THE GRAND ARMY.

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

HEADQUARTERS BULLETIN.

The Commander-in-Chief Issues His Memorial Day Orders.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, RUTLAND, VT.

General Orders, No. 22.

I. Again the warm Spring sun reminds us that Memorial Day, with its time-honored observance, is near at hand. Regulations are so explicit upon this subject that no formal order urging this sacred duty upon the Posts is necessary.

For the 23d time since the 30th of May was designated for this purpose by Comrade Logan, then Commander-in-Chief, it is our privilege to render special homage to the memory of our comrades, who answer to roll-call on earth no more, to pledge ourselves anew in united and solemn chorus to the great principles for which they died, and for the perpetuation of which this mighty Order is now maintained. Let no grave be unvisited, no comrade forgotten, and as our children and children's children shall ask, "What mean ye by this service?" let us point them to the sacrifices of our comrades whom death has mustered out forever, and whose devotion to duty made possible this golden era of our Nation, which to-day under one flag is marching on to its glorious destiny; a future assured to life and the coming generations by the conflicts and victories of the period which this day recalls and signalizes. Standing by these sacred mounds let us urge that never, while the flowers shall wake to life, while the released waters shall course from the mountains to the sea; while the emancipated earth shall with each returning Spring wave its banners of green, shall these memorial services be unpatronized or the achievements they celebrate be forgotten. Let the day be in no manner diverted from its true purpose, but let it be made to teach to the fullest extent its great lesson of patriotism.

II. Post Commanders are reminded that their arrangements for Memorial Day should invariably include attendance by the Post in a body upon some form of divine worship upon the preceding Sunday. This custom has become, and deservedly so, very general, and its appropriateness and desirability are apparent. Some minister of the Gospel should be invited to deliver a suitable sermon upon this occasion, and Posts should, if practicable, appear in uniform and display their badges and colors, striving in every way to render this a fitting preliminary to our great annual observance.

III. In some Departments the custom prevails of having the school children co-operate the session of school preceding Memorial Day being devoted to patriotic teaching emphasized by the presence at each school of some comrade of the Order, and the children asked to share in providing flowers for the following day, and assured that in so doing they become directly identified with the praiseworthy service of Memorial Day. It is recommended that Post Commanders, so far as possible, detail comrades in uniform who may appear before each school and briefly suggest action as above.

IV. All Posts will make special reports of the day on or before June 10th, to Department Chaplains, who will consolidate the same and report to Comrade Myron W. Reed, Chaplain-in-Chief, at Denver, Colo., not later than June 20th. Post Commanders will be held responsible for these reports, and they should be promptly rendered.

By command of W. G. VEAZEY, Commander-in-Chief.

J. H. GOULDING, Adjutant-General.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

[All Post elections received at this office which have not been already published will appear as soon as space can be found for them. If any are seen which do not appear in the course of two months, it will be understood that they were published before.]

CALIFORNIA.—

Officers of the following Posts are:

Escondido, 143, Escondido—Com., Henry Nolton; S. V. C., S. D. Nolton; J. V. C., Geo. R. Jenkins; Chap., James Trowsell; O. D., S. R. Hawthorn; Surg., J. Tabor; O. G., S. Hamilton; Adj't, J. A. Pomeroy; Q. M., D. F. Marikie; S. M., P. A. Graham; Q. M. S., A. H. Hill.

L. H. Rousean, 64, Kelseyville—Com., Charles Gillette; S. V. C., G. W. Sweezer; J. V. C., D. C. Lewis; Adj't, G. W. Van Deventer; O. D., J. A. Wilson; Chap., W. C. Stanley; Q. M., D. T. Seeley; O. G., T. J. Sagerty.

ILLINOIS.—

Officers of the following Posts are:

Becker, 444, Belleville—Com., P. M. Romeiser; S. V. C., George W. Shipman; J. V. C., A. J. Grantz; Adj't, Fred Sunkel; Q. M., M. Hartnagel; Surg., D. S. Booth; O. D., J. C. Tloona; O. G., George Blum; S. M., Walter E. Kraft; Q. M. S., Henry Baum.

John Buffner, 633, Stewardson—Com., E. Boggs; S. V. C., S. Bailey; J. V. C., E. E. Barnes; Surg., W. W. Pierce; Q. M., A. D. Williams; Chap., T. Beck; Adj't, H. H. York; O. D., William Miller; Sentinel, C. C. Shumward.

E. C. Camp, 149, Bement—Com., J. C. Miller; S. V. C., W. G. Solder; J. V. C., W. D. Coffin; Surg., Geo. Skinner; Chap., G. W. Thompson; O. G., G. W. Boring; Q. M., G. W. Poole; Adj't, F. A. Jones; O. D., L. F. Holland; S. M., D. D. Kissell; Q. M. S., W. M. Camp.

The First Assistant Postmaster-General, S. A. Winfield, will deliver the Memorial Day address at the Rock Island National Cemetery before the Posts of Moline and Rock Island, and Davenport, Iowa. The annual attendance on the exercises at this point, on the border of two States, is always large. Col. Whitfield ranks among the most eloquent orators of the country, and his auditors at Rock Island will be grandly entertained.

INDIANA.—

Officers of the following Posts are:

Capt. Henry M. Scott, 588—Com., David Barks; S. V. C., Augustus Wagner; J. V. C., Maldon M. Lucky; Adj't, George W. Lucky; Q. M., Wm. F. M. Poland; Surg., George W. Kocher; Chap., Joseph McMillen; O. D., Wm. H. Amit; O. G., Conrad W. Ecoma; S. M., John Rice; Q. M. S., John F. Winters.

IOWA.—

Officers of the following Post are:

J. D. Graves, 198—Com., J. V. Kirk; S. V. C., S. Smith; J. V. C., Joe Bivins; Adj't, L. F. Means; Q. M., M. R. Sheldon; Surg., J. H. Slack; Chap., E. B. McGuffin; O. D., John Richmond; O. G., J. Clemont; S. M., Charles Crawford; Q. M. S., J. Barnett.

KANSAS.—

Officers of the following Posts are:

Canning, 259, Canning—Com., Willis Slocum; S. V. C., P. A. Shepherd; J. V. C., James Church; Adj't, E. S. Vernon; Q. M., J. C. Warrington; Surg., J. A. Logan; Chap., W. E. Geer; O. D., J. W. Donlap; O. G., M. Zeiler; S. M., J. W. Randel; Q. M. S., H. F. Whitten.

Col. Rarnhill, 274, Lost Springs—Com., W. B. Zeedler; S. V. C., E. S. Foy; J. V. C., H. Allen; Q. M., E. L. Glover; O. D., John Grawl; Adj't, A. Terry; O. G., Eli York; G., J. T. Martin; Chap., Levi Sealy.

LOUISIANA.—

Joseph A. Mower Post, 1, celebrated its 19th anniversary in New Orleans April 24. There was a good-sized company present. A pleasant hour or two was passed with singing and music, after which all partook of a banquet, and the following comrades responded to toasts: Com. C. H. Slante, C. W. Keesing, Dept. Com. George T. Hodges, Capt. Wm. Wright, and A. S. Graham.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

Officers of the following Posts are:

John A. Rawlins, 45, Marlboro—Com., P. C. Curtis; S. V. C., Henry Parsons; J. V. C., G. H. Bridgham; Adj't, J. W. Barnes; Q. M., E. L. Perry; Surg., H. W. Fay; Chap., W. M. Hamilton; O. D., J. L. Cuniam; O. G., Frank Bean; S. M., Wm. Anderson; Q. M. S., A. S. Johnson.

Slocum Post, of Providence, has extended its services as escort to Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief George H. Innis, on route to Detroit, in August. The Post will meet him and his guests at Worcester or Gardner, Mass., and on arrival at Detroit will escort him to his headquarters in that city.

MICHIGAN.—

The eight Gratiot County Posts have decided to postpone the County Reunion, which was to have been held at Ithaca the coming Summer, till the Summer of 1892, and to organize a battalion to attend the National Encampment. Officers were chosen as follows: Col., Giles T. Brown; Lieut.-Col., W. S. Turck; Major, N. Bradley; Q. M., Israel Squires. A Committee of Arrangements was appointed, consisting of Gen. N. Church, J. N. Foster and John Gregg. The object of the organization is principally to enable the Gratiot County veterans to go in company and be provided with appropriate music and flags, as well as headquarters, while in Detroit.

Officers of the following Posts are:

Stewart, 250, Linchfield—Com., Dr. L. A. Howard; S. V. C., O. H. Chapman; J. V. C., A. Anderson; Q. M., R. H. Mann; Chap., J. E. Lewis; O. D., E. A. Sinfinck; O. G., Charles Frosbeck; Surg., Geo. Anderson; Adj't, Milton Herring; S. M., F. W. Barber; Q. M. S., George Willey; First C. S., H. N. Townsend; Second C. S., A. A. Gibbs.

Thos. A. Lane, 291, Grove—Com., J. A. Delano; S. V. C., Wm. Vanliew; J. V. C., M. Hallock; Chap., A. Flynn; Surg., C. S. Terwilliger; O. D., D. Delano; O. G., A. Dickinson; Q. M., Luke Cook; Adj't, B. F. Tracy; S. M., W. H. Bassett; Q. M. S., E. J. Marsh.

Sedgwick, 16, Sears—Com., J. H. Powell; S. V. C., A. F. Wait; J. V. C., Stanley E. Kerby; Adj't, John Hughes; Q. M., A. J. Rose; O. D., William Phillips; Chap., S. R. Skutt; Surg., Mark T. Chase; O. G., Charles Cappins.

L. C. Woodman, 395, Lawton—Com., A. L. Lilley; S. V. C., J. C. Barker; J. V. C., C. D. Hooper; Surg., John Mahnel; Q. M., J. W. Burlington; Chap., H. Harper; O. D., G. W. Belden; O. G., H. Kimbel; S. M., E. Irwin; Q. M. S., J. H. Ball.

Albert Jackson, 200, Marquette—Com., C. D. Beaubaud; S. V. C., O. E. Moore; J. V. C., G. W. Reed; Chap., W. H. York; Surg., A. C. McKenzie; Q. M., Alfred Thurlby; Adj't, W. G. Bone; O. D., F. C. Bennson; O. G., John Dooley.

Gen. Charles Griffin, Farwell—Com., H. H. Safford; S. V. C., John G. Brown; J. V. C., Seymour Bassington; Q. M., Elisha White; Surg., John Byrnside; Adj't, Nat D. Watkins; Chap., Lewis Richards; O. G., James Saxton; O. D., E. Allen.

MINNESOTA.—

It is suggested and strongly urged by the Department Commander that Posts conveniently located to each other hold an occasional joint Campfire to be participated in by two or more Posts. Where this is impracticable, Posts holding two or more meetings a month should merge one of their regular meetings (after spending in due form and transacting necessary regular business) into a Campfire. A song and a story of camp life, well mixed with a hardtack and a cup of coffee, go a long way toward relieving the monotony of the regular meeting. The Department Commander will take pleasure in accepting invitations to as many such Campfires as possible. Which Post will be the first to give him a chance?

The headquarters of the Department G.A.R. and W.R.C. will be located during the National Encampment at Hotel Normandie, Detroit. The expense attending the trip this year will be slight as compared to the expense of attending the Boston Encampment, and it is desired to take as large a delegation from this State as possible. It is too early yet to state what the expense will be, but it is carefully estimated that $25 economically expended will pay the entire expense of the round trip from St. Paul. To the end that it may be known approximately how many to arrange transportation and accommodations for, Post Commanders have been instructed to at once make a thorough canvass as to how many expect to go from each Post, and report results of such canvass to the Assistant Adjutant-General on or before June 30 next. Comrades desiring information relative to regimental and other Reunions, should correspond with C. N. R. Pond, Secretary, Executive Committee, 50 West Fort street, Detroit, Mich.

The usual call for the observance of Memorial Day among the Posts has been issued in a General Order by Department Commander C. D. Parker.

Officers of the following Posts are:

Jacob Schaefer, 163, Minneapolis—Com., Adolph Lemke; S. V. C., Andal Bader; J. V. C., Matthias Kees; Adj't, Nic Bretz; Q. M., Paul Lubener; Surg., Ernest Wackman; Chap., Joseph Willer.

A. K. Skaro, 37, St. Peter—Com., A. L. Sacket; S. V. C., W. C. Moses; J. V. C., George Studley; Surg., D. Collins; Chap., L. Keys; Q. M., C. C. Lester; O. D., N. Morse; O. G., B. Canfield; Adj't, A. A. Stone; Q. M. S., M. Evenson; S. M., C. Hill.

MISSOURI.—

Officers of the following Posts are:

Reno, 267, Roscoe—Com., J. A. Wood; S. V. C., R. F. Copenhaver; J. V. C., A. S. Walt; Q. M., J. J. Hawkins; Surg., Thos. Anderson; Chap., E. M. Lutes; O. D., R. T. Scott; O. G., Sam Coleman; Q. M. S., Amos M. Decker; S. M., Sterling Cooper.

Wallace, 177, Moundville—Com., Wm. T. Phillips; S. V. C., Isaac N. Shepherd; J. V. C., R. Davis; Surg., A. King; Chap., M. Polster; Q. M., Thos. Phillips; Adj't, A. Hobbs; O. D., John P. Baker; O. G., Wm. Crumpler; S. M., Jos. Saute; Q. M. S., Enoch Tyler.

R. P. Carnes, 574, Dunlap—Com., Freeman Dunlap; S. V. C., Wm. Elges; J. V. C., C. D. Hoskin; Adj't, S. A. Hurdler; Chap., J. B. Hinkley; O. D., H. S. Moore; Q. M., D. A. Holloway; Surg., H. C. Lisby; O. G., W. S. McLain; Q. M. S., J. W. Price; S. M., Philip Hill.

NEBRASKA.—

The following circular has been issued by Joseph Tecter, Department Commander:

The Department Headquarters is daily in receipt of letters and personal appeals for help for our comrades in the western portion of our State, whose privations and sufferings for the actual necessities of life, caused by the general failure of crops from the drouth, are well known to you all. They have, however, struggled through the Winter by the kindly aid of State and private contributions. The unusual amount of moisture now in the ground indicates most flattering prospects for an abundant crop the coming season. What is needed now is money with which to buy seed corn and feed for teams. Comrades, I appeal to you, one and all, to spare what you can, be it ever so small, to assist in placing our destitute comrades in a position to provide for themselves and families. Comrades, act promptly; the situation admits of no delay. Send me what you can. Gather your contributions and send them at once to the Department Commander, 113 N. Twelfth street, Lincoln, with his positive assurance that all aid so received will be promptly expended in the most judicious manner, and a full report of the same made.

Gossard Post, 315, Herman, meets the first and third Tuesday evening in each month. All visiting comrades are invited to meet with us when in town.—James A. Meade, Commander, and W. S. Richards, Adjutant.

Officers of the following Post are:

U. S. Grant, 110, Omaha—Com., Champion S. Chase; S. V. C., H. S. Wilcox; J. V. C., H. H. Benson; Chap., Q. H. Shive; Surg., Wm. H. Christie; Adj't, John Jefferson; Q. M., D. M. Haverly; O. D., Lafayette Anderson; O. G., M. McMahon; S. M., Simeon Bloom; Q. M. S., S. Adamsky.

NEW JERSEY.—

Officers of the following Post are:

A. T. A. Torbert, 24, Madison—Com., Stephen Pierson; S. V. C., Nathaniel Clerk; J. V. C., A. M. Sherman; Chap., B. N. Reed; Q. M., L. P. Hanna; Surg., F. W. Mustamore; O. D., E. A. Doty; O. G., W. H. K. Emmons; Adj't, C. P. Axtell; S. M., J. H. Couch; Q. M. S., William Becker.

NEW YORK.—

J. P. Robinson Post, 1, Perry, celebrated the surrender of Lee on April 9, by a reception, banquet and dedication of the new and commodious headquarters rooms recently finished in the Odd Opera House Block. E. A. Pierce Post, 39, of Castile, and the W.R.C. auxiliary, Birney Simmons Camp and a large audience were present. Judge E. W. Hatch, of Buffalo, Hon. M. A. Lovejoy, Maj. A. S. Simmons and others spoke. The ladies did themselves proud in the banquet preparations, and over 300 guests were elegantly served.

A committee consisting of John Schmidling, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, Charles Fahrenkopi and Charles M. Colvin, visited Gettysburg last week and perfected arrangements for the visit of J. L. Riker Post, 62, New York, to that historic battlefield on Memorial Day. The Post is to leave Jersey City by a special train on the evening of May 29, and arrive in Gettysburg early on the morning of Memorial Day. John Schmidling, 66 Avenue A, will answer all inquiries of those who may desire to go.

Officers of the following Post are:

Scott, 31, Jamaica—Com., S. E. Rawson; S. V. C., A. T. Wood; J. V. C., E. Phelps; Chap., J. C. Daggett; Adj't, O. N. Wardwell; Q. M., Wales Cheney; O. D., M. L. Howard; O. G., A. Johnson.

OHIO.—

Officers of the following Posts are:

C. B. Gambee, 53, Bellevue—Com., J. S. Williams; S. V. C., J. S. Meeler; J. V. C., Dell Carpenter; Surg., G. S. Lancaster; Q. M., H. B. Acker; Adj't, L. E. Merry; Chap., Sol. G. Smith; O. D., A. B. Vial; O. G., W. S. Howard; S. M., S. H. Cook; Q. M. S., R. H. Alexander.

Lindsey, 75, Gilson—Com., A. C. Matthias; S. V. C., J. S. Fisher; J. V. C., Isaac Bracy; Surg., Wm. Compton; Q. M., Albert Simson; Chap., Simon Bucket; O. D., J. W. Nutter; O. G., Philip Keel; Adj't, J. M. Knepper; S. M., James Baker; Q. M. S., Aurora Gislinger.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

Officers of the following Post are:

A. W. Estes, 175, Oswayo—Com., Y. R. Kenyon; S. V. C., J. H. Stilson; J. V. C., John Kearney; Q. M., R. C. Sewell; Adj't, D. Levi Robbins; O. G., C. A. Estes; Chap., F. S. Gilbet; Surg., G. F. Bowker; Adj't, J. C. Wilkinson; Q. M. S., J. F. Morse; S. M., Geo. Crouch.

TEXAS.—

Sam J. Randall Post, 45, of Weatherford, is going all the way to the National Encampment. We know Commander Horace Baker, and expect to see a large delegation of the Post from Texas, if he can manage it.

Officers of the following Post are:

J. B. Maury, 57, Palestine—Com., C. F. Clevinger; S. V. C., James Biggs; J. V. C., John Rodgers; Q. M., Ira Smith; Adj't, C. W. Ricker.

VERMONT.—

Officers of the following Posts are:

O. O. Howard, 33, Ludlow—Com., Jno. Lombard; S. V. C., Uriic T. Ross; J. V. C., Charles N. Ray; Adj't, Luther O. Weeks; Q. M., R. E. Hathorn; Surg., Geo. Spofford; Chap., John McGowan; O. D., F. H. Fisher; O. G., Daniel Johnson; S. M., M. M. Hall; Q. M. S., Oscar Gassett.

Mason, 16, West Glover—Com., G. P. Fisher; S. V. C., W. S. Jenne; J. V. C., J. P. Christie; O. D., T. Hastings; Q. M., S. B. French; Surg., A. Gray; Chap., J. W. Walker; Adj't, C. W. Cook.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.—

The eighth annual Encampment opened in Puyallup April 22, but the success of the occasion was marred by the heavy rain. Still, the attendance was good. The reports showed that the largest gain in members occurring during April 6, was made by Havens Post, of Seattle. The total gain during the year in membership was 1,167; the losses, 325; leaving a total membership of 2,689. All Posts are in good condition and increasing in membership. There are 10 Posts in a highly flourishing condition, with a membership of 50 and upwards, which deserve special mention. They are, Stevens, 1, Seattle, 284 members; Custer, 6, Tacoma, 273; Reno, 47, Spokane, 126; Miller, 31, Seattle, 109; Sedgwick, 8, Spokane, 97; Sheridan, 44, Tacoma, 77; Thomas, 5, Olympia, 76; A. Lincoln, 4, Walla Walla, 62; McDowell, 41; Pomeroy Sully, 3, Dayton, 53. But $178.30 was reported in the relief fund, and the sum of $2,895 was paid out for charity during the past year. For Department Commander there was an interesting fight, but D. G. Lowell, of Custer Post, Tacoma, was elected on the second ballot by one majority. E. R. Gallop, of Port Angeles, was elected Junior Vice-Commander; Dr. White, of Walla Walla, Medical Director; Comrade Putnam, Post 24, Chaplain. Council of Administration, T. M. Young, Seattle; W. R. Dunbar, Goldendale; Williams, Waterloo; Fairbanks, Tacoma; A. J. Smith, Vancouver; C. W. Stewart, Puyallup; John P. Hoyt, Seattle. Representative-at-large to the National Encampment, Frank Jobnson, Spokane; G. N. Alexander, Seattle; C. T. Patterson, Tacoma. Alternates, J. F. Sincerle, Ballard; W. D. Close, Kalama; J. E. Gandy, Spokane; E. B. Wise, Goldendale.

Officers of the following Posts are:

Pacific, 48, Port Angeles—Com., C. M. Armbrust; S. V. C., J. M. Dennis; J. V. C., E. S. Derickson; Surg., G. W. Vail; Chap., Herman Culver; Q. M., H. M. Gunteil; O. D., E. A. Gregg; O. G., F. M. Watt; Adj't, H. H. Morrison; S. M., D. P. Quinn; Q. M. S., J. P. Collins.

Phil Sheridan, 23, Aurora—Com., Alex. McMartin; S. V. C., M. B. Young; J. V. C., J. S. Upton; Q. M., A. J. McMillan; Chap., Wiley McElhany; O. D., M. D. Herriman; O. G., D. M. Morgan; Surg., B. B. Cluck; S. M., L. F. Beauchamp; Q. M. S., J. C. Teague; Adj't, W. R. Gabbard.

Hampton Soldiers' Home.

The Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home arrived at Hampton, Va., on Monday, April 27, and inspected the Home at that place. Secretary Tracy visited Fort Monroe, the Soldiers' Home and the Normal School Monday morning, and left for Newport News in the afternoon.

Fits, spasms, St. Vitus dance, opium habit, headache, neuralgia and nervous prostration cured by Dr. Miles' Nervine. *Free* samples at druggists, by mail 10c. MILES MED. CO., ELKHART, IND.

RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

Gleanings from National Headquarters---Notes from the Departments.

MARY SEARS McHENRY, National President.
HANNAH R. PLUMPTON, National Secretary.

MEMORIAL DAY.

HEADQUARTERS WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, AUXILIARY TO THE G.A.R., DENISON, IOWA, April 23, 1891.

General Orders, No. 8.

National Convention ordained the observance of Memorial Day on the 23d of May, and enjoined its proper recognition. Realizing that a General Order is not necessary to remind the members of the Woman's Relief Corps of their privileges or duties on each recurring anniversary, yet subservient to an established custom, I communicate to you through this medium an earnest desire that every Corps will actively participate in its sacred ceremonies.

Memorial Day marks an epoch in the annals of our Nation, recognizing personal merit and consecration. On this day may each patriot hero receive his meed of praise for service rendered and the sacrifice of life be reverently acknowledged. "For what greater love hath man than this?"

Spring time, with sunshine and shower, is producing both leaf and blossom for the use of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in this most beautiful and pathetic service. Let each Auxiliary strive to lighten the burdens of those whom it is "our mission to serve," by gathering and preparing these mute mementoes of loyalty in such abundance that no veteran's last resting-place need lack its tribute of patriotic remembrance.

For those "who lie in graves unknown" may youth and age alike find it a sweet and precious privilege to join hands in erecting an altar to their memory. Upon this cenotaph place the flag they loved and followed; pile high with choice flowers, and in its solemn presence renew our pledges for those yet "left among us, a sacred charge upon a Nation's gratitude."

Each year, as we gather for this service, we are reminded that in the not far distant future another order must perpetuate its observance. May the Woman's Relief Corps never lose sight of the real purposes of the day, or become indifferent to the achievements of the heroes of 1861-65. Let us protest against all diversions inconsistent with the memorial service sacred to our fathers, husbands, sons and brothers, and with patriotic fidelity preserve its beautiful yet simple and impressive ceremonies.

National Convention assembles a week earlier than usual this year, and the attention of Corps and Department Chaplains is called to the necessity of promptly forwarding the Memorial Day reports. The time allowed National Chaplain to prepare her report is exceedingly limited, and promptness on the part of subordinate officers will be duly appreciated.

Eighth National Convention adopted a Memorial flag to mark the graves of deceased members. These flags are now in stock, and can be supplied to Corps through Department Treasurers. Price 15 cents each.

A communication from Commander Patrick Keenan, Richmond, Va., says: "A circular addressed to the W.R.C. has been sent to each Corps by the Memorial Committee of Phil Kearny Post, 10, Department of Virginia."

The work of this committee is well known to our membership. Over 105,000 Union soldiers lie within "low, green tents" in that Department. Corps responding to their appeal should send their contributions through the Department Treasurer, that all amounts may be properly credited.

By command of MARY SEARS McHENRY, National President.

HANNAH R. PLUMPTON, National Secretary.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

In response to the requests of many Corps, Kate B. Sherwood, author of "The Memorial of the Flowers," has added two more stanzas for the new States of Wyoming and Idaho, and the revised exercise is herewith given. There will also appear in an early issue of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE a new Memorial exercise from her pen, entitled, "Guarding the Flags."

1—MAINE.

I bring this wreath of roses
For those who sleep alone
On many a line of battle,
Unnumbered and unknown.

2—NEW HAMPSHIRE.

I bring the victor's laurel
From many a mountain hight,
Remembering all our heroes
Who perished in the fight.

3—VERMONT.

I bring the freshest blossoms
In memory of one
Who turned away at morning
And died at setting sun.

4—MASSACHUSETTS.

I bring the rarest jewels
That love has brooded o'er,
Remembering Antietam
And a hundred battles more.

5—RHODE ISLAND.

I bring the sweetest treasures
Both of the shore and sea,
For those who fell with Burnside
In hostile Tennessee.

6—CONNECTICUT.

I bring the fragrant lilies,
And through the tears and flames
My heart will still remember
The Army of the James.

7—NEW YORK.

I bring the sprays of myrtle,
Recalling all the brave
Who on the Rappahannock
Gave up their lives to save.

8—PENNSYLVANIA.

I bring the statelliest flowers
That on the mountains blow,
For those who fell at Gettysburg
So many years ago.

9—NEW JERSEY.

I bring of May's bright garlands,
And softly lay them down
For those who with McClellan
Won glorious renown.

10—DELAWARE.

I bring the honeysuckle,
A type of those who fell
Without a prayer to speed them,
Without a fond farewell.

11—MARYLAND.

I bring the oleanders,
And place them with a tear
Above the shrouded silence
Of many a lonely bier.

12—VIRGINIA.

I bring the rare magnolias
That line Potomac's shore;
Above a hundred battlefields
They whisper evermore.

13—WEST VIRGINIA.

I bring of treasures many,
Out from the Sutton sod,
Remembering the Kanawha,
The graves at Carrick's Ford.

14—NORTH CAROLINA.

I bring the snowy blossoms
From fair Carolina's strand,
For sunken fleets at ocean
And shadowy hosts on land.

15—SOUTH CAROLINA.

I bring a tribute tender
To lay above the brave,
Whose shrouded forms are moldering
In many a Southern grave.

16—GEORGIA.

I bring the fadeless ivy,
The starry immortelle,
For those who stormed Mt. Lookout
And at Resaca fell.

17—ALABAMA.

I bring the flowers golden
From many a Southern plain,
For those no trump shall waken
Until they rise again.

18—FLORIDA.

I bring the splendid beauty
Of tropic-tinted bloom,
For those their last sleep taking
Within the tangled gloom.

19—OHIO.

I bring the Buckeye blossoms,
Remembering Sheridan
And those who fought his battles
Along the Rapidan.

20—INDIANA.

I bring for Morton's heroes
The lily and the rose;
Alas that time shall never
Their resting place disclose.

21—ILLINOIS.

I bring for Abraham Lincoln
And many thousand more,
The tenderest obligations
That loyal hearts outpour.

22—MICHIGAN.

I bring for Custer's legions,
And all the martial line,
The sprays of stately cedar,
The victor-crowning pine.

23—WISCONSIN.

I bring with heart of freedom
The wealth of wood and plain,
For those who bore our standard
And ne'er returned again.

24—KENTUCKY.

I bring the sweet blue grasses,
The harebells nodding low,
And o'er the unmarked legions
A jeweled mantle throw.

25—MISSOURI.

I bring the stately peony,
A symbol true and grand
Of those who fell with Lyon
To save our own dear land.

26—IOWA.

I bring the prairie blossoms,
So wondrous and so fair,
For Shiloh and Fort Donelson
And all our loved ones there.

27—MINNESOTA.

I bring the rare wild flowers
From many a wild estate,
For those who died to make us
A Union strong and great.

28—NEBRASKA.

I bring in proud profusion
The treasures of the plain,
To circle round our heroes
A loving flower chain.

29—KANSAS.

I bring from sunny Kansas,
The land of old John Brown,
The sunflower and the poppy,
Earth's royal sons to crown.

30—MISSISSIPPI.

I bring from lands historic,
The sad Sultana knew,
The rarest Southern flowers,
Remembering her crew.

31—LOUISIANA.

I bring the proud palmetto,
And flowers fair and tall,
To smile with tears of pity
Above the graves of all.

32—ARKANSAS.

I bring of blossoms many
And strew them once again,
Remembering Red River
And Island Number Ten.

33—TEXAS.

I bring the water lily
That broods above the dead
In river bend and bayou,
No braver ever led.

34—TENNESSEE.

I bring from mountains rocky
A thousand thousand flowers;
The heroes of the Cumberland
Command these gifts of ours.

35—NEVADA.

I bring from sunsets splendid
The jeweled buds of Spring;
The martyrs of Fort Hudson,
Be these the men we sing.

36—CALIFORNIA.

I bring with arms full laden
From California's strand
The wreaths for Appomattox
And strew with lavish hand.

37—OREGON.

I bring in all the glory
Of May's bewildering smile,
The flowers for the prisons
Of Libby and Belle Isle.

38—MONTANA.

I bring the garnered beauty
Of many lands to-day,
For fathers and for brothers,
So early passed away.

39—NORTH DAKOTA.

I bring the buds unfolding,
The types so early fled,
Of hearts in anguish breaking
Above the sacred dead.

40—SOUTH DAKOTA.

I bring love's odorous offerings
For Grant the man of peace,
And the heroes of his armies,
God give of such increase.

41—WASHINGTON.

I bring my choicest garlands
For mother and for wife,
And our dear Army Nurses
Who faced the cruel strife.

45—COLORADO.

I bring from mountains hoary,
From crevices of snow,
The rarest flowers that blossom,
Because we loved them so.

43—WYOMING.

I bring from cliff and canyon
Buds of the mountain snow,
For Fremont, the Pathfinder,
Because we loved him so.

44—IDAHO.

I bring a wreath for Sherman,
A crown for Porter, too,
And all the passing legions
That join the Grand Review.

45—DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

—*From Cooke's Memorial Ode.*

They knew not what sweet duty
We come each year to pay,
Nor heed the blooms of beauty,
The garland gifts of May,
Strewn here to-day.

"The night-time and the day-time,
The moon and set of sun,
The Winter and the May-time,
To them whose work is done,
Are all as one."

Then o'er mine eyes there floated
A vision of the land
Where their brave souls, promoted
To heaven's own armies, stand
At God's right hand.

From out the mighty distance
I seem to see them gaze
Back on the old existence,
Back on the battle-haze
Of war's dead days.

"The flowers shall fade and perish,"
In larger faith spake I,
"But these dear names we cherish
Are written in the sky,
And cannot die."

"The Memorial of the Fowers" is given as follows: On one side of the stage (which should be profusely decorated with flags, evergreens and flowers) there should be placed a broken column, rising from a pedestal, covered with evergreens and bearing the inscription, "Our Unknown Dead." This may be draped with a flag until the time for the ceremonial begins. The column should be painted white, and the letters be of evergreens or red flowers. There should be hooks up and down its surface on which to hang wreaths and garlands; others may be heaped on the pedestal. At a given signal and to march music 45 boys and girls, dressed in white and wearing blue shoulder-sashes and red crowns, with the name of the State in gilt letters, appear upon the stage and arrange themselves in a semi-circle. Each should carry a small flag and flowers. A pretty march may be executed before halting. Number one then steps forward, recites the stanza assigned, hangs a wreath or garland on the column and resumes place in the ranks. Then number two, three and so on. At the close all unite in singing "America," all kneeling when the words "Our Father's God, to Thee," are reached, each holding up the flag. At the conclusion of the anthem the children remain kneeling, a curtain rises in the rear, revealing the Goddess of Liberty holding a large flag, with a group of veteran soldiers on one side and sailors on the other. Colored lights thrown on make a magnificent effect.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

DEAR TRIBUNE: The eighth annual Convention of the Department of Michigan, W.R.C., assembled March 10, at the M. E. church in the beautiful city of Muskegon, for a three days' session. Its delegates were warmly welcomed, and with many kind assurances offered the hospitalities which Phil Kearny Corps and the citizens of Muskegon patriotically proffered. Banners and bunting everywhere did honor in legend and declaration to the invasion of guests, and never was our National tri-color more beautifully or more variously combined in decorative designs.

Abbie R. Flagg opened Convention with the hymn, "Come, thou Almighty King," followed by prayer by Department Chaplain Nancy White. She then proceeded with her address, reviewing the work of the year, and suggesting plans for the advancement of the Order in Michigan. She reported the relations of Posts and Corps throughout the Department as harmonious and pleasant. The Department having no relief fund, she reported aid administered through contributions by Corps, on special call from Headquarters. She urged continuous aid on behalf of the National Relief Corps Home, and reported Michigan applications pending. The institution of the first Corps at Escanaba, in the northern peninsula of Michigan, was reported, and prospect of more following. Under the new National apportionment, one delegate for every 700 members, Michigan will have nine delegates, besides a delegate at large in National Convention; membership at the close of 1890 being 6,166. The success of the schools of instruction at Battle Creek, Lansing, Flint, Hastings, Douglass, Grand Rapids, Kalkaska, Petersburg, Grayling, and Howells was reported as most notable and productive of good. Strict economy was practiced by the administration, resulting in a balance in the general fund of $795.44. Numerically, Michigan increased largely the past year; financially, her assets are three-fold what they were a years got.

Recommendations of Department President, approved by Convention, were that ratio of representation in Department Convention remain at 40 and per capita eight cents; that 2½ per cent. of per capita be transferred quarterly to a Department relief fund; that only the names of delegates present and voting, or their alternates, appear on roll of Convention; that Corps donate as heretofore to Phil Kearny Post, Richmond, for Memorial expenses; that Secretary and Treasurer continue to receive $200 each; that Department President fill vacant numbers in the charter, the same as the G.A.R.; that Corps Presidents with June reports send approval or disapproval of Corps on the revised ritual. The thanks of the Department were extended Department Commander Duffield and staff and comrades of the Department of Michigan. Officers of Department were complimented upon their excellent work.

Senior Vice-President Emma P. Runion reported having secured contributions to the library of the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids from Corps and individuals amounting to 163 bound volumes, 882 magazines and 4,000 papers. Also curtains, chairs and pictures for the hospital. The report of Junior Vice-President Mina D. Kinsey was followed by the report of the Secretary, Hattie H. Willard, which gave the number of Corps instituted during the year as 32, of which 15 have been added since Dec. 31, 1890, at which time the membership was 6,166. Total number of Corps, 206. Amount in relief fund, $2,645.80; in general fund, $4,812.78; turned over to Posts, $2,130.35. The Treasurer reported the total receipts of the year as $4,473.26; disbursements, $2,910.99; cash on hand, $562.27; supplies on hand, $233.17; total, $795.44.

Department Chaplain Nancy White gave a tender and beautiful account of Memorial Day, 1890, when 180 Corps, membership 5,965, contributed to the interest of the day, 10,900 children participating. The sum of $726.92 was incurred to make the exercises memorable and procure necessary flowers. The Department Inspector, Cornelia S. Perry, and the Instituting and Installing Officer, Elizabeth McKinistry, showed that Michigan was thoroughly up in ritualistic routine. The excellent report of Harriet P. Thompson, Department Counselor, and other routine work consumed a busy day. In the evening there was a grand Campfire, with an address of welcome by D. F. Chamberlain; Relief Corps response by Department President Flagg. Past Department Commander Washington Gardner made one of his happiest addresses, Edna Chaffee Noble, of Detroit, delivered one of her finest recitations, and Muskegon local talent was at its best in vocal and instrumental music.

The Department officers, elective and appointive, are as follows: President, Sara L. Brown, Ithica; S. V.-P., Mina D. Kinsey, Saginaw; J. V. P., Loise Dunn, Ionia; Sec., Jennie F. Richardson, Ithica; Treas., Artemisia Brown, Ithica; Chap., Nancy White, Milford; Counselor, Abbie R. Flagg, Battle Creek; Inspector, Cynthia Heath, Lansing; Instituting and Installing Officer, Libbie Anderson, Maple Rapids.

Executive Board—Anna M. Barney, Kalamazoo; Minnie Lewis, Muskegon; Hattie Hicks, Morley; Susan C. Litchfield, Petoskey; Stella L. Parker, Battle Creek.

Delegates to National Convention—At large, Amanda O. Miner, Muskegon; Agnes M. Wiley, Albion; Phebe J. Curtiss, Adrian; Helen M. Burbank, Flint; Etta S. Wilson, Grand Rapids; Lucy D. Reed, Hubbardston; Sarah L. Johnson, Bay City; Sadie Jackson, Lowell; Clara A. Dewey, Douglass; Emma E. Henson, Jackson