Honorable Herbert H. Lehman,
Governor of New York,
Albany, N. Y.

Dear Governor:

I am directed by the committee in charge of arrangements for the Memorial Day celebration in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, May 30th, to invite you to be present and deliver the address on that occasion. The exercises are held in the early part of the afternoon.

We bring to this historic place annually for that occasion men of national reputation. In recent years we have had a number of Presidents of the United States and a vice President. Governors, congressmen, and other distinguished men have graced our rostrum in the National Cemetery. The address would, of course, be on a topic of your own selection, and ought to be related to the Memorial to the Union soldiers of the Civil War. Your state, New York, had a larger number of men at the Battle of Gettysburg than any other state and we are anxious to have you come.

We do not have any fund from which to pay the expenses of our speakers, but we have been fortunate in having men who were glad to make their contribution in that way to honor the brave defenders of the Union, and we feel that you will be willing to follow in their train.

Kindly let us have an early reply, which we sincerely hope will be favorable, so that we may go ahead with our arrangements for the day.

Very sincerely yours,

William L. Heals, Secretary
Committee of Arrangements for Memorial Day, Gettysburg, Pa.