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Massachusetts Day, June 17, 1893

at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago

The story of Bunker Hill was the theme of Massachusetts Day. The celebration took the form of a social reunion and reception given by the State Board of World's Fair Commissioners to Governor William E. Russell, his staff", and a large delegation of officers and members of the State Senate and House of Representatives.

At least five thousand people were received by the Governor and his staff, among whom were the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, the Massachusetts Society of Chicago, and other distinguished visitors, including ex-President Harrison, Vice-President Stevenson, Presidents Palmer and Higinbotham, and Director-General Davis, of the Exposition.

A grand display of fireworks was provided by the State board for the evening, the crowning glory of which was the set piece representing Bunker Hill monument and the old John Hancock mansion on Beacon Hill. Against the middle of the peristyle appeared the towering shaft of the monument; on the right blazed a picture of the old house, and on the left appeared the words "Massachusetts" Greeting." Bunker Hill Day was celebrated also by the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution, the former meeting at Music Hall and the latter at the Woman's Building. The conclave of the Sons was presided over by Judge Henry M. Shepard, of Chicago, and among the speakers were General Horace Porter, William Wirt Henry, and the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew.

Wallace's "Sword of Bunker Hill" was sung by the venerable John W. Hutchinson, the only survivor of the once well-known family of singers of that name, whose father fought at Bunker Hill. The Chicago chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution gave a reception, with a short literary and musical program, to the visiting Sons and Daughters at the Woman's Building in the afternoon, Mrs. Henry M. Shepard, chapter regent, presiding.