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Monument Committee.

Messrs Editors.—In response to numerous inquiries in your paper as to what was being done by the committee, appointed last Decoration Day, towards raising funds to build a monument to our dead soldiers at this place I would say, as one of said committee, that I supposed at the time the committee was appointed, and still think that it is the duty of Col. J. E. Hayes or Maj. J. M. Hadley to at least call the committee together, so that they might confer together as to the best method of proceeding to raise the funds. I think it is a work that demands and should receive our most earnest effort, and that hundreds of dollars are daily being expended on far less worthy enterprises ought to encourage us to go forward and attest by a shaft of enduring marble our loyalty to our government, and our gratitude to the heroes who have fallen in its defence, many of whom now sleep in nameless graves in our cemetery. I am ready and willing to do all in my power to forward the work, and shall hold myself in readiness to co-operate with the balance of the committee whenever they shall desire to take action.

Yours Truly,

I. O. PICKERING.

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If some men were measured by the size of their hearts and souls a