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CONFEDERATE RELICS

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THE HISTORIC BUILDING.

What Has Reen Accomplished and Is Being Done by the Patriotic Women of the State.

Corsicana. Tex.. May 15.—The state regent of the Confederate Museum, Richmond, Va., begs leave to report that while her labors have not been crowned with the success desired, enough interest has been aroused in furnishing our Texas room in the museum to warrant encouragement in a work which requires years of patient labor. Letters and circulars have been sent to many parties and confederate camps which have clicited no response whatever.

Texas has no representation in Statuary Memorial half in the capitol at Washington, is not represented in our national museum and not represented at Mount Vernon, the home of Washington, which was rescued from ruin and oblivion by the Ladies' Mount Vernon association, and is kept in beautiful repair by the board of regents selected from different states.

The ladies of Richmond, following this example, have sought to reclaim the home of Jefferson Davis in Richmond. The building, with help from other southern states, has been made tireproof, a room given to each southern state to furnish

given to each southern state to furnish and occupy, and Texas here has a room set aside for her use in which to deposit relics and memorials.

The building was formally opened to visitors Feb. 22, and a reception held, at which the elite of the city surged through the historic building. A reception will be tendered the confederate veterans during the coming general reunion in June and July, and if Texas' room is not entirely creditable to our great state the regent begs that there will be no criticism, for had the means been placed at her disposal there should be nothing lacking to reflect the bravery of our gallant soldiers of the past, or as an advertisement to the crowd of patriots who frequently tread with reverential step through the historic building, feeling it is indeed hallowed ground.

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The regent takes this means for thanking personally all who have in any way contributed to the success of her work, and only regrets that nothing more has been accomplished in time for the reunion, but wishes to assure the people that no pains will be spared in making the room as creditable as possible, as contributions come in from other localities.

The regent decided to have the furniture made at the prison furniture factory at Huntsville, and went in person to inspect the work and confer with the designer. The result was very satisfactory and the table and chairs being made there will be beautifully carved and inlaid in typical Texas designs. The association at Richmond has put in handsome museum cases, moth and dust proof, alike in all the rooms, and these will be paid for by each state represented, memorial of some soldier or command.

The box of relics from Texas will be sent June 1, and all parties having articles they would like to send as memorial of some relative or friend will please express at once to regent, properly labeled with name of soldier, where he fought, etc., so his name can be recorded in our memorial volume. The roster of companies is framed and sent as souvenirs of past bravery, and are specially desired.

There is much needed to make the room presentable, but it is hoped contributions will come in more freely, after the museum is visited during the reunion and the work of our women better understood.

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The Galveston committee, Mrs. W. P. Ballinger, Mrs. Mollie Macgill Rosenberg, Mrs. C. B. Stone, propose, with the co-operation of ladies from other portions of the state, placing in the room a memorial window dedicated to Hood's Texas brigade, and for that work, which will require months to accomplish, a special number of viceregents will be appointed—Mrs. Molly Macgill Rosenberg, who has put in eight memorial windows in Grace Episcopal church, Galveston, which was built from a bequest of the philanthropist, Henry Rosenberg, has kindly consented to supervise the work, confer with the contractor and is appointed state treasurer of the fund, and all contributions for this fund must be sent to her address at Galveston. Mrs. W. H. Pope of Marshall is arranging for a portrait of Gen. M. D. Ector. Mrs. Duncan Adriance of College Station, a portrait of

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Adriance of Conege Station, a portrait of Gen. L. S. Ross. Mrs. Benedette Tobin of Austin, a Texas flag. Mrs. J. T. Walber is arranging a memorial from Waco. Mrs. J. L. Henry of Dallas, a memorial. Camp R. E. Lee of Fort Worth is considering a memorial to Gen. Tom Green. Relatives are preparing portraits of Gens. Ben and Henry McCulloch. Mrs. Robertson of Taylor, a memorial to Dick Dowling. Ladies of Huntsville, a picture of Gen. H. H. Boone. These are all thanked for their co-operation, and it is hoped their efforts may avail. Contributions to date: Coat of arms of Texas, silvered star surrounded by half wreath of oak and laurel leaves, carved in Texas woods: Sam Houston normal school wreath of oak and laurel leaves, carved in Texas woods; Sam Houston normal school through Prof. H. F. Estill, \$50; museum case, \$79, will be paid for by San Marcos through Mrs. Hammett Hardy, Athens, through Mrs. A. B. Watkins, Mrs. Geo. Wofford of Victoria and Mrs. F. R. Pridham; handsome inlaid table, citizens of Corsicana, \$46.75; beautifully carved chair, a secret memorial of a private soldier, \$75; Galveston chair carved with oleander flowers, \$25; Daughters of the Confederacy, mers. \$25; Daughters of the Confederacy, mers. Corsicana, \$46.75; beautifully carved chair, a secret memorial of a private soldier, \$75; Galveston chair carved with oleander flowers, \$25; Daughters of the Confederacy, memorial to Gen. J. B. Magruder; San Antomio camp, horned chair memorial to Gen. H. P. Bee, \$50; picture of Gen. Cabell, Mrs. Kate Caheli Currie; historic steel engraving, Sanger Brothers, Dallas; Houston chair, Scurry Terrell, Dallas; two pieces confederate music, Mrs. S. G. Gomert, Taylor; ordinance of secession, Mrs. John Henry Brown of Dallas; parole of honor, Y. G. Wallingford, company G. fourth Texas regiment, given at Appomattox by Col. C. M. Winkler, commanding fourth Texas Hood's brigade, from Athens, Tex.; confederate money, state of Louisiana notes, etc., Alphonse Hennigan, Galveston; scabbard of pistol taken from the dead body of S. M. Riggs at Chickamanga, a boy 20 years old, given by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Riggs, Corsicana; pletures of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Oliver, Richmond, the friends of Texas soldiers in Virginia, Mrs. M. Riggs, Corsicana; handsome silk quilt, exquisitely embroidered for Jefferson Davis, but never presented, made by the ladies of Mooresville, Ala., contributed by Mrs. R. V. Hunt, Galveston; pictures of Mrs. Jetferson Davis, her daughter and two little sons, taken in 1863 and presented Gen. D. H. Hill, Charlotte, N. C., presented by Miss Nannie Hill, San Antonio; memorial, second volume record of Texas soldier, Mrs. Dr. Welch, Dallas; carved book, done in prison, watch charm, confederate flag, the last waved in Georgia, memorial of Rev. J. W. Talley, chaplain of first Georgia hos J. W. Gulech, Corsicana.

There is especially needed a couple of handsome chairs, book case, carpet for the entire floor and a mantel, which can be made of Texas woods at Huntsville in designs to match the table and chairs, for \$50. Any camp or home that would like to have those things as a memorial of some soldier. these things as a memorial of some soldier will receive the thanks of the regent by notifying her at once. Thanking all who

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notifying her at once. Thanking all who have co-operated, and trusting many relies and other memorials may be gathered together, respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. V. WINKLER,

Regent confederate museum.

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