miss Mamie Gross, and the Orpheus Männerchor rendered several appropriate selections. Among those who participated in the services were twenty old veterans of the Franco-Prussian War. They were dressed in the uniform of the Prussian soldiery and entered heartily into the spirit of the day. The services were under the auspices of the Eighty-second and Twenty-fourth Illinois Regiments Volunteers and the Phil Sheridan Post of Oak Park. In the afternoon the various organizations headed by Winter's Military Band marched to Louise Grove, where a reunion was held.

#### St. Boniface's German Catholic Graves.

Thousands of Germans, young and old, gathered at St. Boniface's German Catholic Cemetery. The decoration of the forty-five soldiers' graves here was principally undertaken by the Welter Grand Army Post, the St. Boniface Union Monument and Memorial Association, and Hancock G. A. R. Post No. 560. The Welter Post marched to the St. Martin's Church at Bowmanville, where, as has been their custom for several years, high mass was said by the Rev. Father Erz. The post then proceeded to the cemetery. There exercises were begun with a prayer by Father Erz. Father Heldon delivered a patriotic address. The exercises of the day were held on a large platform near the soldiers' monument which had been artistically decorated with flags. Under the direction of Officer Pickett, master of ceremonies, Col. Welter's monument was decorated, while the soldiers' graves were remembered. The old soldiers themselves were not forgotten and as the drummer was about to beat taps to disperse Mrs. Edward Valentino, President of the Woman's Relief Corps, stepped out and presented the speakers with bouquets, while she pinned a small bouquet on the lapel of each old veteran's coat.

#### The Day at Calvary.

There was scarcely a grave in all Calvary that did not have its complement of flowers yesterday morning. Every avenue of the cemetery was thronged with people, men, women, and little children, who bore garlands and baskets of flowers and wreaths of greenery, and the humblest mound over the obscurest soldier was not forgotten. The ceremonies were under the auspices of Mulligan Post, G. A. R., and the Sons of Veterans, both of which organizations attended in a body. There was no unusual display. Everything was conducted in the simplest manner, but the solemnities lost nothing in impressiveness and genuine interest on this account. There was no music and but two speeches, and these were brief. Father Muldoon, chancellor of the diocese, was the principal speaker. Father Toomey also spoke.

At the conclusion of the addresses the veterans and their sons, assisted by the women and the little folks, began the work of strewing flowers on the graves. Fully 5,000 people participated in the ceremonies.

#### Services at Arlington Heights.

Memorial services were held at Arlington Heights under a delegation from Gen. John A. Logan Post of Evanston, Ind. The detail consisted of Commander Henry Chester and Comrades E. D. Cox, Theodore Ruse, J. R. Fitch, W. P. Cragin, and E. D. Redington. After the Grand Army commemoration service had been rendered a small battalion of young girls assisted the veterans in strewing the graves with flowers and flags. There was a large attendance from Evanston and the surrounding country. In the afternoon memorial services were held in the Presbyterian church, the exercises consisting of the Grand Army Decoration day service, appropriate songs, and short addresses by Maj. E. D. Redington and Capt. J. R. Fitch.

#### Three Other Cemeteries.

Seventy members of Hancock Post No. 560 strewed the graves of over 400 dead with flowers in Graceland, St. Boniface, and the Jewish Cemeteries yesterday morning. The post was accompanied by the post band. Over a wagon load of flowers was used. In the morning solemn requiem mass for the dead was celebrated at St. Matthias' Church, and the Deus Irae was sung.

#### At Norwood Park.

At the Bohemian and Polish Catholic Cemetery, northwest of Norwood Park, several hundred people congregated to enjoy a holiday and place flowers on the graves of departed loved ones. Representatives of the G. A. R. strewed flowers on the graves of fallen comrades, but no set program of exercises was carried out.

## HONOR TO THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR.

### Exercises About the Lincoln Monument at Lincoln Park.

Grand Army men and civilians, women, and school children formed an immense crowded circle around the Lincoln monument in Lincoln Park yesterday afternoon. The assemblage was a rather mixed one, but all stood silently and reverently while the exercises were in progress. The bronze statue of the martyred President was garlanded with flowers and evergreens, and a beautiful wreath of roses was placed in the left hand. The old-fashioned seat behind the statue was hidden from view by a flag. The base of the statue was completely covered by floral decorations, flags, and on three of the sides were ornamental cards bearing the names of the G. A. R. posts which participated in the exercises.

The flowers were sent by school children of the neighborhood. A circle of potted plants, flowers, palms, and ferns was placed around the foot of the monument by the park authorities.

Lyons Post, No. 9, Winfield Scott Post, No. 445, and W. S. Hancock Post, No. 560, marched to the spot behind a file and drum corps and the Brotherhood Band. There was a large turnout under the respective commanders, and each veteran wore a flower and a badge of mourning with appropriate words in honor of the dead. The boys and girls from Lincoln School were there and joined fervently in the singing.

The exercises were opened by the Rev. W. O. Rowlands, who offered an invocation. An address of welcome was made by Gen. Joseph Stockton, one of the Park Commissioners. Then the well-known air and words of Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of the Republic" came from the school boys and girls (W. C. Jones taking the solo part), and the sound of the patriotic, pious melody mingling with the rich foliage of the overhanging trees, the beautiful flowers, and the sweetly-perfumed air lent inspiration to the scene.

The decoration exercises were then held according to the regular ritual of the Grand Army, the flowers being strewn by members of the three posts. This part of the ceremony was conducted by Commander G. A. Burso of the Lyons Post, Commander Kline of the Winfield Scott Post, and Commander James Brackendorf of the W. S. Hancock Post.

The address of the day was delivered by Edward S. Taylor.

All voices then joined in the singing of "America," the band playing the accompaniment. After the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Rowlands the posts fell into line and hurried down-town to take their place in the parade.

#### Washington Heights and Blue Island.

The ceremonies at Mount Olivet and Mount Greenwood were in charge of Wilcox Post No. 608, G. A. R., and the resting places of the soldier dead were decorated by the hands of their surviving comrades. At 11 o'clock the members of the post assembled at the town hall at Washington Heights and headed by the Washington Heights band marched to the cemeteries, a distance of over three miles. A large crowd of people had assembled, many hundreds of them carrying cut flowers, flags, and potted plants. The Washington Heights scholars were already on the ground when the veterans arrived. Commander B. F. McManus, Senior-Vice Charles B. Thomas, and Dr. Fuller, Chaplain of Wilcox Post, recited the Decoration day service of the Grand Army, during which the band played a dirge. The graves were then decorated with flags and flowers. There were no speeches made and the day passed off quietly, the band continuing to play sacred selections during the afternoon, while thousands of people wandered among the mounds or took advantage of the occasion to plant flowers on the graves of loved ones.

In Mount Hope Cemetery there are but few soldiers' graves, but the few were not forgotten. A committee from Blue Island Post No. 473 had them in charge, and early in the