

emphatically, that he was not only in the fight, but actively engaged wherever there were symptoms of wavering, and where duty called him."

The next day after the battle, and while pursuing the enemy, a correspondent remarks: "In passing, I visited the burial place of Daniel Park Custis, whose son was the first husband of Mrs. George Washington. The place was a ruin, and I saw Maj. Larrabee copying the inscription on a broken monolith. What a sight—an army marching over the ground where Washington once lived, to fight Virginians!" Though Washington never lived there, he had often, no doubt, visited the place.

The Chickahominy swamps, and the lowlands of Virginia, with the exposures of the campaign, began to tell on the army, and Maj. Larrabee did not escape the prevalent sickness. Chronic diarrhœa prostrated him, and he was, in consequence, confined sometime in the hospital at White House, Virginia.

In the organization of new regiments, Gov. Salomon, appointed Maj. Larrabee to the command of the Twenty-Fourth Wisconsin. He at once resigned his position in the Fifth, July 25th, 1862. That evening the officers of the regiment met and unanimously passed the following preamble and resolutions:

"WHEREAS, The Executive of our State has testified his appreciation of the abilities and distinguished services of Maj. Charles H. Larrabee, by conferring upon him the highest military trust within his gift, in commissioning him Colonel of one of the Wisconsin regiments recently accepted by the President, we, the officers of the Fifth, desiring to avail ourselves of this opportunity to testify our respect, our esteem, and our affection for our late Major, do adopt the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That while we deeply deplore the loss to our regiment of an experienced and able officer, and to ourselves of a wise counsellor, social companion, and true and tried friend, we at the same time congratulate the nation, the State, and the regiment which he has to command, upon the selection of one so eminently fit to train to arms, and lead to battle, the sons of the Badger State.

"*Resolved*, That although in future marches, when the hills and valleys shall resound with the tread of armies and the clash of arms, we shall miss the encouraging words of our beloved Major, yet the cheering recollections of the past, when we first entered upon the theatre of war, and fought our first battle, inspired by his presence and example, shall nerve our hearts to a firmer determination for our country to conquer, or for our country to die.