

casion. In closing, he tendered the flag to Capt. Todd, who replied by paying a high tribute to the women of America. He spoke of them as the truer patriots; though man would go forth and shed his blood for his country, yet it was woman who would buckle on his armor, and, with an approving smile, urge him onward to victory or death.

After the address by Capt. Todd, Col. Dogan was loudly called for, and responded in a few of his "happy and witty hits."

The flag was of blue silk, fringed with gold.— On one side was the Palmetto; at its roots lay the lever of the world—cotton bales; the whole enclosed by a wreath of gold; above, and spanning the Palmetto, like an arch, was, in letters of gold, "Laurens Briars." On the reverse side, and in the centre, was the Lone Star—emblematic of Carolina's position for awhile; in the upper corner the crescent, whilst in the lower corner was the cannon and a stack of arms; surmounting the whole, was the significant inscription, "Semper Volens, Semper Paratis"—always willing, always ready.

The "Briars" have a beautiful uniform of grey cloth, presented to them by the gentlemen of this battalion. They are a fine body of our citizen soldiery, and their drilling reflects credit on their officers.

Nothing is now wanting to their completeness but the guns. We think that the State should furnish each company of the South Carolina Volunteers with arms and accoutrements; by so doing, they can be drilled almost as thoroughly as regulars, without any additional expense to the State; and when called on, would be ready to go upon the battle field, without weeks of preparatory drilling. We heard but one sentiment pervading the crowd, and that was resistance unto death, if necessary, to Black Republican rule.

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