

flict. Hancock rode rapidly up and down the ranks, encouraging the men to stand fast, and ordered the Fifth Wisconsin, Seventh Maine, and Thirty-Third New York forward, when they charged down upon the foe with a shout that made the welkin ring. "The enemy's charge," says an eye-witness, "an audacious one, was repulsed with great slaughter—almost entirely of infantry on both sides—the rebels displaying a courage worthy of a better cause, while the Wisconsin boys met them with the cool determination of veterans."

A correspondent of the New York *Herald*, speaking of this famous charge of the Fifth Wisconsin, Seventh Maine, and New York Thirty-Third, said: "Away went the regiments, with one glad cheer. Gallant as our foes undoubtedly were, they could not stand that. But few brigades mentioned in history have done better than this did, for a space which was generally estimated at three-quarters of a mile. They advanced under the fire of a splendidly served battery, and with a cloud of skirmishers stretched across their front, whose fire was very destructive; and if, after that, the Rebels had not had a line of bayonets that came toward them like the spirit of destruction, it need not be wondered that they broke and fled in complete panic. Nearly five hundred were killed and taken prisoners."

"This," declares another writer, "was probably the most brilliant charge made during the day. Our regiments all did nobly, but none of them more so than the Fifth Wisconsin and Forty-Third New York. Col. Cobb and Major Larrabee, of the Fifth Wisconsin, and Cols. Fenton and Pearson, of the Forty-Third New York,¹ are deserving of especial praise. The charge made by Hancock saved us the day in all probability." "Gen. Hancock," says Lossing, "finally made a fierce bayonet charge, when the Confederates broke and fled, with precipitation, with a loss of over five hundred men."

¹ This writer plainly errs in stating that the Forty-Third New York, with Cols. Fenton and Pearson, shared in the charge. The official reports, and Judd's *Story of the Thirty-Third New York Volunteers*, prove conclusively that it was the Thirty-Third, with Cols. Taylor and Corning, that took part in this service.