THE GRAND ARMY.

Our Weekly Record of Events in the Various Departments.

Great activity still characterizes the movements of the Grand Army in nearly every Department. The work of recruiting and organizing new Posts is being prosecuted with unflagging vigor, and if it is maintained during the spring months the Order will muster two hundred thousand by the 1st of July.

As an evidence of what THE TRIBUNE is doing to help on the good work, it may be mentioned that during the past week we have received and complied with twenty requests for blank applications for Post charters, as follows:

Herbert Vanderberg, Weaubleau, Mo.; H. G. Rose, Millbank, Dak. T.; J. H. Wood, Bussey, Iowa; A. B. Shakespear, Central City, Iowa; H. P. G. Carnes, Turkey City, Pa.; A. D. Rice, Antigo, Wis.; Enoch S. Moulton, Belding, Mich.; M. V. Jackson, Madison, Kan.; J. W. McCoy, Camp Creek, Tenn.; P. Bean, Warren, Vt.; Samuel M. Allen, Fulton, Ind.; James Kelly, La Salle, Ill.; Isaac D. Campbell, Wilson, Neb.; E. H. Mitchell, Sidney, Iowa; Dallas C. Russell, Monticello, Iowa; J. F. Brown, Clarksburg, Ohio; Wm. R. Rose, Jamestown, Pa.; H. M. Hamblin, Lenia, Ill; L. Bander, St. Johnsville, N. Y.; H. S. Beaman, Beaman, Ioa.

We have also received and forwarded to headquarters applications, duly signed, for the organization of Posts at Wapello, Iowa, and Verndale, Minn. Adjutant General Brown writes us acknowledging the receipt, through THE TRIBUNE, of applications for Posts at Lexington, Mich.; North Calais, Vt.; Bellair, Ill.; Saranac, N. Y.; Blandford, Mass.; Loogootee, Ind.; Hopedale, Ohio; Laurel Gap, Tenn., and states that they have been duly attended to.

MAINE.

In General Orders, No. 1, issued last fall at headquarters First Grand Division Sons of Veterans, Waterville, Maine, I. S. Bangs announces his appointment by the Commander-in-Chief an honorary member and Brevet Major-General of the Sons of Veterans, and assignment to the command of the Firt Division, comprising the New England States, and also the appointment of Sidney Moor Heath as Assistant Adjutant General. In General Orders, No. 2, issued on the 26th December last, the following appointments are announced: Sidney Moor Heath, of Waterville, to be colonel, to rank as such from November 1, 1882; Frank P. Merrill, of Auburn, to be lieutenant-colonel, and Harry M. Nickerson, of Portland, to be major of Maine Division; J. C. Rutherford, of Burlington, Vt., to be colonel; Fletcher R. Proctor, of Rutland, to be lieutenant-colonel, and William T. Ripley, of Rutland, to be major of Vermont Division; Harry R. Virgin, of Portland, Maine, to be Judge Advocate, and H. F. Benson, of Waterville, to be Medical Director of this Grand Division. Aides-de-camp, with rank of major—James Edward Hewey, Alfred, Maine; Harold Wylis Chamberlain, Brunswick, Maine; Wells Valentine, Bennington, Vt.; Ferdinand S. Henry, Burlington, Vt., with rank of captain—Melvin T. [illegible], Portland, Maine; Harry C. Stetson, [illegible], Louis D. Green, Brattleboro, Vt.

[illegible] Order, No. 1, issued at Lisbon, Me., [illegible] 16th ult., by command of Department Commander Elijah M. Shaw, D. H. Holman Assistant Adjutant General, announces the following as the personal staff of the Commander: Assistant Adjutant General, D. Horace Holman, Post 7; Assistant Q. M. General, Benjamin F. Beals, Post 47; Inspector, Harrison A. Tripp, Post 46; Chief Mustering Officer, Isaiah S. Coombs, Post 4; Judge Advocate, Joseph B. Peaks, Post 23. All requisitions for supplies for Posts should be forwarded to Assistant Q. M. General B. F. Beals, Auburn, Maine. Checks, drafts, or money orders for Department headquarters, should be made payable to the order of Assistant Q. M. General B. F. Beals, Auburn, Maine. All returns and reports from Post adjutants, &c., intended for Department headquarters, should in all cases be addressed to D. Horace Holman, Assistant Adjutant General, Lewiston, Maine.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Comrade Natt Shackford writes us from headquarters, Lake Village, N. H., as follows: "On Tuesday evening, Februry 27th, Merrill Post, No. 65, was organized at West Stewartstown, N. H., by Department Commander John C. Linehan, assisted by Comrades Natt Shackford, of Post 36, and James A. Troy, of Post 60. This Post starts off with eighteen charter members, and with bright prospects for the future; all are interested in the work of the Order. The following is the list of officers who were installed: Commander, John H. Brooks; S. V. C., T. H. Mayo; J. V. C., John C. Poor; Surg., John R. Little; Chap., Wm. McKannon; O. D., D. G. Ripley; O. G., Gardner W. Smith; Q. M., Charles W. Delliber; Adj't, C. S. Dalton; S. M., Alden Hutchinson; Q. M. S., Albert Harris."

VERMONT.

General Order, No. 2, issued at Bennington, Vermont, on the 22d ult., by Department Commander A. B. Valentine, C. C. Kinsman Assistant Adjutant-General, announces the following additional appointments upon the Department staff: Judge Advocate General, Kittridge Haskins, Brattleboro; Chief Mustering Officer, H. E. Taylor, Brattleboro; Aides-de-camp, H. W. Kingsley, Rutland; N. B. Puffer, Bennington; G. K. Russell, Bellows Falls; J. M. Tarbell, Weston; A. J. Noyes, Bennington; E. J. Coffey, Windsor; C. W. Carr, Brandon.

The Camp staff of Camp No. 1, Sons of Veterans, at Brandon, Vt., is: Orderly Sergeant, E. L. Bigelow; Quartermaster Sergeant, W. J. Powers; Sergeant of the Guard, H. Barrows; Color Sergeant, Seward Powers; Ordnance Sergeant, John Scanlan; Corporal of Guard, Fred E. Masat; Chief Musician, Will C. Carr.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Comrade C. W. Putnam, our correspondent for Post No. 10, Worcester, Mass., writes us that that Post presented at Grand Army Hall, Thursday evening, February 22d, a two act drama entitled "The Chimney-Corner," and it was played to an overflowing house; in fact, the hall would not accomodate all who wished to attend, so, by particular request, it was repeated at the same place Friday evening. The acting of some of the cast was excellent, that of T. H. Blood as "Solomon," David Boyden as "Peter" and Mrs. S. F. Rabbit as "Patty" being especially fine. Thursday evening the entertainment was for comrades and their families only, and after it was over a genuine Camp-fire was lighted, (minus the usual smoke,) and doughnuts, crackers, cheese and coffee were supplied in abundance. Then came speeches, singing and instrumental music and a jolly good time all round. Lady friends of the Post have often expressed a desire to attend the Camp-fires, and that desire was gratified Thursday evening. All enjoyed themselves, and many said if that was a sample of the Post's Camp-fires they did not wonder the comrades liked to attend them.

About sixty comrades of Post 10 chartered omnibusses and took a seven-mile ride to Grafton, Mass., on the night of the 28th ult., to attend a Camp-fire given by A. B. R. Sprague Post, No 24, of that place. On arriving at the town hall they found comrades from Millbury, Upton, Spencer and Shrewsbury. All were welcomed by Commander McKenzie, of Post 24. A bountiful collation was spread and enjoyed in the upper hall, followed by the indispensable "T. D." and cigars for those who wished, and with the smoking the fun commenced. There was a clarionet solo by Comrade Hathaway, of Grafton; bone solo by Comrade Smith; drum solo by Comrade Johnson; solo on the harmonica by Comrade Saunder, of Post 10; speeches by Comrades Sloan, of Spencer; Windsor and Batchelder, of Grafton; Commander Robinson, Comrades Scott and Lamb, of Post 10; a song and dance by Comrade Murphy, of Post 10; a recitation by Comrade Boyden, and no end of stories, such as only old soldiers can tell. All agreed that it was one of the pleasantest Camp-fires ever attended by Post 10.

Dr. Joseph N. Bates, a prominent physician and formerly surgeon of the Fifteenth Massachusetts vols., died of heart trouble on February 22d.

A. G. Bisco Post, No. 80, of Westboro, Mass., realized $1,600 from a fair held in that town week before last.

An esteemed correspondent at Cambridgeport, Mass., sends us the following interesting notices of passing events in that Department: Post 29, of Waltham, held a glorious Camp-fire on the 2d ult., with a view of increasing their membership. Senior Vice Department Commander Billings was present and made an earnest appeal to the old soldiers to enter the Grand Army ranks, assuring them that the Department of Massachusetts, man for man, never stood so well as to-day. He was followed by Comrade Scott, of Brooklyn, of the national staff, Judge Luce, and others. About 100 of the veterans were present and enjoyed the exercises, including the beans and coffee. Good results are anticipated. On Wednesday night, the 28th ult., Post 36, of Arlington, lighted a rousing Camp fire, inviting to its warmth Posts 30, 56, and 57, of Cambridge, Post 33 of Woburn, Post 139 of Somerville, Post 148 of Winchester, and Post 119 of Lexington. In the necessary absence of Commander Evans, John D. Billings, the Senior Vice Department Commander, responded for the Department of Massachusetts, in an able address, analyzing some of the objections that old soldiers make to joining the Order, and appealing to the comrades to stand firm in keeping the Order on a high plane in all respects. Comrades Tobin, of the council, Aides Cushing and Lunt, and Comrades Gray, Duling, Buffum, Wilson, and several others made very able remarks, and Mr. Lakin, a civilian, who takes to Grand Army boys, recited finely several patriotic pieces. The usual rations followed, and Post No. 36, which inaugurated this, its first Camp-fire, is to be congratulated, for it was a great success.

Commander Leach Clark writes us that General James Appleton Post, No. 128, Ipswich, Mass., lighted a rousing Camp-fire in their hall Thursday evening, February 22d, to which all the soldiers, sailors and marines of the late war resident in Ipswich, Rowly and Hamilton were invited to be present. About one hundred responded, representing one Rhode Island, three New Hampshire and twenty-seven Massachusetts regiments, and several from the navy. The comrades began to assemble about eight o'clock, and an hour was spent in social chat, singing old army songs and renewing old time memories. One very interesting event was the meeting between Comrade Adams of Post 5, and Comrade Goss, who were together in rebel prisons, and had never met since the escape of the former till then. The veteran soldiers, Knox with his violin and Nichols with with his bass viol, assisted Mr. Albert Stone on the organ and Mr. Rogers on the flute, furnished the music for the occasion. Supper was served as 9 o'clock, and after it had been enjoyed, pipes were lighted and speeches were made by Comrade J. G. B. Adams of Post 5, Benj. Pitman of Post 82, N. Shatswell of Post 34, T. F. Ellsworth, and others. Post 128 was organized January 17th, 1882, with twenty-four charter members, and the Adjutant's reports for the last quarter of the year showed a membership of fifty-one. The comrades propose to more than double their number in the present year.

Post No. 19, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, had a rousing Camp-fire on the 23d ult. Senior Vice Department Commander John D. Billings, Junior Vice Department Commander W. A. Sloan, Aids-de-camp S. A. Cushing, Jr., and W. Y. Gross, Commander Beals, and a delegation from Post 53, of Leominster, Comrade H. G. Curtis, of Atlantic, Iowa, and many old comrades of the war from the city and adjoining towns were present. The programme included an address of welcome by Commander Cuthbert, selections by the orchestra, songs by Comrades Hale, Pat Gleason, and others, speeches by Comrade John D. Billings, Senior Vice Department Commander; W. A. Sloan, Junior Vice Department Commander; S. A. Cushing, Jr., and W. Y. Gross, Aids-de-camp of the Department, John W. Kimball, Past Commander of Post 19; Commander Beals, of Post 53; D. H. Merriam, H. G. Curtis, of Atlantic, Iowa, and a good supper.

Post No. 89, Beverly, Mass., will hold a fair, commencing on April 18th, and continuing a week. Prizes to the value of $1,000 will be given away to the holders of season tickets. The Post is thriving and has 170 on the rolls, between forty and fifty having been mustered within the past year. A Camp of the Sons of Veterans, established at Beverly a few months ago, recently held a fair which netted the tidy little sum of $800.

RHODE ISLAND.

General Order, No. 2, issued on the 24th ult., at Providence, R. I., by Department Commander P. S. Chase, W. J. Bradford, A. A. G., gives the following extracts from the proceedings of Department Encampment at its meeting January 25: Voted, That it be the duty of Post chaplains to prepare and forward to the Department chaplain on or before the 30th of June annually, a concise but comprehensive report of the observance of Memorial Day by their Posts, to be by him embodied in his report to the Encampment; that the three senior officers of the Encampment be a committee to arrange for an excursion and Reunion of the several Posts this summer; that the *per capita* tax be fixed at ten cents per quarter. The following named were elected delegates and alternates to National Encampment: Charles A. Barbour, Post No. 1, delegate at large; Henry C. Luther, Post No. 10, alternate at large; Daniel C. Easton, Post No. 1, delegate; A. G. Lawrence, Post No. 5, alternate. The following named comrades are by the Order appointed Aides-de-Camp: William Frankland, Post No. 1; James A. Abbott, Post No. 1; Elisha Whitford, Post No. 2; Charles C. Nye, Post No. 3; John W. Sayles, Post No. 4; George A. Brown, Post No. 4; James H. Taylor, Post No. 5; A. A. Wightman, Post No. 10; Richard W. Howard, Post No. 11; John A. Jenkins, Post No. 13; Henry L. Dana, Post No. 17; W. Herbert Tracy, Post No. 17; Court. G. Stanton, Post No. 18. February 17th, Reno Post, No. 6, was instituted at East Greenwich; Commander, Gideon Spencer. Information is desired at these headquarters of the names and address of any two members of company B, Eighteenth Massachusetts volunteers.

CONNECTICUT.

Comrade A. F. Hall, Meriden, Conn., writes us that Merriam Post, No. 8, at that place, stands at the head of the list in the State. It has a membership of 212 and a relief fund of $2,000. The following are the officers: Commander, W. F. Rogers; S. V. C., A. F. Hall; J. V. C., H. H. White; Adj't, E. R. Merriam; Q. M., A. H. Fairchild; Surgeon, Dr. N. Nickerson; Chaplain, T. W. Kilbourne; O. D., W. R. Greene; O. G., D. H. Mason; S. M., A. W. Pierson; Q. M. S., O. D. Blakeslee.

NEW YORK.

Comrade Fred. H. Cramer writes us that the third annual Camp-fire of William D. Brennan Post, No. 284, Malone, N. Y., held at their rooms, February 22d, was a pronounced success. The capacity of the hall was taxed to its utmost by a delighted audience. The veterans assembled about 150 strong. An excellent lunch, prepared by a committee of ladies, was heartily enjoyed. The following toasts were announced and responded to: "In Memory of Washington," "The G. A. R.," "The Press," "The Women of the War," and "Our Prisoners of War." There was also singing by the Glee Club, and recitations and readings. In the evening Capt. W. R. Helms lectured for the benefit of the Post.

Comrade Robert Cooper, Adjutant of Sidney C. Gaylord Post, Redfield, New York, writes that on the 17th ult. the Post passed a resolution complimentary to its beloved Commander, A. S. Coy, who was suddenly compelled to go to California for his health. The resolution refers to the fact that he has been twice successively elected Commander and that it was through his efforts that the prosperity of Gaylord Post is mainly due.

Comrade John Hammond, Centreville, Sullivan county, N. Y., writes us that a new Post is to be organized at Fallsburgh, that county. It was to have been mustered in on the 24th ult., but owing to the absence of the mustering officer the organization was postponed.

Canby Post, No. 17, Gloversville, New York, now numbers eighty members, and is in a flourishing condition.

NEW JERSEY.

In Circular Order, No. 3, recently issued from headquarters, Jersey City, by Department Commander of New Jersey George B. Fielder, Assistant Adjutant General John Ramsey, it is impressed on Post Commanders and comrades generally the urgent necessity for having the Department in the best condition possible for the summer Encampment, which was determined upon at the last annual Encampment held at Trenton. Comrade Fielder believes that with an earnest and determined effort on the part of Post officers and the hearty cooperation of the comrades all or nearly all the Posts could be in uniform by August. Entertainments might be given before that time by the Posts which are not already uniformed for the purpose of raising money to procure uniforms. The following plan has been tried and has worked admirably: Have an entertainment best suited to the locality of the Post, and let the comrades have all the tickets they want to sell, and for every dollar a comrade turns in from the sale of tickets have the quartermaster give him credit for 50, 60, or 75 per cent., as the Post may direct, towards his uniform. If a fair is held give the comrade the same per centage of the money realized from the sale of any article he may get for the fair. This method makes every comrade personally interested, and the result of his efforts may not only secure him a uniform without any cost to himself, but also considerably increase the funds of this Post. The uniform adopted by the Posts the Department, or that may hereafter be adopted, should be trimmed in a manner that will not admit of its being used for ordinary street wear or upon any other than Grand Army or military occasions. If this be done the uniforms will last much longer, and, with ordinary care, the uniforms of all the comrades will always look alike.

Comrade Frank Getsinger, Manasquan, N. J., writes us that Vredenburgh Post, No. 47, held a Camp-fire in the Post room on the evening of the 22d ult., with a good attendance of the comrades of the Post, visiting comrades, and ladies and gentlemen. Letters of regret were read from Comrades George B. Fielder, Department Commander, and Edwin F. Applegate, Commander of Capt. James W. Conover Post, No. 63, Freehold. A history of the G. A. R. was read and able addresses delivered by Commander Nevius, of Arrowsmith Post, No. 61, Red Bank, on the patriotism and love of country shown by the G. A. R. boys in the late war. Past Commander Titus, of Aaron Wilkes Post, No. 23, of Trenton, read a piece of poetry entitled "The Old Canteen." An amusing incident was related by Rev. Mr. Brown, late Chaplain of the Seventh Ohio vols., describing how he had volunteered to carry a dispatch through a dangerous neighborhood in West Virginia early in the war to a distant command. Mr. Henry Dey, the Misses Dey, Mr. Hudson and Mr. Allen gave choice selections of music during the evening, after which those present partook of army rations of pork and beans, coffee and hard-tack, served by the ladies of the Loyal League. The entertainment closed with a contribution to a worthy comrade who has been in distress for some time.

The first annual fair of Lafayette Post, No. 69, Salem, N. J., recently held in Rumsey Hall, was a most successful one, realizing at least $500 clear of expenses. One of the most interesting features of the fair was the museum, wherein were displayed regimental flags and curiosities of the Revolutionary and the late wars. It was visited by Comrade George B. Fielder, Department Commander, of Jersey City, and Gen. Ramsey, of Jersey City, and Charles P. Lord, of Vineland, members of his staff.

"Jeems," New Brunswick, New Jersey, writes us that the Order in that vicinity is wide awake and working. Charles S. Olden Post, No. 44, of Metucken, gave an entertainment on the 22d ult. which was highly successful and added many dollars to its fund. Mrs. E. Smith, of Jersey City, was the prime mover in the affair and placed the Post under lasting obligations to her. Barry Post, No. 27, of Rahway, recently held a fair of three days' duration, which, like all its undertakings, was a grand success.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Thompson Post, No. 132, Oxford, Pa., recently had their first Camp-fire, which was held at Reed's Hall. Post Commander Samuel H. Smith, in a few remarks, welcomed those present, and then called upon the Rev. W. R. Bingham, who opened the exercises with prayer. Comrade W. H. Snyder gave the familiar reveille and breakfast call on the bugle, after which a quartette, composed of William Crowl, William Pugh, Rene Dickey and W. H. Snyder, with Miss Jennie Reed organist, sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee," followed by an excellent and appropriate address by Rev. W. R. Bingham. Comrade Snyder read a selection entitled "The Rising in '76," by T. Buchanan Read, and Comrade A. H. Ingram related the manner of his capture by the rebels; his travels to the prison, and his escape from the same; his subsequent recapture when near the Union lines, and return to the prison from which he had escaped, and from thence to Andersonville, and his escape from that stockade. After the song, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," by the quartette, the assembly was dismissed with the bugle sound of the "Taps" by Comrade Snyder.

The Post at Tunkhannock, Pa., celebrated Washington's Birthday by an open Camp-fire, held at Billing's Hall. The exercises were in charge of Commander Strond, ably seconded by Adjutant J. M. Kintner. Ex-Judge-Advocate Major Wm. M. Platt gave the Camp one of his off-hand speeches and was loudly applauded. Ex-Quartermaster Captain A. B. Mott and Captain James B. Harding also made short talks. Captain Harding said it was not a time to talk politics, but he would remind the assemblage that after all the Union would not have been saved but for the Greenbacks. After the conclusion of remarks by ex-Serg't-Maj. Chas. Dana, the rations were dealt out, and the pork, beans, coffee and hard-tack, which had been bountifully provided by the ladies, was gotten away with in true soldierly style. It was an enjoyable time, never to be forgotten by the participants.

At a meeting of George G. Meade Post, Phildelphia, held on the 26th ult., Comrade G. H. Davis presented the Post, on behalf of Comrades Johnston and Hervey, the head and neck of "Baldy," the old war horse of General Meade. The history of this animal is a remarkable one. He was in fifty-two engagements and was five times wounded, once being left on the field for dead, but when, two days after, a party went out to bury him he was found browsing on the battle-field. The head and neck of the old war steed, presented to the Post, are beautifully and artistically mounted on a shield, and will occupy a place on the east wall of the room, together with his complete record. The gift was received by Commander James C. Wray in a neat and graceful speech.

The old Ninety-ninth Pennsylvania Veteran volunteers, who enlisted early in 1861 and served throughout the war, from the Peninsula campaign, under General McClellan, till the surrender of Lee at Appomattox Court House, are about forming a Social Veteran Association from among the few survivors still remaining of the old regiment. General Biles has called a meeting for Thursday evening, March 15, 1883, at No. 1108 Sansom street, Philadelphia, for that purpose.

Comrade H. G. Bonebrake, Commander of John E. Walker Post, No. 287, Waynesboro, Pa., writes us that that Post, which was mustered last September with nineteen charter members, has now thirty-seven. There is a complete little drum corps attached to the Post, and many of the comrades are getting uniforms. An Old Folks' concert was given last January, which netted $220, which will be used in the purchase of flags, &c.

Comrade William Simmons, Philadelphia, writes us that there are thirty-five Posts in that city, more than in any other city in the Union. Post No. 1 has the handsomest quarters; Post No. 2 has the best furnished; Post No. 5 the largest; Post No. 275 the smallest; Post No. 5 has the best Ladies' Aid Society; Post No. 2 the best music; Post No. 94 the most members, and Post No. 10 the most talkers.

Comrade P. C. G. Cutler, Freeland, Luzerne county, Pa., writes us that the officers of C. B. Cox Post, No. 147, were installed on the 1st inst. by Mustering Officer G. H. Troutman. They are: Commander, P. C. G. Cutler; S. V. C., T. Boyle; J. V. C., J. H. Lindsay; Surgeon, J. Brookmyer; Q. M., J. D. Oliver; Adj't, J. Shaffer; Chaplain, G. MacIntosh.

William Simmons, secretary of the Farragut Veteran Association, Philadelphia, Pa., wants the addresses of all comrades who served under Admiral Farragut on the Mississippi River during the war. Also the address of any person who served on the U. S. ship Verona (sunk in battle below New Orleans) who knew John Jackson.

The Farragut Veteran Association, a naval organization, held a meeting on Tuesday evening last at Caledonia Hall, Pine street, Philadelphia, to make suitable arrangements for the proper celebration of the twenty-first anniversary of the capture of New Orleans, April 24, 1862.

Comrade H. C. Cover, Roxbury, Franklin county, Pa., writes us that Post No. 295 has thirty-two members and is doing well. On the 22d ult. the Post was presented with a portrait of Lieut. Pomeroy. The event was made the occasion of quite a number of speeches.

A delegation from A. J. Grimm Post, No. 152, Spring City, under command of Post Commander W. W. West, on Saturday evening visited Joseph Breinard, of East Vincent, an ex-soldier, who has become blind and dependent, and presented him with a large amount of provisions.

The officers of Pomery Post, No. 295, Roxbury, Pa., are: Commander, John Breckiger; S. V. C., Lieut. Adam Franklin; J. V. C., H. Unverzagt; Q. M., Franklin Cramer; O. D., James C. McLary; O. G., John Watson; Adj't, Jacob Salhimer.

POTOMAC.

We have received a pamphlet containing extracts from the address of Department Commander Samuel S. Burdett, at the fifteenth annual Encampment of the Department of the Potomac, held in this city on the 30th of last January. In it he says that the official year that will close with this Encampment has been one of prosperity for the Grand Army of the Republic in this Department. The reports of the A. A. General and of the A. Q. M. General show that the membership of the Posts of the Department one year ago was 840. It is now 1,439, a gain of 599, or 71 per cent. During the year there was expended for charity, at Department headquarters, the sum of $52. In regard to new Posts he says: "Two new Posts have been chartered during the year, and will stand upon the roster as James A. Garfield Post, No. 7, and Burnside Post, No. 8. Whether this was wise action or not, the future will testify. As a rule I am of the opinion that it is the better policy to restrain the ambition of comrades who wish to have their names immortalized by appearing as charter members on the Post roll."

General Orders, No. 1, issued in this city by Comrade S. S. Burdett, Commander of the Department of the Potomac, announces the following appointments: Assistant Adjutant General, John Cameron; Assistant Quartermaster General, Amos J. Gunning; Inspector, Dr. S. A. H. McKim; Judge Advocate, Samuel C. Mills; Chief Mustering Officer, Allen W. Prather; Aids-de-Camp, Lyman B. Cutler, Jno. L. Poston, David J. Hussey; Assistant Inspectors, Wm. S. McPherson, Jno. M. Keogh, Jos. Burroughs.

ARKANSAS.

Comrade John S. Scott writes us that Lyon Post, No. 137, Eureka Springs, Ark., is doing well and gaining in membership every week.

KENTUCKY.

Comrade E. A. H. Reyland, historian of the Department of Kentucky, and also of Garfield Post, No. 2, Covington, Ky., writes us that the G. A. R. in that State, commencing a year ago this month with Nelson Post, No. 1, at Newport, and Garfield Post, No. 2, at Covington, now has increased to thirteen good, healthy Posts. The fact that Tennessee has been made an adjunct to the Department is a high compliment. The recent impetus given to the Order is due, in a large measure, to the zeal and energy of Department Commander James C. Michie and the Department officers. Garfield Post started with twenty-one charter members, and now has forty-eight, and two applications at the adjutant's desk. The comrades intended holding a Camp-fire on February 22d, to which the ladies were to have been invited, but were prevented by the floods. Soon they will have uniforms, and now have equipments—a gift from noble and loyal ladies. The last application for a Post charter, with twenty-six signers, came from Maysville.

Nelson Post, No. 1, of Newport, has apparently suffered more than any other from the late flood. About one-fourth of their membership have lost household goods, fuel, &c., and others have been damaged to a considerable extent. Among those who have shown their comradeship in this emergency may be mentioned Pittsburg comrades, who sent a donation of $50 to the sufferers.

Thomas Post, of Louisville, Ky., is going to have a big Camp-fire in a few days, to which the Department of Kentucky has been invited. They will wake up Louisville, and make Watterson howl.

OHIO.

A meeting of the Toledo (Ohio) Soldiers' Memorial Association was held on the 26th ult. The following officers were elected: President, Hon. J. R. Osborn; First Vice President, Mrs. K. B. Sherwood; Second Vice President, Gen. C. L. Young; Treasurer, W. T. Walker; Secretary, H. S. Bunker. The Association is flourishing and expects to erect within the year a $60,000 memorial building. The Board has secured from various sources, chiefly in unpaid soldiers' bounties in the county treasury, funds to the amount of $17,480.51. It also owns a beautiful lot in the heart of the city, presented through the City Council. The balance of funds required will be raised by subscription. According to the plan, the building to be erected will be 180 feet long and 90 wide. An invitation was extended by Mrs. Sherwood, on behalf of Forsyth Post Ladies' Society, to attend their fifth annual reception on the evening of the 13th of March, which invitation was most heartily accepted. Forsyth Post and the Sons of Veterans, of which there are two flouishing Camps in Toledo, will also be present. The entertainment will consist of music, promenading and a supper. Toledo is the headquarters of the State Department of the Philadelphia Administration. Colonel H. R. Bacon is the colonel commanding. Colonel Garenfalo, of the Michigan Department Sons of Veterans, is in Toledo, on his way from the Grand Encampment at Philadelphia. The next Grand Encampment will be held in Toledo, and the boys may be certain sure of a good time.

John M. Bell Post, No. 119, Washington C. H., Ohio, mustered August 4, 1881, with thirty-two charter members, has increased its numbers to 125. In its ranks are five empty sleeves and one empty boot, and about one-half of its comrades have been wounded in action. The oldest member is 72 and the youngest 35, while the average is 40½ years. The Post has buried but one of its members—Comrade Frank Foulk. The Post had a grand Camp-fire, which commenced at the City Hall at 10 a. m. on the 22d ult. and lasted until the night of the 24th. Its success was mainly due to the ladies, who always come out strong on such occasions. The festivities of each evening were interspersed with vocal and instrumental music, and in addition to the singing by members of the Post of soul-stirring camp and battle songs, and hair-raising solos by John Stuckey, the Misses Lucy Walker and Puss Willett nightly pleased the audience with the most delightful singing—Miss Willett presiding at the piano. On Saturday evening there were a great many prizes awarded to various contestants, but the articles that awakened the most interest were a gold-headed cane, a large, richly-dressed wax-doll and a celluloid toilet set, which were disposed of by ballot, each vote represented by a cent.

Comrade L. C. Lyman writes us that Hurd Post, No. 114, Mount Gilead, Ohio, lighted a Camp-fire on the evening of February 28th, Comrade M. L. Cunard, commanding. James St. John Post, No 83, of Cardington, was present. At least two hundred and fifty old soldiers drew rations of beans, bacon, hardtack and black coffee, and it was estimated that there were at least 1,000 persons in the hall. The following programme was successfully carried out: Prayer by Rev. D. B. Simms; camp supper; music by Old Guard Band; address of welcome by Past Post Commander W. D. Matthews; camp scene; song, "Marching Through Georgia;" recitation, "Bennie's Reprieve," by Miss Jessie Miles; solo, Miss Dell Barton; "Sheridan's Ride," by Comrade T. H. Hickman; song, "Red, White and Blue," by Glee Club; address by Department Chaplain A. G. Byers; solo, Mrs. W. S. Miles; camp reminiscences (limited to five minutes), interspersed with camp songs.

Comrade T. D. McGillicuddy, District Mustering Officer, Akron, Ohio, writes us that on the 21st ult. he mustered Post No. 294, at Mantua, Portage county, Ohio, with Captain A. M. Erwin, as Commander, and George G. Striker, as Adjutant. The Post started with twenty-six charter members, and would have had a number more, but not a few forgot to bring their certificates of honorable discharge. These will be admitted later. The Post promises to be a first class one. On Friday evening, February 23, Comrade McGillicuddy organized R. L. Dunham Post, No. 177, at Bedford, Cuyahoga county, with the following list of officers: Commander, Irving M. Harrington; S. V. C., Edward Cowles; J. V. C., W. H. Deisman; Adj't, L. P. Whitaker; Q. M., J. C. Walton; Surgeon, Dr. N. B. Armstrong; A. I., Milo H. Barnum; S. M., L. D. Cox. The Post starts with eighteen members.

District Mustering Officer, Colonel M. W. Williamson, Commander of Arnold Post, No. 161, mustered Langston Post, No. 299, at Covington, Ohio, on Saturday evening with twenty-five charter members. The Colonel was assisted by Comrades Jas. E. Shellaberger, Leroy Jordan and —— Ludwig, of Alexander Post, No. 158, Piqua, Ohio, and a number of the comrades of Arnold Post. The music was furnished by Comrades Kiser, Porter and Langston, of Arnold Post. The following comrades were elected and installed: Commander, ——; S. V. C., J. A. Corwin; J. V. C., Geo. W. Butt; Adj't, J. S. Dollinger; Q. M., T. D. Simes; Surg., B. P. Speelman; Chap., E. D. Simes; O. D., G. W. Speelman; O. G., P. B. Rench; S. M., J. C. Dine; Q. M. S., Jacob Tobias; A. I., J. G. Wagner.

Comrade W. H. H. Fleck, Mt. Victory, Ohio, writes us that Coleman Asbury Post, No. 257, mustered August 25th, 1882, by Comrade W. P. Anderson, with twenty charter members, now numbers twenty-eight members (representing twenty-one different regiments), with five applications on file. The present officers are: Commander, Henry Williams; S. V. C., W. W. McFadden; J. V. C., R. A. Powelson; Surgeon, C. W. Morrow; Chaplain, Milton Southard; O. D., Wm. Montz; Adj't, W. H. H. Fleck; Q. M., S. G. Humphrey; O. G., Isaac H. Wilson; S. M., J. W. Jones; Q. M. S., Wm. D. F. Mathews. Post meets on the first and third Fridays in each month.

Comrade G. W. Everts writes us that District Mustering Officer Lieutenant J. P. Van Nest, of Wooster, Ohio, on March 1st mustered Jeremiah Galehouse Post, No. 297, at Doylestown, Wayne county, Ohio. The following officers were elected and installed: Commander, Jos. Marshall; S. V. C., H. C. Hotchkiss; J. V. C., John L. Smith; Adj't, George Jackson; Q. M., John H. Pursell; Surgeon, O. J. Miller; Chaplain, John Burgess; O. D., A. Hilbert; O. G., T. G. Boak; S. M., H. H. Galehouse; Q. M. S., David Smith. Their regular meeting will be the first Thursday night of each month.

Comrade Frank Ridgley, Commander of Elliott Post, No. 255, Jeromeville, Ohio, writes us that that Post had a rousing Camp-fire on the 22d ult., in honor of Washington's Birthday. The entertainment was opened with prayer by Sheriff J. J. Wonbigles, followed by an address of welcome by Colonel Wm. Bigam. Stories, anecdotes and singing of old army songs completed the programme.

Comrade W. A. Skillen, Sidney, Ohio, writes us that Neal Post, No. 62, now numbers twenty-five members, with a good prospect for future additions, and possesses a fine auxiliary society.

Comrade William A. Thomas writes us that he has been appointed correspondent of THE TRIBUNE for Kinsman Post, No. 150, Kinsman, Ohio.

Comrade Joseph Worthington, of Sprinkle's Mills, Ohio, writes us that an effort is being made to establish a new Post at that place.

INDIANA.

At a regular meeting of Morton Post, No. 1, held in Terre Haute, Ind., on Thursday evening, February 16th, 1883, the following comrades, D. C. Greiner, S. J. Yound, and Wm. J. Armstrong, were made a committee (with power to act), to express the feelings of the Post in view of the prospect of State legislation looking to the establishment of a home for crippled and infirm soldiers and soldiers' orphans—a bill to effect this having been recently introduced in the Legislature. The committee have therefore prepared the following:

Therefore, appreciating the necessity and importance of such an institution, be it

Resolved, That we appeal to our Senators and Representatives now in session at our State Capital, in the name of humanity and a just appreciation of those who, with prompt patriotism, abandoned the comforts of home and all that was dear to them, and willingly placed their lives and health on the altar of their country when its existence was in peril, to give such legislation their hearty and unstinted support.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to each Post in this State with the request that they join us in this just appeal without delay.

Gustin Flint writes us that the fifteenth Reunion of the veterans of the One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Indiana V. I. took place on the 22d ult. in Fort Wayne, Ind. The present organization is as follows: President, Surgeon Geo. W. Carr, Ligonier; Vice-President, Colonel C. A. Zollinger, Fort Wayne; Secretary, Adjutant E. G. Melendy, Fremont; Treasurer, Captain James Harper, Fort Wayne; Executive Committee, Colonel Zollinger, Captain Harper, and Lieutenant Melendy. Next Reunion will be held at Columbia City, Whitley county, Ind., January 8, 1884. The Reunion ended with a grand banquet, given by the good citizens of Fort Wayne. Toasts and responses were in order on the occasion.

Comrade James Tuck, Wolcottville, La Grange county, Ind., writes us that a new Post is about to be organized at that place with forty-two charter members.

ILLINOIS.

Comrade John Grierson writes us that Alpheus Clark Post, No. 118, Morrison, Ill., had a rousing Camp-fire at Milne's Opera House on the evening of February 23d. Thrilling speeches were made by Rev. W. A. Spencer, formerly chaplain of the Eighth Illinois cavalry, Rev. James Frothingham, and Lieuteuant E. W. Payne, the one-armed county clerk. The toast "Our Militia" was responded to by Lieutenant Wm. Brearton, Co. I, Fourteenth battalion I. N. G., in an excellent speech, full of sense and pathos. A banquet of pork and beans, hard-tack, and coffee, was served, and everybody was immensely pleased. Comrade Martin Card, Quartermaster of the Post, had charge of the commissary stores, and did his duty to the satisfaction of all. Songs by the Glee Club, the Post, and Rev. Spencer, and an "army elephant," added to the amusement of the audience.

Comrade J. T. Clendenin writes us that Sparta Post, 181, Sparta, Ill., was mustered by Special Mustering Officer S. G. Parks, February 9th, with eighteen charter members. The following officers have been installed: Commander, Jas. Bottom; S. V. C., J. R. Alexander; J. V. C., J. M. Miller; Q. M., W. J. Colwell; Surgeon, Thos. Grey; Chaplain, G. M. Reed; O. D., C. Edgar; O. G., J. H. Shaeffer; S. M., D. McConachie; Q. M. S., R. Conch. The Post has a membership of twenty-eight.

Comrade John Lightle writes us that James Slocum Post, No. 187, was recently mustered at Bryant Station, Ill., by comrade T. A. Boyd, of Lewiston, with sixteen charter members. The following are the officers: Commander, J. H. Buck; S. V. C., G. W. Hamit; J. V. C., J. Lisenbe; Surg., G. Sprague; Q. M., J. L. Williams; Adj't, T. K. Connor; Chap., Wm. Smith; O. D., Wm. Goforth; O. G., B. F. Hackett; Q. M. S