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W.O. BRADLEY ADDRESS, 1902

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

William O'Connell (W.O.) Bradley (March 18, 1847-May 23, 1914) was born in Garrard County, Kentucky to Robert and Nancy Bradley. William was educated in Somerset, KY and tried to join the Civil War without success because of his age. In 1865, because of his youth, a special legislative act was required for Bradley to take the bar examine, which he passed. By 1870, Bradley was elected as county attorney. Bradley, a Republican among Democrats, suffered many electoral defeats before becoming governor in 1895. He received strong support from African American voters and pushed for education reform during his time in office. In 1900, Bradley lost his bid for a seat in the Senate, but won when he ran again in 1908. While still holding his seat in the Senate, Bradley died in Washington, D. C. and was buried in Frankfort, Kentucky.

The Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis was built from 1888 to 1901. Bruno Schmitz, a German architect, produced the winning design for the monument, which was built in the Circle. Rudolf Schwarz, an Austrian designer, implemented the last elements of Schmitz's vision. After 14 years of construction, the monument was completed in 1901. On May 15, 1902, the Soldiers and Sailors Monument was formally dedicated. At the dedication, W.O. Bradley gave a short address commemorating those who served and the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.).

Sources:

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This collection contains notes written on a postcard by W.O. Bradley for a speech, presumably given at the dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis. Lew Wallace was the master of ceremonies; contributors to the event were James Whitcomb Riley, John Philip Sousa, and John W. Foster.

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