

OUR WASHINGTON.

Celebration of the Day That Made Him President.

Graphic Description of the Scenes and Ceremonies Attended Upon That Occasion—An Interesting Portion of Our Country's History.

SEARCHING the time-stained and dusty leaves of history during the past few years...

On this day in Federal Hall, April 3, 1789, George Washington took the oath of office as the first President of the United States.

This event, indelibly recorded, marked the beginning of a memorable epoch in American history.

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As the first inaugural ceremony occurred in New York City, the centennial celebration of that event would naturally take place in the metropolis.

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THE CLOSING CENTURY.

Christians Exhorted to Good Deeds During the Next Decade.

United Christian Work Sure to Result in the World's Salvation—The Lord Ready to Assist—The Power of Prayer—The Next Ten Years' Work.

In a late sermon at Brooklyn Rev. T. De Witt Talmage took as text the Revelations xix 4 "Amen; Alleluia." He said: "The nineteenth century is departing."

After it has taken a few more steps, it will be a step, it shall be gone into the eternities. In a short time we shall be celebrating the departure of the nineteenth century.

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HIT ON THE FIELD.

How Soldiers Felt When They Entered Into Their First Engagement.

We had been held in reserve for two long hours while cannon thundered and muskets crackled spitefully along the front a mile away.

The air is alive with the ping of bullets and the whizz and shriek of shot and shell.

We are driving through the smoke-cloud when there is a flash of fire in front. I seem to rise into the air and float hither and thither.

Who is grinning? Who is shrieking? Who is cheering? And why should I laugh and exult? Have we held the line against a grand charge?

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