THE GRAND ARMY.

Two More Department Encampments---Recent Musters and Camp-fires.

Monday next, April 9th, will be the eighteenth anniversary of Lee's surrender, and, in accordance with THE TRIBUNE's suggestion, it promises to be generally observed as a Grand Army Recruiting Day. Every comrade should turn out and help to make the occasion one of lasting benefit to the Order.

In another column will be found full reports of the annual Encampments of the Departments of Missouri and Indiana, both of which make a splendid showing of work accomplished during the past year. The only Department Encampment that now remains to be held is that of Iowa, and that began at Des Moines yesterday.

Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort attended the Missouri and Indiana Encampments and also paid a visit last week to the Department of Kentucky. He announces that the date of the meeting of the next National Encampment at Denver has been fixed for July 25th, and that it will probably be in session for three days.

During the past week THE TRIBUNE has received twenty-one requests for blank applications for Post charters as follows:

C. B. Forster, Cairo, Alexander county, Ill.; L. E. Neil, West Unity, Williams county, Ohio; J. B. Campbell, Lee's Summit, Jackson county, Mo.; Jas. Partridge, Carmi, White county, Ill.; S. V. Frame, Clayton, Jefferson county, N. Y.; Wm. Weaver, Frenchtown, Hunterdon county, N. J.; R. Kelly, Avena, Fayette county, Ill.; Jas. Pharo, West Creek, Ocean county, N. J.; J. Parmeter, Plattsburg, Clinton county, N. Y.; M. Garrett, Hume, Edgar county, Ill.; Geo. A. Smith, Waseca, Waseca county, Minn.; R. J. Williams, Ridgeway, Hardin county, Ohio; Geo. R. Richards, Glasgow, Cambria county, Pa.; J. E. Rayl, Hartford, Lyon county, Kan.; R. M. Williams, Genoa, DeKalb county, Ill.; Patrick Lannon, Prior's Lake, Minn.; W. L. Zenter, Oxford, Iowa; W. S. Westbrook, Mount Sterling, Ill.; Jas. M. Chapel, Kingston, Wis.; J. C. Truesdale, Viola, Wis.; Thos. Griffith, Hollyrood, Kan.

Applications have been forwarded to Headquarters for the establishment of new Posts as follows:

Le Roy, Ill., forty-one signers; Central City, Iowa, twenty-nine signers.

Adjutant-General Brown writes us from Headquarters, announcing the receipt of eight TRIBUNE applications for Post charters, as follows:

Equinunk, Wayne county, Pa.; Turkey City, Clarion county, Pa.; Hester, Marion county, Mo.; Linn Creek, Camden county, Mo.; Clarksburg, Ross county, Ohio; Vienna, Johnson county, Ill.; Bussey, Marion county, Iowa.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

On Wednesday evening, March 28th, Department Commander John C. Linehan, assisted by Comrade Natt Shackford, of Post 36, organized Moulton S. Webster Post, No. 68, at Sandwich Centre, N. H., with twenty-four charter members. There is a good prospect of its increasing its numbers to fifty in a very short time. The following is a list of officers installed: Commander, William E. Smith; S. V. C., Frank Bean; J. V. C., James Y. Webster; Surgeon, J. L. Huntress; Chaplain, Rev. M. Folsom; Adj't, L. D. Bean; Q. M., B. F. Fellows; O. D., L. Q. Smith; O. G., I. W. Felch; S. M., W. H. Scriggins.

MASSACHUSETTS.

"Drummer" writes us that a Reunion of Co. B, Twenty-fifth Massachusetts regiment, which was largely composed of Milford soldiers, took place at the Mansion House, Milford, Mass., on Wednesday evening, March 14, to celebrate the twenty-first anniversary of the battle of Newbern, N. C., which, as will be remembered, was captured by the Twenty-fifth regiment. The following comrades were present: Aaron Aldrich, Lewis Smith, E. M. Wheelock, L. D. Hadley, D. L. Day, Willard Chapin, O. F. Thompson, Henry Pond, J. M. Fletcher, C. A. Lewis, William Burke, William Emery, J. G. McCarter, Willard Clarke, John Cross. The chairman of the committee of arrangements, General W. F. Draper, was unexpectedly called away, and sent as a substitute Hon. George Draper, his father. He remained as a guest of the company until after supper, which was a good one well served, and then, with his customary generosity, paid the entire expenses of the Reunion. D. L. Day, "chief of artillery," read extracts from his diary, beginning with the entry of the company into Newbern. The meeting was greatly enjoyed by the comrades.

Comrade C. W. Putnam, Worcester, Mass., writes us that on Tuesday evening, March 27, George A. Custer Post, No. 70, of Millbury, Mass., (a neighboring town,) held a benefit concert and ball in the Town Hall, which was a success in every respect. The music, which was furnished by Vaughn's orchestra, of Providence, R. I., was very fine. The hall was prettily decorated with flags and a portrait of General Custer, recently purchased by the Post, which occupied a conspicuous place upon the stage; it rested upon a background formed by the stars and stripes, and was greatly admired by all. An excellent supper was provided and served by the comrades in Blanchard Hall. The commander of this Post is Rodney D. Loomis, a one-legged comrade, formerly member of the Fifty-seventh Massachusetts. The Post hold their meetings in the Town Hall, and have been paying the town $50 a year for the privilege, but a few days ago the selectmen voted to give them the use of the hall for their meetings for ten years for the nominal sum of one dollar. This pleased the boys very much and they published a card of thanks in the daily papers.

RHODE ISLAND.

Prescott Post, No. 1, of Providence, R. I., has voted to adopt the fatigue cap invented by ex-Department Commander H. F. Jenks, of Pawtucket, and similar to those worn by his staff last summer. They are made of Mackinaw straw, with drooping visor, and will be fitted with water-proof protectors.

In General Order, No. 3, Department Commander Philip S. Chase says: "The Department Commander directs attention to the subject of uniforms for the comrades in this Department, with a view of securing uniformity in style and appearance. The most suitable and appropriate uniform for the Grand Army of the Republic is fatigue cap, dark blue pants and single-breasted sack coat or blouse, trimmed with G. A. R. buttons."

CONNECTICUT.

Comrade George F. Elliot, Stanford, Conn., writes us that Hobbie Post, No. 23, of that place, gave its first hop and Camp-fire on the 28th ult. The committee of arrangements consisted of J. V. C. George Olmstead, O. D. Elias E. Palmer, and S. M. John McGill, which fact was a sufficient guarantee of the unequivocal success of the affair. The floor was under the control of Commander P. B. Lever, Elias Palmer, Frank Jones, Fred Heath, and others, while Comrade "Tead" Halleck took the "filthy lucre" at the door, and Theo. Miller, ex-Quartermaster, presided with great dignity over the hat room. Department Commander G. S. Evans, of Mass., was present a portion of the evening, and, also, several members of Sam. Ferris Post, of New Canaan. Dancing commenced about nine o'clock and was continued until two a. m., only interrupted by the calls to supper, which consisted of lots of pork and beans, hard-tack, coffee, &c. Everything passed off in the most agreeable manner while the pecuniary results were very satisfactory, netting the Post about $100.

Comrade John E. Bassett, Danielsonville, Conn., writes us that the Post there recently gave two dances which netted about $25 for the Post fund. He adds: "I hope that Comrade Putnam will give us some more about the Burnside expedition. As a member of the same regiment I know that what he says is correct."

NEW YORK.

Comrade James F. Fitts, Lockport, N. Y., Past Commander of Charles P. Sprout Post, No. 76, writes us as follows, having been requested to do so by a resolution passed at the last Encampment of the Post: "Very early in the history of the G. A. R. a Post was established in Lockport, which flourished a while, and then died—literally talked to death by two or three ambitious idiots. In the Centennial year the local feeling in favor of another Post culminated in the movement that launched Chas. P. Sprout Post, and it was highly favored by the bestowal on it of the Centennial number. It has had its history of ups and downs, but is now prosperous, harmonious, and useful. Its name is that of the adjutant of the Twenty-eight New York volunteers, killed at Cedar Mountain. The present Commander is A. A. Ticknor; Past Commanders, in order of time, are: Charles A. Murphy, E. W. Rogers, E. A. Martin, W. E. Palmer, and James F. Fitts. Number of members in good standing, 125. We have a large and convenient hall, handsomely decorated, which we lease for two years at a time. We have swords for parade, an interesting museum of war relics, and are an incorporated society. All our Post property is insured. We maintain a good balance in both general and relief funds, and bestow the latter literally upon our needy and deserving members. We have about quit extending relief to travelers wearing our badge, finding that, nine cases out of ten, they are impudent impostors. Our meetings are very interesting, and the membership of this Post is so devoted to it that its prospects of a long useful life and a green old age are excellent. I should not forget to mention that it has furnished two Department officers."

Edward Hunting Post, No. 453, was organized at Phenix Hall, Greenport, N. Y., on Thursday evening, the 29th ult., with thirty-two charter members. The Post was mustered in by Charles A. Parks, Commander of Edward Rose Post, of Sag Harbor, assisted by about twenty comrades of the same Post. The following are the officers: Commander, Henry W. Halsey; S. V. C., Henry H. Preston; J. V. C., Baldwin T. Payne; Adj't, C. B. Moore; O. D., E. W. Tabor; Q. M., Robert Jefferson; Surgeon, Dr. B. D. Skinner; Chaplain, Rev. E. S. Wheeler; O. G., S. A. Hawkins; S. M., Henry P. Christian; Q. M. S., William E. Shipman. Cushing Post, No. 231, netted a handsome sum from its recent concert, which was a splendid affair. On the 10th inst. Vanderbilt Post, No. 136, New York city, will give a performance and reception at the Lexington Avenue Opera House, in aid of its widows and orphans' fund. The plays selected are Planche's comedy, "The Captain of the Watch" and "The Old Guard." The entertainment will be under the direction of Colonel George M. Dusenberry.

Colonel B. F. Davis Post, No. 340, was duly mustered at Marilla, N. Y., on the 19th ult., by Commander Henry E. Stambach, assisted by Post Commanders Adam Schiel and Charles B. Umpleby, of Posts 2 and 9, respectively. There was a goodly number of comrades on hand, and every one enjoyed a pleasant evening. Following is a list of officers elected and installed: Commander, Philip Asmus; S. V. C., Robert D. Dennison; J. V. C., John Gould; Chaplain, William H. Elrich; Q. M., Asa B. Smith; O. D., Robert W. Austin; O. G., Andrew Mead.

Comrade George D. Hastings, who sends us five new subscribers, writes that Post No. 352, Saranac Village, N. Y., was mustered on the evening of the 26th ult. by Comrade Meigs, of Malone Post, with forty-two charter members.

NEW JERSEY.

Comrade J. A. Charlton writes us that Sumner Post, No. 74, has recently been established at Jamesburgh, N. J., with the following officers: Commander, Robert Atkinson; S. V. C., Jas. H. Eastman; J. V. C., Jas. Scorrlet; Adj't, Camille Baquette; Q. M., Jacob Smock; O. D., W. G. Mount; O. G., Samuel Marrott; Surg., Jas. Elliott; Chap., Daniel Shoen.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Comrade John S. Showers, Oriental, Pa., writes us as follows: "On March 19th P. P. C. Captain I. H. Ressler, with a detail of twelve comrades of Col. James Cemron Post, No. 185, mustered Private Benjamin Benfer Post, No. 316, of this place, with twenty charter members. We named our Post in honor of a comrade of Co. I, Fifty-third P. V. V., who was killed at Gettysburg. The organization of our Post is due to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. You can score one more for your energetic service of the G. A. R. We meet the first and last Saturday of each month. This being a farming community and the average distance of the comrades being three miles from the place of meeting we adopted bi-monthly meetings. The following officers were duly elected: Commander, J. S. Showers; S. V. C., S. S. Updegrove; J. V. C., H. H. Segrist; Adj't, J. A. Zellers; Surgeon, Henry Reese; Chaplain, T. J. Nichols; Q. M., Joel Dressler; O. D., E. Crawford; O. G., W. H. Clemens; S. M., P. Fawver; Q. M. S., P. H. Miller. Please accept thanks for the prompt return of discharges of the comrades for the mustering of our Post.

Orders have been issued from Department Headquarters for the organization of Post No. 322, at Espyville, Crawford county, Pa.; Post No. 323, at Beaumont, Wyoming county, and Post No. 324, at Ligonier, Westmoreland county. There were forty-nine names signed to the application for the last-named Post.

DELAWARE.

Department Commander of Delaware Daniel Ross, accompanied by Past Officer of the Day William O'Connor and Past Junior Vice Commander A. P. Osmond, went to Wyoming, Del., on Tuesday, the 27th ult., and mustered in George G. Meade Post, No. 11. The following are the officers of the new Post: Commander, Charles M. Carey, of Wyoming; Senior Vice-Commander, A. C. Mensch, of Camden; Junior Vice-Commander, P. Tharp, of Camden; Adj't, J. Wells, of Wyoming; Q. M., James Montague, of Wyoming; Surg., Levin D. Caulk, of Camden; Chaplain, Absalom Carey; O. D., W. H. Biddle; O. G., J. W. Montague; S. M., Darling Johnson; Q. M. S., Robert Diffenderfer. Chaplain Carey is eighty-one years of age, and he and several sons, one of whom is now mayor of Des Moines, Iowa, and another commander of George G. Meade Post, served in the army throughout the war.

MARYLAND.

McPherson Post, No. 20, Lonaconing, Allegany county, Md., which died out during the miners' strike of last year, was reorganized on Saturday night, the 24th ult., and elected the following officers: Commander, Samuel Nichols; Senior Vice-Commander, Isaac Miller; Junior Vice-Commander, John L. Martin; Q. M., William McIndoe; O. D., Adam McMillan; O. G., John Donnell. Department Commander Suter telegraphed recently giving Captain John Douglass, their old commander, authority to install the officers.

Wingate Post, No. 9, whose headquarters are at North East, Cecil county, Md., will hold a grand Encampment in the vicinity of that place, commencing on the Fourth of July next and lasting several days. There will be a fair in connection with the Encampment and other attractions, the object being to raise funds for the purpose of building a hall for the Post. There will be some prominent speakers present on the Fourth, who, after the parade and the possible sham battle, will address those assembled. General W. E. W. Ross, Senior Vice-Commander, and Captain John H. Suter, Department Commander of Maryland, will attend, as will also, it is thought, several of the Grand Army Posts of Baltimore.

POTOMAC.

The sixteenth anniversary of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, Washington, D. C., was commemorated on the night of 28th ult. at Grand Army Hall. The literary and musical programme which prefaced the dancing was a very enjoyable one, rendered with fine effect by the performers. The committee on entertainment, to whom much of the credit for the success of the anniversary must be given, were Comrades Gilbert M. Husted, C. M. Park, Edward Renard, W. D. Burbage, Richard Middleton and E. McCarter.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Senior Vice Department Commander General J. H. Duval, of Wellsville, W. Va., assisted by S. V. C. Little, Thoburn Post; J. V. C. Graham, Spangler Post; Chaplain Kryter, Brannum Post; Officer of Day Ebbert, Thoburn Post; Officer of Guard Harnig, Thoburn Post; Adjutant Meek, Thoburn Post, and Robert Griffin, Brannum Post, on the 24th ult. mustered Colonel John W. Holliday Post in Knights of Labor Hall, Wheeling, W. Va., with thirty-two charter members. Among the visitors were Spangler Post, of Bellaire, under the leadership of Commander James Graham, to the number of about thirty, accompanied by a drum corps, who came up on the Princess; Thoburn Post, of Martin's Ferry, headed by a drum corps, under Commander W. H. Orr, which squad, as it marched from the Little Anna to the hall, numbered about twenty-five. Bridgeport was also represented by about twenty members of Brannum Post. The following officers were elected and installed: Commander, G. B. Jones; S. V. C., J. H. Burtt; J. V. C., Wm. H. Travis; Q. M., George F. Irvine; Chaplain, M. Bennett; O. D., James Sheridan; Surgeon, Dr. John E. Smith; O. G., George Rodenbaugh; Adj't, Wm. A. Higgins; Q. M. S., B. F. Malone; S. M., Edward Robertson. Comrade W. S. Meek, of Thoburn Post, was then called on, and he made some happy remarks. He was followed by other visitors, and Thoburn Post sang an old army song, after which all joined in "Marching Through Georgia."

KENTUCKY.

Comrade T. J. Alverson writes us that J. West Gosnell Post, No. 8, Crutchfield, Ky., on the 26th ult., installed the following officers: Commander, D. O'Riley; S. V. C., J. W. Frank; J. V. C., O. Quisenberry; Surgeon, H. S. Woods; Q. M., J. Hackett; Chaplain, T. V. Alverson; O. D., P. S. Bruner; O. G., B. Thorpe; Adj't, R. V. S.[illegible]s; Q. M. S., H. Jackson; S. M., T. McClure. The Post, organized last October, now numbers 100 members.

Comma[illegible]er-in-Chief Van Dervoort, accompanied by Department Commander J. C. Michie, visited the Posts in Louisville, Ky., on the 29th ult., and was accorded a grand reception. The event was one long to be remembered. The Department of Kentucky is a young one, but will probably come to the National Encampmen[illegible] with thirty Posts on the roster. A Post is being organized at Orangebury, near Maysville, Ky.

OHIO.

Comrade Daniel Spear, Cardington, Ohio, writes us that at the close of the regular meeting of James St. John Post, No. 82, on the 21st ult., Commander S. C. Bennett announced that the Ladies' Aid Society, auxiliary to the Post, were waiting supper for the boys in the Loyer building. Twenty-two visiting members were also present from Coomer Post, of Ashley, with their Post Commander, Dr. Holmes, and nine comrades from Hurd Post, Mount Gilead, with Post Commander L. M. Cunard. About ninety comrades sat down to an excellent supper at the first table, and their wives, daughters and friends at the second table. The receipts from donations, auctioned after supper, amounted to $15.50. After which, Comrade T. N. Hickman recited "Sheridan's Ride;" Comrade Evans, of Coomer Post, recited "Barbara Fritchie," in a humorous German dialect. Chaplain Rev. Dr. Wm. G. March, also narrated some amusing Post incidents. The Ladies' Auxiliary was only organized about a week ago.

Myrtie Kile, a soldier's daughter, writes us from Lowell, Ohio, that Dick Mason Post, No. 304, was mustered in at that place, on March 24th, by District Mustering Officer Colonel T. F. Davis, assisted by a detachment of Buell Post, of Marietta, Ohio. It started with twenty-three charter members. The officers of the Post are as follows: Commander, J. F. Putman; S. V. C., S. C. Kile; J. V. C., J. Glosskloss; Adj't, R. B. Griggs; Surgeon, R. Fouraker; Chaplain, M. Augustein; Q. M., D. Espensheat; O. D., A. Thompson; O. G., G. W. Lucas; S. M., C. Heanigar; Q. M. S., A. Haga. The Post has an able commander and is in a condition to prosper.

Joseph Henley Post, No. 303, was mustered at Leesburg, Ohio, on the 16th ult., by Comrade J. A. Ritter, of Chillicothe. The Post starts with thirty charter members and the following officers: Commander, P. D. Matthews; S. V. C., M. M. Covan; Adj't, A. T. Chance; Surgeon, S. B. Guthrie; Chaplain, William Sanders; Q. M., Thomas Covan; O. D., M. Redkey; O. G., C. P. Keen; S. M., James Patton; Q. M. S., Frank Dooley.

Comrade M. W. Gage, Forest, Hardin county, Ohio, writes us that Stanley Post was mustered at that place, on the 27th ult., with forty-two charter members and the following officers: Commander, N. F. Pierce; S. V. C., John Campbell; J. V. C., Jos. Dye; Adj't, Marion Carson; Q. M., C. T. Almy; Surgeon, M. W. Gage; O. D., J. W. Wenner; O. G., L. Yant; S. M., John Buyers; Q. M. S., E. H. Cook.

INDIANA.

The annual grand Encampment of the Department of Indiana was begun at the Park Theater in Indianapolis on the morning of the 28th ult. with about 250 delegates in attendance, Department Commander Carnahan presiding. Commander-in-Chief Van Dervoort, of Nebraska, was present. The morning session was devoted to the reading of the reports of the Department officers. General Carnahan, in his report, which was very voluminous, congratulated the Department on the good work that had been accomplished during the year. He said the Grand Army of the Republic was no longer an experiment, but a glorious and assured success. The G. A. R. of Indiana had come to stay so long as there should be left one honorably-discharged Union soldier within the borders of the State. He then alluded to the extraordinary growth of the Order in the State during the past year. He said that Indiana was now placed alongside of much older Departments. Another year's systematic work would give the Department a place in the National Encampment equal to the oldest and best now represented. When he was elected Commander, February 22, 1882, there were only forty-six Posts in the State, whereas there are now 155. He thought it had been conclusively shown that the G. A. R. was not formed for bolstering up or pulling down any political body. Gen. Carnahan proceeded at considerable length upon this theme. He strongly urged that all questions of the slightest political import be kept out of the Post rooms. He said there was no half-way ground in this matter. One great cause of the success of the Indiana Department during the past year was the fact that it was seen that, although there was a strong political contest the greater portion of the year, the G. A. R., like others of the best societies, took no part in the struggle. He congratulated the Department upon the financial showing made by the Adjutant and Quartermaster Generals, the Department being no longer in want. In view of the good financial showing he recommended that the per capita tax be reduced from ten cents to eight cents per quarter, and that the per capita tax be not assessed upon Posts at Aurora, Rising Sun, Madison, Lawrenceburg, Jeffersonville, and other Posts in the flooded districts. He also recommended that members contribute for the relief of their suffering comrades along the Ohio. As to the proposed monument to the soldiers and sailors of the State, he said the desired sum of $15,000 or $20,000 necessary to build such a monument would never be raised unless the survivors of the war took hold of the work. He said it was a shame and disgrace to Indiana that her dead soldiers and sailors had no monument, and he eloquently urged the prosecution of the work. He said, relative to Post work, that there was not enough attention paid to the study and exemplification of the unwritten work of the Order. He made some exceptions, including George H. Thomas Post, No. 17, of Indianapolis. He recommended that the Posts exchange visits, and urged a large representation from Indiana at the National Encampment in Denver next August. He paid a feeling tribute to those who had died during the year, especially mentioning Simpson, Cruit, and Chapman, and closed with compliments to Gen. Van Dervoort, Ben. D. House and others. The report of Ben D. House, Ass't Adjt.-Gen., showed there had been sixty-two deaths during the year. The total receipts for the year were $6,694.41; expenditures, $4,941.29; cash balance, $1,663.12. The aggregate assets, including cash on hand and property, amounted to about $2,300. During the year 110 Posts had been mustered in. There had been an increase of about 4,000 in membership, the aggregate membership at the present time being 6,038. At the afternoon session a lengthy memorial was presented by George H. Thomas Post, of Indianapolis, upon the action of the Legislature relative to the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. A detailed statement was given as to how the funds were raised for founding the Home, and the legislation at different sessions of the General Assembly which has finally converted it practically into an "asylum for feeble-minded children." The action of the last Legislature in changing the law was strongly condemned, and a committee of five lawyers, including Senator Harrison and General John Coburn, was appointed to examine the law for the purpose of testing its constitutionality in usurping the property and rights of the soldiers' orphans. The remainder of the afternoon session was devoted largely to the transaction of regular business and receiving reports from the Post representatives. The election of officers resulted as follows: Commander, James R. Carnahan, of Indianapolis; S. V. C., Edwin Nicar, of South Bend; J. V. C., Paul Hendricks, of Madison; Medical Director, James S. Gregg, of Fort Wayne; Chaplain, Rev. J. M. Whitehead, of Washington; Delegates to the National Encampment: M. D. Manson, of Crawfordsville; C. L. Holstein, of Indianapolis; N. C. Welch, of Warsaw; J. P. C. Shanks, of Portland, and R. S. Robertson, of Fort Wayne; Alternate Delegates: Roswell S. Hill, of Brazil; W. K. Mavity, of Kokomo; James P. Iliff, of Richmond; W. W. McBetts, of Lafayette; and F. A. Hawkins, of Noblesville. The officers appointed for the next year were: Assistant Adjutant-General, Ben D. House, of Indianapolis; Quartermaster, Garrett H. Shover, of Indianapolis; Judge-Advocate, Thomas Hanna, of Greencastle; Chief Mustering Officer, R. S. Robertson, of Fort Wayne. The purchase of a testimonial from the Encampment to General Carnahan, the Commander, was ordered. Following the election of officers, the secret session closed. The public Camp-fire at the Park Theatre at night was largely attended, and the occasion was highly enjoyable. The exercises were received with enthusiastic appreciation, and the best of feeling prevailed, from the opening with the singing of "John Brown's Body" until the closing with "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." The songs of the camp were sung by members of the G. A. R., led by John Kensell, of Fort Wayne, and all present fully entered into the spirit of the occasion. The stage was most appropriately arranged, and on it were seated a number of prominent persons, among others being Governor Porter and his staff, General Paul Van Dervoort, the Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Generals M. D. Manson, Foster, McGinnis, Knefler, Coburn and others. In a neat speech of ten minutes, Governor Porter said that, after looking over the audience, now eighteen years after the war, he did not wonder at the enthusiasm that had been manifested. It seems, he said, that with each year the soldiers have an increased interest in the cause for which they fought. We meet men every day in the public assemblies and in the street, but there is no acquaintance which gives the knowledge of men and strengthens friendship as the knowledge obtained of each other when drawn together in the vicissitudes of war and in the life of camp and field. Following the remarks of the Governor the installation of the Encampment officers was made, the ceremonies being conducted by General Paul Van Dervoort, the Commander-in-Chief. The recitation of "Liberty Bell" was given in a highly creditable manner by Miss Lena Carnahan, daughter of General Carnahan, a child in years, but who showed marked elocutionary powers. In response to an encore she recited the "Old Canteen." General Paul Van Dervoort delivery d a short address, urging members of the Order to strengthen the organization. It has no connection with politics or with factions, he said, but is an organization into which all who have been honorably discharged from the army will be received fraternally. There are three things, he said, that cannot be mixed with politics: the church, the Grand Army, and quinine. The growth of the Order in Indiana during the last year, he said, had been marvelous, and it was shown that more Posts had been organized here than in any other State during the year. The gain in membership throughout the country during the last year he estimated at 55,000. In concluding, he urged each member to resolve to recruit the membership, and he thought that with proper efforts over 12,000 more soldiers in Indiana could be gathered into the organization. It is the object and duty of the organization, he said, to not only build monuments to the deceased soldiers, but to take the disabled soldiers out of the poor-houses. Both were right, but the act of charity should come first. The object of the G. A. R. would not be accomplished as long as one soldier is supported as a pauper. They should be sought out and made the wards of the organization. The effort should be to make the record of the members in peace even more glorious than in war, and he closed by expressing the hope that the day may be far away when the G. A. R. is mustered out. Mrs. Lida Hood Talbot recited "Manning the Gun," and in answer to enthusiastic applause gave a recitation from Robt. J. Burdette. Short addresses were delivered by General M. D. Manson and J. T. Johnson, of Rockville. An original poem, entitled "The Rank and File," was read by John Kensell, and "Corporal Joe," a recitation, was well rendered by Will C. David, eliciting an encore, in response to which he recited "Banty Tim," a humorous selection, followed by "Sheridan's Ride." A pleasant feature of the exercise was the singing of familiar camp-songs by John Kensell, of Fort Wayne, who gave, among others, "Rally 'Round the Flag, Boys," "Marching Through Georgia," "Benny Havens," and "The Army Bean." General Carnahan, the Commander, in bringing the Camp-fire to a close, made a few appropriate remarks, promising to discharge the duties of the office to which he had been re-elected with the same zeal as during the last year.

The committee of Morton Post, Terre Haute, Ind., appointed for the purpose, have prepared a memorial of the recent death of Gen. Chas. Cruft. Gen. Cruft was the first colonel of the Thirty-first Indiana, and participated in Grant's Western campaign.

ILLINOIS.

Comrade Leonard C. Tayler, Atwood, Ill., writes us that Harker Post, No. 189, was mustered a short time ago at that place by Special Mustering Officer H. C. Kepley, of Decatur, with sixteen charter members. The following are the officers: Commander, E. Anderson; S. V. C., G. W. Merritt; J. V. C., L. C. Tayler; Surgeon, W. T. Smithson; Chaplain, F. M. Kirby; O. D., H. C. Drake; O. G., J. Z. Linton; Q. M., Whit Reed; Adj't, P. Mosbarger; Q. M. S., R. B. Macomb; S. M., A. C. Bishop. Six recruits have been mustered since the Post's organization, and there are several applications on file. The Post has a flattering prospect for the future.

Sparta Post, Sparta, Ill., has passed a series of resolutions indorsing the position taken by Gen. John A. Logan in the Fitz-John Porter case. They cite that all true and brave soldiers will at all times obey orders, and also express all confidence in Gen. Logan as a soldier and a statesman.

Comrade E. H. Riley writes us that the comrades of Oregon Post, No. 116, Oregon, Ill., and their wives were socially entertained on the 22d ult. by Capt. F. H. Marsh at his residence. About 100 in all were present. Refreshments were served, and all fared sumptuously. The event was a peculiarly pleasant one.

MICHIGAN.

Department Commander O. A. Janes, of Michigan, has issued, under date of March 26th, General Orders, No. 3, announcing the following additional appointments to his staff: To be Aids-de-Camp: Comrade Charles E. Terrure, Post No. 22; J. J. Ralph, No. 36; N. G. Cooper, No. 73; A. Jacobs, No. 52; J. S. Preston, No. 100, and J. V. Russell, No. 38. To be Assistant-Inspectors: Comrade Earl W. Avery, Post No. 84; Lucius H. Ives, No. 53; D. Bacon, No. 64; John H. Heald, No. 20; John R. Bennett, No. 7; H. Hitchcock, No. 100; Walter A. Banning, No. 89; M. H. Nye, No. 85; Samuel Pollock, No. 40; Andrew P. Phillips, No. 80; J. B. Forteur, No. 54; Samuel M. Holton, No. 23; Henry R. Skinner, No. 14; D. J. Wells, No. 21; R. E. Whipple, No. 6; W. H. Dunn, No. 46; S. C. Mower, No. 75; John S. Huston, No. 93; Howell F. Strong, No. 22; C. F. Patertek, No. 78; Gideon S. Case, No. 91; John F. Cahoon, No. 77; Dayton Parker; No. 43; Alexander Milmine, No. 29; George W. Wheeler, No. 92; B. H. Poutter, No. 36; T. L. Blakely, No. 65; J. S. Andrews, No. 61; Frederick Bay, No. 25. The Commander-in-Chief, in a recent order, calls the attention of Posts to the importance of uniforming. The matter of uniforming is optional with Posts; but those Posts that uniform have the best success in recruiting their ranks and increasing the membership of the Grand Army. The uniform adopted by the National Department is the blue blouse, white or blue vest, with G. A. R. buttons, blue pants, fatigue cap, with G. A. R. in wreath in front and white gloves. This Department has adopted for uniform, the G. A. R. cap, white belt and white gloves. Posts are at liberty to adopt either of these uniforms; but in no case must they vary from these regulations. The Department Commander earnestly recommends that the Posts in this Department take steps to uniform. The following new Posts have been mustered since the issue of General Order, No. 2: George R. Winans Post, No. 104, Ovid, February 8, by Rush J. Shank, Medical Director; L. C. Mead, Commander. Worth Post, No. 105, Tekonsha, February 15, by M. A. Merrifield, Judge-Advocate; John C. Failing, Commander. George Washington Post, No. 106, March 1, Cross Village, by George W. Stoneburner, Adjutant Post No. 13; C. H. Swartout, Commander. —— Post, No. 107, Dimondale, March 17, by Rush J. Shank, Medical Director; E. W. Hunt, Commander. Earl Halbert Post, No. 108, Grand Ledge, March 15, by R. J. Shank, Medical Director; J. S. Holmes, Commander. Butterworth Post No. 109, Coldwater, March 9, by Department Commander; N. A. Reynolds, Commander. DeGolyer Post, No. 110, Hudson, March 12, by Department Commander; A. A. Sprague, Commander. James B. Brainard Post, No. 111, Eaton Rapids, March 14, by F. K. Proctor; A. Q. M. G. John H. Hamlin, Commander. —— Post, No. 112, Hoytville, March 16, by R. J. Shank, Medical Director; John F. Howell, Commander. Miles Post No. 113, St. Clair, by A. M. Holt, Chief Mustering Officer; W. H. Morris, Commander. John G. Gilluly Post, No. 114, Fowlerville, by A. A. Carr, commanding Post No. 33; Dewitt C. Carr, Commander. Elliott Post, No. 115, White Pigeon, by Dan W. Sawyer, Council of Administration, March 23; Louis Kelley, Commander. Samuel B. Atherton Post, No. 116, Gaines, March 22, by A. M. Holt, Chief Mustering Officer; Thomas Vanderburgh, Commander. D. G. Royce Post, No. 117, Byron, March 22, by A. M. Holt, Chief Mustering Officer; Samuel S. Tower, Commander.

Comrade A. M. Holt, Chief Mustering Officer, Department of Michigan, writes us that he mustered two new Posts on the 23d ult., one in the afternoon at Gaines and the other in the evening at Byron, the latter organized at the instance of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Fairbanks Post, No. 17, of Detroit, has been presented with a handsome silk banner, costing $150, by its lady friends. The Department generally is in a very prosperous condition.

WISCONSIN.

Hamilton Post, No. 60, Milton, Wis., held its first Camp-fire on the 21st ult. in College Chapel, which was densely crowded. The programme opened with "Greeting Ode," sung by an excellent chorus, after which Commander W. P. Clarke delivered the address of welcome. A number of other interesting features followed. In conclusion, an army supper of beans, hard-tack, and coffee was served and eaten from tin dishes placed upon rough pine boards. Delegations were present from W. H. Sargent Post, No. 20, of Janesville, and Curtis Post, No. 34, of Whitewater.

Samuel F. Curtis Post, No. 67, was mustered by Comrade N. B. Hood, of Lone Rock, on the 15th ult. at West Lima, Richland county, Wis., with the following roster: Commander, Geo. W. Shattuck; S. V. C., Henry Todd; J. V. C., John Carter; Chaplain, John Griffin; Surgeon, J. H. Helm; Q. M., D. V. DeHart; O. D., F. Seeley; O. G., Isaac Smith; Adj't, Jeff M. Hawkins; S. M., Lewis Long; Q. M. S., H. D. Tillon.

Comrade George B. Gibbons writes us that a Post was recently established at Chippewa Falls, Wis., with between fifty and seventy-five charter members.

MINNESOTA.

Comrade R. C. Livingston writes us that Comrade A. R. Burleson, Junior Vice Department Commander, together with Comrades Livingston and L. M. Ashley, all of Burdick Post, No. 3, Spring Valley, Minn., went to Le Roy, Minn., on the evening of March 27 and there organized James George Post, No. 23, with twenty-four charter members, and installed the following officers: Commander, H. A. McConnell; S. V. C., Isaac Layman; J. V. C., John Franks; Chaplain, W. D. Harden; O. D., C. A. Roy; Q. M., G. L. Brown; Adj't, C. E. Kason; O. G., E. M. Gillman; S. M., E. A. Whitcomb; Q. M. S., W. W. Sweet. He says: On two subjects the new comrades are perfectly unanimous; the first is that all honorably discharged soldiers should belong to the Grand Army, and the other is that all ex-soldiers and all their relatives and all their friends (and it would make better men of their enemies) should subscribe for the soldier's friend, THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

IOWA.

Mustering Officer Charles H. Fish, Newton, Iowa, sends us the following interesting letter, which shows the rapid multiplication of Posts in that Department: "It is some time since I sent you any report of the growth of the Department of Iowa. I left home on the morning of the 6th ult. and started for Lisbon, situated in east part of the State. I made a sad mistake in stopping off at Grinnell when I should have gone to West Liberty, and then north, but this was another case of misplaced confidence. I tried hard to reach Lisbon before dark, but only arrived at Cedar Rapids at 6:30, and no train east until 9:30 p. m., and it late. I immediately wired Comrade Davis, asking him if the *boys* would wait—that if they would, I would come on that train—and they waited. I reached there a little before midnight and found thirty-four true and tried comrades holding the fort, enjoying themselves eating apples and telling camp stories. As all preliminaries had been gone through with, I soon had them mustered and installed the officers of John A. Buck Post, as follows: Commander, Henry Sailor; S. V. C., J. S. Ganby; J. V. C., C. W. Kepler; Adjutant, H. C. Kurtz; Q. M., D. S. Fouse; Surgeon, W. G. Power; Chaplain, N. B. Shirk; O. D., G. W. Davis; O. G., William B. Kynett; S. M., W. L. Davis. Taking the early train next morning, I reached Iowa Falls at 2:30 p. m. I found everything there in readiness for muster and soon had forty-five recruits to the G. A. R. The following are the officers of Charles Payne Post: Commander, M. Van Buskirk; S. V. C., W. Carpenter; J. V. C., W. H. Oviatt; Adj't, T. B. Knapp; Q. M., L. F. Stoddard; Surgeon, F. J. Evans; Chaplain, W. K. S. Hillhouse; O. D., W. W. Bunce; O. G., J. Hartinger; S. M., C. B. Taylor; Q. M. S., O. H. McMillan. I sat up until after midnight and then made as far as Ackley, where I staid until 10 a. m. on the 8th, when I took the train North, arriving at Northwood at 2 p. m. In the evening the boys met at the court-house, to the number of thirty-three, and perfected the organization of Randall Post, No. 142, with the following officers: Commander, G. F. Wattson; S. V. C., I. M. Bolton; J. V. C., William Young; Adj't, D. C. Bigalow; Q. M., Samuel Pickle; Surgeon, T. K. Hundeby; Chaplain, M. Z. Paul; O. D., T. R. W. Fleming; O. D., Charles Brebner; S. M., A. L. Towne; Q. M. S., M. S. Perkins. I want to say to the credit of Comrades Henry Esherick and Gilbert R. Shannon that they drove sixty miles with a team and sleigh that day in order to reach Northwood to muster, and also A. C. Blackmore' who drove twenty miles to be present. Of such men are lively Posts made up. I intended to go from Northwood to