THE GRAND ARMY.

News From the Departments---New Posts, etc.

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

HEADQUARTERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration met at G.A.R. Headquarters on the 19th. There were present Commander-in-Chief Burdett, Adj't-Gen. John Cameron, Q.-M.-Gen. John Taylor, and Comrades Joseph L. Follett, of New York; Thos. L. Matthews, of Maryland; John F. Lovett, of New Jersey, and S. F. Shaw, of West Virginia. Among the mass of business transacted of interest to comrades in general was the following:

CARE OF HEADSTONES.

At the 19th annual Encampment, in response to a memorial of McPherson Post, of Arlington, Mass., the adoption of the following resolution was recommended to the Executive Committee:

Whereas, in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, the graves are arranged in concentric curves, the lines of which are marked by granite bands, on the top of which are cut into the granite the names of the soldiers, each over against his grave. Originally they were painted black. This paint has been renewed two or three times, but now it is entirely worn out, and the stones look painfully shabby and neglected.

What is true at Gettysburg is likely to be true, or to become true, at each of the other National Cemeteries. We, therefore, respectfully request our Representatives in Congress to take such measures as will secure an appropriation to provide for painting all the names in all the National Cemeteries, for which we are informed that one cent a letter is ample.

We also understand that if the paint be renewed once in five years this will be often enough to keep the names looking neat and bright. We, therefore, would further request that steps be also taken to secure the establishment of a regular appropriation for this purpose once in five years.

After some discussion this matter was referred to the Commander-in-Chief for action.

TRANSPORTATION TO SAN FRANCISCO.

The matter of transportation to the place of holding the next National Encampment having been by the last Encampment referred to the Council of Administration, it was directed that the Commander-in-Chief make all necessary arrangements in accordance with the directions of the National Encampment so far as trunk lines only are concerned, and that the matter of local roads and local rates be left wholly under the charge of the several Departments.

TIME OF HOLDING THE NEXT NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

The Commander-in-Chief laid before the Council a communication from the Committee at San Francisco having in charge the subject of the meeting of the next annual Encampment, recommending that the date for holding the Encampment be fixed between the 25th of July and the 15th of August. Upon motion it was unanimously voted that the meeting be held between those dates—the exact date to be fixed by the Commander-in-Chief.

SPURIOUS BADGES.

The following important resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration having had before it the statement made in *The Grand Army Gazette*, —so-called,—published by Comrade J. A. Joel, which declares that there is no proof that badges of captured cannon metal have been made by National Headquarters, and the further assertion that "there is only one place where comrades can obtain these badges with the full assurance that they are just what they are represented to be" (from himself); thus implying that National Headquarters cannot give such assurance, the Council believes it due to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic that such mischievous statements should be met, and they are reminded that the subject has been fully inquired into by proper authority, and the result of such examination presented to the National Encampment and unanimously accepted by it. It was then clearly and positively shown that the badges issued from Headquarters are made as required by law—from captured cannon metal—and we now declare that any assertion to the contrary is entirely false, and should subject the one uttering it to the condemnation of all honorable comrades. Special attention is called to the requirements of the Rules and Regulations—Sec. 8, Art. 2, Chap. 2,—which says that comrades are forbidden to wear any other badge than that obtained through the proper channels from National Headquarters, and further, that every badge issued from Headquarters has the initials of the Commander-in-Chief, and its regular number for identification, and every other badge, whether procured from the comrade named, or any other person, is in perpetration of a fraud on the Grand Army of the Republic.

All comrades should rest assured in the knowledge that the National Encampment and the National and Department Headquarters seek to secure in this matter the best interest of the Order, and have a right to the cordial support of all members in the observance of its rules.

THE GRAND ARMY MONUMENT.

The Commander-in-Chief having laid before the Committee the subject of Circular No. 1, dated at National Headquarters Sept. 14, 1885, inviting contributions for the erection of a monument to Comrade U. S. Grant, the following was unanimously adopted:

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration, acting on behalf of the National Encampment, indorses and commends the action of the Commander-in-Chief in the matter of the erection of a monument by the comrades of the Grand Army to their late comrade, Gen. U. S. Grant.

They indorse the several proposals of Circular No. 1, as expressing the wish and purpose of the Grand Army, and pledge its hearty co-operation until the noble object in view is fully attained.

In view of the fact that inquiry is made at National Headquarters as to the location of the monument and of the desire expressed on all hands that it be at the National Capital, the Committee, considering that it should for palpable reasons be there located, hereby declare that the city of Washington shall be the place of its erection.

That there may be assurance that the funds contributed for this sacred end shall in no event be used for any other purpose than those specified in said Circular No. 1, the Quartermaster-General is directed to deposit the same in some trust institution of undoubted credit, and that the said fund so deposited shall be solely dedicated to the erection of the said monument, and subject to no other charge, save only the cost of printing and distributing the rolls and the proposed engraving of the finished monument. That all time and labor expended in this behalf by the Grand Army or any of its comrades or authorities shall be without cost to the said fund.

It was resolved that a committee of nine be appointed to carry out the requirements of the above report.

It was also resolved that the bonds of the Quartermaster-General be continued at $10,000.

The matter of establishing Posts in Canada was referred to the National Encampment.

PENSION LEGISLATION.

The following will explain itself:

HEAD'QR'S, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21, 1885.

COMRADE E. W. ROBBINS,
Commander, Post 30, Scarsport, Me.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE: I have to-day received a package of circulars bearing date on the 1st inst., and expressing the sentiment of the members of Freeman McGilvery Post, No. 30, on the subject of pension legislation. The general subject of pensions and pension legislation has for some years been confided by the National Encampment to a Committee specially selected for ability and proved faithfulness. The names of the Committee for the present year have been recently announced, and I know will be to you and to the whole body of our comrades a sufficient assurance that no duty in that regard will remain unattended to. Ordinarily any communication on the subject reaching these Headquarters will be referred to that Committee without note or comment by me; but your action and views, as expressed by the circular, are so wisely moderate in their form and purpose that I cannot withhold a word of commendation. I think that legitimate demand may go beyond the line you have marked out, but it will be a calamity if excessive demands shall be urged upon Congress. We ought not to furnish even a worthless excuse behind which failure to act may find shelter. I suggest to you, in no spirit of unfriendly criticism, whether it would not be well in all cases of action of this character to take the advice and recommendation of the Department Commander before final action or promulgation. Inasmuch as it is the just influence of the Grand Army of the Republic at large that is invoked when a Post or members of a Post as a Post as such take action on a matter of public interest, it would seem proper and efficacious to have the concurrence of the constituted Department authorities. If such a rule were followed, conflicting and mutually destructive efforts might be prevented. Present my fraternal regards to the members of your Post, and believe me,

Yours, in F., C. and L.,
S. S. BURDETT,
Commander-in-Chief, G.A.R.

[Since the above was received and put in print a letter from Commander Hall, of the Department of Maine, reached National Headquarters indorsing the circular in question.]

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CALIFORNIA.—

The indications are that a number of new Posts will be mustered in this Department during the next few weeks. Lyman Routaling, Commander of Winslow Post, No. 79, at Redding, instituted Geo. B. McClellan Post, No. 84, at Etna, with Martin Marx as Commander. The new Post was mustered on the 6th; also, Post No. 85, at Truckee, with Pierce Laffan as Commander. This Post also applied for the name of McClellan, which was awarded to Etna Post on account of its prior claim. Musters have been ordered for Posts at Pasadena, Adena, Santa Maria, Kingsbury and Globe, A. T., and the prospects are good for additional Posts at Winnemucca, Nev.; Pinal, A. T.; Fresno, San Rafael and Berkeley, in this State.

COLORADO.—

Wm. Sick, Denver: Veteran Post, No. 42, has adopted resolutions of regret on the death of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan.

DELAWARE.—

Wm. H. Riddle, Wyoming: At a regular meeting of Gen. Dan Woodall Post, 11, held Nov. 10, 1885, the following preambie and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas it has pleased God, in his divine wisdom, to call our comrade, Gen. Geo. B. McClellan, from this earthly sphere; and while we bow in humbie submission to the will of God, we realize that the G.A.R. has lost a devoted worker and every old soldier a sincere friend; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Gen. Dan Woodall Post, No. 11, tender to the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy, and that we drape our Post room for the space of 30 days.

Resolved, That our Adjutant send a copy of these resolutions to the family of Gen. McClellan, and one for publication to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

IDAHO.—

E. D. Pot, Boise City: A ball was held here on the 10th inst. by the Grand Army, which was very largely attended. A great many soldiers of the Regular Army stationed at the barracks outside of the town were present.

INDIANA.—

L. H. Wykes, Kokomo: By special detail from A. D. C. Comrade Geo. D. Tate, who is a member of our Post, about 30 members of Post No. 30 drove over to Greentown, some 10 miles east, and organized a new Post of 30 charter members on the evening of the 12th inst. We were accompanied by the Commander of Post No. 56, Peru, who made a very interesting speech and showed himself to be a live G.A.R. comrade. The recruits were mustered by the officers of Post 30, and the officers of the new Post were installed by Comrade M. Garrigus as Mustering Officer, by special detail of Comrade Tate. We had a splendid time, and were handsomely entertained by the comrades of Greentown. We gave them a good start in the Order, and predict for them a live, wideawake Post. The name of the new Post is Hugh H. Willits, after a comrade killed at the battle of Nashville, Tenn., in 1864.

E. W. Collis, Pendleton: In your issue of Nov. 12 the item under the head of Indiana should have said "Memorial Record Book" instead of "Silk Flag."

KANSAS.—

General Orders, No. 10, issued at Wichita Nov. 10, contain the following: It should be borne in mind that the annual election of Post officers and delegates to the Department Encampment occurs at the first stated or regular meeting in December. In conformity with a resolution passed by the Fort Scott Encampment, each Post will elect one delegate and one alternate, and one delegate and one alternate for each 100 members and fractional part of 100 members more than 50 in excess of 100 in good standing. Neither Post Commanders nor Post Post Commanders should be elected as such delegates. This is an honor that has already been conferred upon them by virtue of the office they hold, or may have held to the close of a term, and is not forfeited as long as they remain in good standing in their respective Posts. Too much care cannot be exercised in the choice of officers to fill the responsible positions in the Post. A wise selection will place men there who are enthusiasts in the cause and who will command the respect of the Grand Army is without reproach. No comrade should accept the position of Commander unless he has made up his mind to submit to personal sacrifices, if needs be, for the good of his Post. The position, whist it is one of great honor, is likewise one of great responsibility; and to shirk the duties incumbent upon the office is sure to result in diree consequences to the Post. The post-office address of the following-named comrades has been applied for: By Comrade Charles W. Babcock, Cadillac, Mich., the address of Capt. D. J. O'Neill, Co. A, 3d Iowa; also, Serg't Daniel Duane, Serg't Crawford, James Field, Dave Buckly, James Critchfield, John Pike, John Ward, A. L. Eddie and Henry Steckdale, all of same company and regiment. By Comrade G. A. Nicholetts, Humboldt, Kan., the address of Lieut.-Col. C. S. Clarke, W. A. Scott, 9th Kan. Cav., or any officer or soldier of Co. G, of said regiment, who knew Wm. Simons when he was detailed as cook at regimental headquarters at Little Rock and Duvalls Bluff, Ark. By Comrade S. D. Underwood, Junction City, the address of Moses Montgomery, Co. H, 15th Ill.

A new Post is to be organized at Wendell, Edwards County.

KENTUCKY.—

O. A. Reynolds, Covington: Jas. A. Garfield Post and Woman's Relief Corps will given an entertainment at the Grand Rink Friday evening, Dec. 11, and it is hoped that the public will give these organizations a generous patronage, and fill up their relief fund for the coming Winter. At this entertainment the Newport Drill Company, one of the finest drilled bodies of men in the country, will give an exhibition; also, the Garfield Juniors, of Covington, will drill in full uniform, and we know they will do themselves credit. The management of the Rink has promised the patrons of this entertainment an exhibition game of polo between the Grands and some other club, so there will be no lack of amusement for the evening. As the tickets of admission are only 25 cents, and for sale by every comrade of the G.A.R., and at the Grand Rink, everyone will have an opportunity to purchase, and it is hoped all who purchase tickets will attend, as, though it is good to give to charity, yet it is pleasant to be repaid by an evening's enjoyment. Capt. J. C. Michie is Chairman for the Post and Mrs. T. E. Livezey for the Relief Corps.

MARYLAND.—

General Orders, No. 10, issued at Baltimore Nov. 4, by order of John W. Horn, Department Commander—Thos. L. Matthews, A. A. G.—are as follows:

1. Post Commanders are reminded that the annual election of Post officers for next year, also delegates and alternates to the Department Encampment, must take place at the first regular meeting in December. Said elections must be conducted in accordance with the Rules and Regulations, Article VII, Chapter II, and the names of the officers, delegates and alternates-elect must be immediately reported to the Assistant Adjutant-General.

II. Delegates and alternates to the Department Encampment are to be elected in the proportion of one each for every 25 members in good standing, and one additional for a final fraction of more than one-half of that number, to be determined by the number of members reported in good standing for the quarter ending Sept. 30. The following is the number of delegates and alternates to which each Post in this Department is entitled:

Wilson Post, 21 delegates; Dushane, 16; Tyler, 2; Lincoln, 4; Wingate, 2; Howard, 4; Burns, 2; Beattie, 1; Garfield, 1; McPherson, 2; Burnside, 4; Sumner, 1; Meade, 1; Jos. T. Brown, 1; David Orr, 1; Kilpatrick, 1; Farragut, 2; Miller, 1; J. F. Reynolds, 5; Reno, 2; Custer, 2; Denison, 3; U. S. Grant, 1; Wallace, 1; Antietam, 1; Guy, 2; Ellsworth, 2; Thoburn, 2; Hicks, 1; John Brown, 1; Admiral Jno. Rodgers, 1; Lyon, 1; King, 1; E. O. C. Ord, 1; Foster, 1; Gosnel, 1.

All Post Commanders are members of the Department Encampment, and in no case must the Commander be elected a delegate. The officers so elected will be installed at the first regular meeting in January by officers detailed for that purpose by the Senior Past Post Commander present.

III. Adjutants' and Quartermasters' Reports for the quarter ending Dec. 31, with the per capita tax, must be received at these Headquarters not later than Jan. 10, 1886; blanks for same accompany this order. Posts in arrears for these reports or per capita tax will not be admitted to representation in the Department Encampment.

IV. The attention of Post Commanders is called to Circular No. 1, Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, dated Sept. 14, 1885, in regard to the fund to be raised for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of our late comrade, Gen. U. S. Grant. It is hoped the Posts of this Department will be prompt in contributing to this most worthy object. On the meeting night at which this order is read let every Post donate an amount equal to 15 cents for every member in good standing and forward same immediately to the Assistant Adjutant-General, who will send receipt therefor and forward the amount to the Quartermaster-General. A list of the Posts making donations and the date of the receipt of same at Department Headquarters will be prepared and published in General Orders, and also in the proceedings of the next Department Encampment.

V. M. V. B. Gates, representing himself as a member of Wingate Post, No. 9, Department of Maryland, is traveling through the country soliciting aid; was last heard from at Willoughby, O. Wingate Post has not now, nor never had, a comrade by this name. He is undoubtedly a fraud, and comrades are warned against him.

VI. Allen Cook, late private, Co. F, Purnell Legion, Maryland Volunteers, was rejected by Dushane Post No. 3, Aug. 12.

VII. Information is wanted by Mr. John J. Shirley, Washington, D. C., of the place of burial of Comrade Benjamin Hardy, Co. K, 4th Wis., who died in Baltimore about Feb. 16, 1862. Any person having knowledge of the place of interment will please communicate with Mr. Shirley.

MICHIGAN.—

On Nov. 6, while Stanton Post, No. 37, was peaceably mustering in a couple of veterans—one a member of the Michigan House of Representatives—a well-disciplined company of women surrounded our forces, guarding every avenue of escape, captured our sentinels, and compelled the whole Post to surrender. Quietly following came the supply train of Relief Corps No. 9, with cakes, coffee, and such like aggravations, in disposing of which all enjoyed a grand good time. At the close of the festivities a bland comrade requested the Commander to call the assembly to order, and then proceeded in pleasant words to present Commander T. N. Stevens with a beautiful gavel, mounted and appropriately engraved, much to the surprise of the recipient, who was only able to stammer his thanks.

NEBRASKA.—

IN MEMORY OF GEN. M'CLELLAN.

General Orders, No. 13, issued at Juniata, Neb., Nov. 9, is as follows: Comrades: Our old General, Comrade George B. McClellan, is now numbered with the dead. It is but a fit tribute to him who was at one time Commander of the Union army, that we as fellow-comrades, who served with him and under him, and at that time recognizing him as the military hero of the day, should—although many years have passed and gone—show to the dear family and friends that we, his comrades, still remember him as the kind and generous General who at one time led our army to victory. Those of us who served with him in the Army of the Potomac will ever remember his kindness to us—the pleasant and cheering words he said to us during the dark days of our struggle. Although the dark clouds of war hung heavy about us he was ever with and looking after our welfare. It is therefore ordered that each and every Post room in this Department be suitably draped in memory of our dear departed comrade and General; said draping to remain 30 days from the date of this order. Comrades, the death of our comrade reminds us that day by day our ranks are being thinned by the muster-out of some one of our number, and when we are called to join them on that campground we will be beyond the sound of the bugle note or the cannon's loud roar; we will not be wakened from our slumber by the distant picket firing or the beat of the long roll; there we will be permitted to slumber, wrapped in our blankets of clay until the final reveille.

NEW JERSEY.—

The Veteran Zouaves (U. S. Grant Post, No. 93), of Elizabeth, will visit San Francisco during the session of the National Encampment. The Zouaves were re-organized in 1878 by Gen. J. Madison Drake, since which time they have visited many cities. Last July the Zouaves visited Albany, Troy and Saratoga, receiving ovations at each place. Last Spring they adopted a new uniform, said to be the handsomest worn by any military organization in the world. While in San Francisco the Zouaves will appear in a different uniform each day. The members of this command are noted for their character and high social standing, many of them having been officers in both the Regular and volunteer army during the war. At San Francisco they will be entertained by the "Veteran Guard" of George H. Thomas Post, No. 2, the crack organization on the Coast. The Zouaves will be absent from home nearly four weeks, and will stop at several cities en route, Chicago among others. Gen. Drake, their commander, is held in high esteem, not only by his command, but by the citizens of New Jersey, who have done much to encourage the organization.

NEW YORK.—

Robert A. Scott, Catskill: We have a Post here with 32 members, which is in fine working order. We expect in the near future to largely augment our numbers.

Paul Everise, Silver Creek: The Grand Army Post which was organized about a year ago at this place with 21 charter members has added seven to that number during the past year. We hope, however, before long to largely augment that number.

E. M. Corcoran, Trumansburg: De Witt C. Truman Post, No. 572, has just been organized here, and starts off with a very handsome membership of 48. The Post has fine prospects of success, and we mean to use our utmost endeavors to push it to the front.

Maj. Thomas Bell, the Secretary of the Veterans' Rights Union, was treated to a welcome surprise recently by a delegation from Devin Post, No. 148, of Brooklyn, headed by Commander James F. Keenan. The Major was busy attending to his duties at the Memorial Rooms in the City Hall when the delegation entered. Commander Keenan stepped to the front, and, with a few appropriate remarks, presented Maj. Bell with two boxes of silverware as a testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by the comrades of Devin Post. Maj. Bell responded in a feeling manner, and said he hoped the fraternal love existing in Devin Post would never grow cold. The Major was about to depart for the West, where his family resides, to celebrate his silver wedding; hence the presentation.

OHIO.—

John W. Manning, Salineville: Thompson Post, No. 235, of this place, though not large in numbers, shows an interest in Grand Army affairs not surpassed by any Post in the Department. We are preparing now for entertainments during the Winter, and propose in the near future to put the play "Ten Nights in a Bar-Room" on the stage. We are getting ready for the event, and will no doubt net a comfortable sum for the Post, as the people here generally patronize entertainments of this kind. There are a great many soldiers in this vicinity who do not belong to the Grand Army, and we do all efforts to get them within its fold have been unavailing.

The 19th anniversary of the organization of Forsyth Post, No. 15, of Toledo, took place on Thursday evening the 19th, with a crowd in attendance that packed the spacious hall of the Post as full as it could hold. There was not standing room, and very many were turned away because they could not gain admission. The proceedings opened with bugle calls by Comrades Phil Hoerline and J. H. Emory. Then some patriotic airs were sung by a male quartette, consisting of Messrs. Pease, Seubert, Rodgers, and Cosner. Comrade J. Kent Hamilton, who was one of the charter members, delivered an historical address, in which he spoke of the wonderful career of Forsyth Post, which was the only one in the State that had kept the campfires burning continuously from the date of the first organization, and which is now one of the largest Posts in members in the whole country. He outlined some of the good work which it had done; among others, that it had expended over $35,000 in charity. Capt. Hamilton's address was eloquent and was loudly applauded. Messrs. Seubert and Pease rendered several favorite songs with their splendid baritone and added much to the enjoyment of the comrades. Mrs. Cora Day Young read a well-written account of the work done by Forsyth Relief Corps, and Mrs. Elizabeth Mansfield Irving, the talented elocutionist, who is always a favorite with the Toledo comrades, recited "The Virginia Mother" in excellent style. Comrade Spain made a speech full of natural eloquence, in which he impressed the idea that the fundamental principle of the Order was charity. Department Commander Brown, with a magnificent, impassioned, thrilling speech on the service of the soldiers, the objects of the Order, and how nobly it had accomplished them, awoke the enthusiasm of all who heard him. The evening concluded with tattoos and taps by the buglers.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

Harry A. Cunkle, New Kingston: I had the pleasure of joining Post No. 415, at Mechanicsburg, on the 13th, with six other comrades. We had a very nice time mustering, and the business of the evening was delightful. We had several speeches by visiting comrades of Post 53, Harrisburg. It called to mind many incidents of the past to be among the dear old comrades and to hear the familiar sound of the drum and fife. The Post has now 110 members, with good prospects of more in the near future. After business we descended to the second story to partake of a sumptuous repast given by the Post. The tables were laden with everything suitable for the inner man—fruits in abundance. And as we gathered around the board talking and laughing it reminded me of the many campfire chats that we had together.

Gen. Tyndale Post, No. 160, of Philadelphia, gave an enjoyable concert in their hall on Monday night last. The program included solos by Comrade Frank Gnading, of Post 1; singing by the Philadelphia quartet, which included Miss Kate D. Shearn, Miss Clara Weber, Dr. C. Garrison White and Geo. W. Spiel. Jas. L. Williams sang several songs. Prof. Albert Dutfourf personated the four leading characters of an English opera. Rev. Wm. H. Stevenson, Chaplain of Post, delivered an address, taking for his subject "The Little Rhode Island Drummer Boy," who died at Gettysburg and whose drum afterwards became a bee-hive. The cane presented last week was from Phil Kearney Post, of Richmond, Va., and not from Lee Camp, as some reports made it appear. It was presented through Junior Vice Commander Wm. H. Gilbert, of Post 160, to the Commander, J. A. B. Williams.

Gen. Meade Post, No. 1, of Philadelphia, met on Monday night last and adopted resolutions strongly censuring President Cleveland for the removal of Postmaster Huidekoper. The resolutions state that by his action President Cleveland has broken his promises made to the Grand Army of the Republic not to remove old soldiers from office and the assurances given in reference to Mr. Huidekoper in particular. They say that the ex-Postmaster is not a strong partisan; that his removal is in direct antagonism with the Civil Service Rules and the principles professed by the President, and ask for his reinstatement. The resolutions were telegraphed to Washington and a committee will carry the original to the President. The Veterans' Rights Club was especially bitter in the denunciation of the removal of the one-armed soldier. A set of resolutions expressing condolence on the death of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan was also adopted.

SONS OF VETERANS.

MAINE DIVISION.

General Orders, No. 5, issued at Auburn, Me., Nov. 13, by order of John C. Blake, Colonel—Fred L. Edgecomb, Adjutant—are as follows:

I. The Inspection ordered to commence Oct. 5 not having been completed, the time is hereby extended to Dec. 15, and it is expected that all reports of Assistant Inspectors will be at the Headquarters by that date.

II. There are several Camps that have not sent in the quarterly reports due Sept. 30. Such Camps will immediately forward the same to these Headquarters. More promptness must be observed in making reports. The negligence of the officers of some Camps, in this respect, is a serious hinderance to the machinery of this Division. Captains should look to this matter.

III. At the late Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, several changes were made in our laws. Grand Divisions were abolished, taking effect Sept. 30, and given 90 days in which to settle up their affairs. Military titles were restored. The Division officers are now Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, etc., in lieu of Commander, etc. Numerous other changes were made, all of which will doubtless be printed on slips by the Commandery-in-Chief, and will be promulgated in due season.

IV. Hereafter all supplies will be furnished at cost, and in every case the return postage must be sent. The profit being cut off from the sale of supplies, the Division cannot bear any expense in forwarding the same. The Quartermaster-General writes me that a new price-list will soon be ready, and the same will be promptly promulgated when received. Badges will hereafter be furnished at $6 per dozen, and all requisitions should be addressed to Maj. A. P. Davis, No. 67 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

V. It is expected that every Camp having any suspended members will take some practical method of restoring them to membership. A little united effort will serve to bring back the greater part of these brothers.

VI. Lee Strickland Camp, No. 27, surrendered its charter Oct. 31. The failure of this Camp was due to the lack of interest on the part of its members and the small number eligible to membership in its neighborhood.

VII. The Colonel commanding is gratified to note the substantial gain in membership and interest in the majority of Camps, and would again call upon every brother to lend his aid and influence to the upbuilding and strengthening of our Order in this Division.

VIII. General Orders, Nos. 1 and 2, Commandery-in-Chief, are herewith promulgated.

Wanted, An Owner.

TO THE EDITOR: I have in my possession a silver watch in good condition. Upon the inside, on the case, is engraved the following: "J. Harvey, Co. G (or C), 21st Tenn." It was taken from a Confederate soldier, while a prisoner of war, by a Union man. What I want is to find said party or, if dead, some of his relatives. The timepiece is of no great value to me, but its former owner might prize it highly.—C. E. CRITTENDEN, 1212 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters--Notes from the Departments.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS,
BOSTON, MASS.
SARAH E. FULLER, National President.
ELEANOR B. WHEELER, National Secretary.

OBJECTS OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Revised Rules and Regulations, Woman's Relief Corps, adopted at Portland Convention, outlines the objects of the W.R.C. in the following:

SEC. 1. To especially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic, and perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead.

SEC. 2. To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to widows and orphans of those who have fallen; to find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends; to cherish and emulate the deeds of our army nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of peril.

SEC. 3. To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty; and to encourage the spead of universal and equal rights to all men.

ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.

Women of good moral character and correct deportment, who have not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union, who would perpetuate the principles to which this organization stands pledged, and who have attained the age of 16 years shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

ANOTHER NEEDY ARMY MOTHER.

DEAR TRIBUNE: I read a good deal in your columns about Mother Bickerdyke and a number of others who were nurses in the late war. I was in three years and four months as surgical nurse. I applied a year ago last July for a pension, but have not heard as they have done anything about it. Three years ago I had a fall which laid me up three months. A year ago I had another fall, so I have to walk with a cane. Last April I was taken sick at the Carnival, and was very low with typhoid pneumonia. My lungs are still very weak. I need a pension. I am 79 years old. I can't do much, but do all I can for the dear boys.—Mrs. Rebecca Wiswell, No. 5 Fayette street, Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE.

DEAR TRIBUNE: The second annual Convention of the Department of Maine, Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the G.A.R., was held in Winthrop, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 29 and 30. The Convention opened at 2 o'clock Thursday at Grange Hall, with 55 delegates present. Friday the Convention assembled in Montana Hall, Main street, when the Department Officers for the ensuing year were elected, delegates to the National Convention were appointed, and unfinished business completed. Friday evening a public installation was held in Packard Hall, Past Department Senior Vice President Augusta C. Gatchell, of Lewiston, installing the officers. After the installation the choir rendered some very fine and appropriate selections. Remarks were made by a number of the comrades and friends of the Order, and at 9 o'clock the meeting adjourned, all satisfied that it had been a profitable one to the Order. The following are the names of officers for the ensuing year: Dep't Pres., Mrs. Emily V. Littlefield, Bangor; Dep't S. V.-P., Anna E. Wood, Winthrop; Dep't J. V.-P., Grace E. Howe, Lewiston; Dep't Sec., Inzetta A. Small, Lewiston; Dep't Treas., Belle J. Palmer, Monroe; Dep't Ins., Azura O. Bagley, Lewiston; Dep't Chap., Sophia J. Chilcott, Ellsworth; Dep't Counselor, Lucy P. Sleeper, Sherman; Chief Instituting and Installing Officer, Nettie F. Seavey, Bangor. Council of Administration—Cynthia Hopkins, Searsport; M. Isabella Foster, Bangor; Josie Sturtevant, Dexter; Mary C. Crossman, Bangor; Miss Ada L. Walker, Winterport. Delegates to National Convention—Delegate-at-Large, M. Isabella Foster, Bangor; Delegates, Mrs. ——— Dexter, Winthrop; Mrs. ——— Sylvester, Pittsfield; Abbie S. Merrill, Searsport. Alternate-at-Large, Clara Faunce, Lewiston; Alternates—Florilla Fitzgerald, Dexter; Josephine E. N. Dowe, Searsport; Eliza Knowlton, Lewiston.—Inzetta A. Small, Dep't Secretary, Lewiston, Me.

PATRIOTIC SKOWHEGAN.

DEAR TRIBUNE: On Wednesday evening, Oct. 28, I had the pleasure of attending, with the other members of Bates Corps, of South Norridgewock, the installation of the newly-elected officers of Russell Relief Corps, No. 18, at Skowhegan. The Department President, Emily V. Littlefield, of Bangor, instituted the Corps in the afternoon, and in the evening, with the assistance of the President and Secretary of Bates Corps, (the President, Mrs. Stevens, acting as Chaplain; the Secretary, Jennie J. Tobey, as Conductress,) installed the following officers: Pres., Jennie S. Richards; S. V.-P., Lydia F. Dyer; J. V.-P., Annette C. Buck; Sec., Vesta A. Withee; Treas., Cora Pooler; Chap., Emma L. Bickford; Con., D. Maria Bacon; G., Lydia A. Frost. After the installation we had the pleasure of listening to very interesting remarks by Mrs. Littlefield and Commander of Russell Post, followed by a piano duett by Miss Goodwin and Miss Steward, an address by Dr. Sewell, recitations by Miss Webb and Miss Goodwin, and a song by Miss Webb. Interesting remarks were also made by the President of Bates Corps and by Dr. Merrill, Col. Dyer, Dr. Wilber, Mr. Holbrook and Dr. Richards. A sociable closed the evening's entertainment, which was much enjoyed by all.

COMRADE SMALL'S ADDRESS.

Which one of us who has survived the terrible ordeal of the rebellion does not know how on many a field of battle noble women, laying aside for the time all natural fear and repugnance to scenes of carnage and of bloody strife, exposed themselves to the dangers and discomforts of camp life to carry material relief to our wounded and suffering comrades and soothe and brighten the last hour of the dying soldier, receiving with his last words some farewell message and cherished token for his loved ones at home? Such was her self-imposed task, which she performed not only as a duty, but urged on by her natural beneficence. Right nobly did she perform her task, and many dying comrades passed away forgetful of their suffering while a woman's comforting and cheering words soothed his pathway heavenward.

The great disbanded! who to glorious arms
Shall leap at war's wild summons never more!
Whose peaceful camps no rude surprise alarms,
Whose silent tents are pitched on hill and shore!
Their sweet repose no earthly troubles mar.
There all unholy feuds and discords cease;
For them the lurid crimson flower of war
Hath ripened to the golden harvest—peace.

Unvexed they lie; above each martial breast
The daisies whiten and the grasses creep;
No clang of arms disturbs their utter rest,
No shriek of battle breaks their solemn sleep!
In vain the hollow wind at even full,
Or morn, their ghostly muster-roll repeat;
The muffled drum, the wailing bugle call
For them have sounded the last, long retreat!

The ceaseless fret and fever we call life—
The surging tides of human joy and pain—
The din and tumult of our toil and strife
Beat at their marble gates of peace in vain.
They sleep; God's hand lies softly on their lips,
His awful cloud is rolled before their eyes,
Till angels burst the seal of their low crypts,
And the last trumpet call shall bid them rise.

But the days of strife, of war, of bloodshed have passed away. The angel of peace once more spreads her wings over the united country. We hear no longer the tramp of armed men hastening to the scenes of conflict; no longer do the sharp notes of the bugle and the stirring roll of the drum incite to deadly strife. The storm which for five years raged about us has passed over, and in the clear sunlight we pursue again our peaceful occupations. And now, in sight, while we remember with affection our fallen comrades and endeavor to keep their memory green by the association we have formed for that purpose, woman again appears and gracefully offers us her sympathy and aid in carrying forward the grand objects of our peaceful assemblies. The objects we seek to accomplish by our organization are the principles of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. For these we gather in our Grand Army halls, when in friendly conversation we recount our army experiences, sing the old soul-stirring, patriotic war songs, and in memory fight over again our battles; and as on the tented field woman's voice brought comfort and relief, so now in these more peaceful scenes it brings joy and gladness and cheers us on our way as she unites with us in the development and promotion of the efficiency of our Order.—Jennie J. Tobey, Secretary, Bates Corps, Norridgewock, Me.

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO.

In her report of the institution of Ransom Reed Relief Corps, No. 102, Nov. 11, Marysville, Union Co., O., Mrs. Kate Putnam, Assistant Instituting and Installing Officer, writes as follows: "Thirty refined, intelligent ladies compose the organization, and will do much in our work this Winter. I don't know when I have met with a band of workers so thoroughly enthusiastic and earnest, and I predict a brilliant future for Ransom Reed Relief Corps." Officers: Pres., Mrs. Allie Shuler; S.V.-P., Mrs. Aurelia J. Robb; J.V.-P., Mrs. Celia Van Pearse; Sec., Mrs. Celinda Lawrence; Treas., Mrs. Martha J. Curry; Chap., Mrs. Margaret Hamilton; Con., Mrs. Keziah Robinson; G., Miss Mattie Cassil; Ass't Con., Miss Lena Robb; Ass't G., Mrs. Naomi Turner.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

DEAR TRIBUNE: On Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 20, Relief Corps No. 58, auxiliary to Henry C. Beebe Post, was organized by Emma S. Hampton, of Detroit, Department President; 18 enrolled as charter members. Officers chosen were as follows: Pres., Mrs. Ellen M. Walton; S. V.-P., Adelia Quick; J. V.-P., Annie O. Heath; Sec., Hattie Van Norstrand; Treas., Lizzie Rapalje; Chap., Helen B. Beebe; Con., Nancy J. Vroman; G., Mary Beebe. A public installation of officers was held in the evening, the Post assisting. The beautiful installation service was performed by Mrs. Hampton, after which appropriate remarks were made by A. M. Keeler, Post Commander, followed by war incidents and personal experiences from our army nurse, Mrs. Helen A. Beebe. Mrs. Beebe served her country nobly nearly three years at Fortress Monroe. Old army songs were sung, the G.A.R. boys joining heartily. The meeting closed with the good wishes of Corps and comrades for the future success of Mrs. Hampton.

W. H. Borden Relief Corps, No. 28, of Iowa, at a fair recently held there, made $70 for their relief fund.

The Secretary of Corps No. 28, Mrs. Hattie E. Cornell, is rejoicing over a new little daughter of a veteran.

The first meeting of Billy Begole Relief Corps, No. 29, took place last Saturday evening, Oct. 24. The work was done in a manner that reflected credit on all, and was received by the members with the most flattering marks of approval. Under the head of propositions for membership, three were instructed in the work. One application was received and a special meeting called for the afternoon of Oct. 29 to familiarise the work.

Woman's Relief Corps, No. 21, of Partello, recently held a 10-cent social, at which they disposed of a bed-quilt amounting to $31.28. They held their annual Campfire on the evening of Nov. 12.

The W.R.C. at Greenville recently held a game supper, at which they took in $50.

L. V. Quackenbush W.R.C., No. 26, of Owosso, was organized Nov. 5, 1884, with 30 charter members; have gained 20. Have earned $160; dues and initiation fees amounting in all to $200. Amount of relief fund in treasury at this time $65; having laid on G.A.R. hall a carpet worth $70. Relief given, $68; Bible and hall furnishings, $15.50.

Morley Relief Corps, No. 60, rec