Quartermaster-Gen., J. B. Moore, of Washington; Judge-Advocate, James Shivel, of Anderson, O.; Surgeon-Gen., Dr. D. H. Briggs, of Battle Creek, Mich. Executive Council, Col. E. T. Lee, Dr. D. H. Briggs, Eugene Payne, of Iowa; John M. Henners, of Ohio; Robert S. Gibson, of Illinois; and S. D. Murphy, of Illinois.

There was a good attendance in the Market Building at the Reunion of the Regular Brigade, Fourteenth Corps. D. C. Laken, of Columbus, O., was re-elected President, E. C. Beach Secretary, and Rev. Thomas Brake Chaplain. After the meeting the brigade fell into line and proceeded to the residence of Mrs. King, the widow of Gen. John H. King, their late commander, and paid their respects to her. She was highly pleased at the courtesy shown, and after thanking the veterans for their visit served refreshments to them and entertained them for some time.

The 2d Mich. held its Reunion at Firemen's Hall, Col. August Goebel presiding. Col. L. Dillman, who now resides at San Diego, Cal., sent a memento to be presented to the oldest comrade present at the Reunion, and it was awarded to I. Aug. Kraemer, of Saginaw, a member of Co. H and 77 years old. The souvenir is a picture of Pohick Church, Va., etched on a section of orange wood. On the back of it are engraved the words "Home, Sweet Home."

The 2d Ohio Cav. and 25th Ohio battery reuned in the Irving School, there being 54 present. The following officers were elected: President, Daniel Arnold; V.-P., W. W. Cristie; Financial Sec., L. L. Campbell; Rec. Sec., Henry Gordon; Treas., W. R. Austin; Trumpeter, Frank Smith; Executive Committee, Charles Truesdell. The deaths in the organization during the past year were: James Henry Golden, of the 25th battery; Jas. R. Ogden, Co. H; Capt. C. C Smith, Co. G; D. J. Wyman, Co. F; Dr. Armentrout, Co. G; E. M. Dickson, Co. A; Watson Atwood, Co. A, 2d Ohio Cav. Youngstown, O., was fixed as the place for holding the next Reunion of the association.

The survivors of the 25th Mich., 169 strong, held a very pleasant Reunion. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., A. W. Slayton, Grand Rapids; Vice-Pres., Co. A, N. V. Gregory, Homer; Co. B, Thomas Murray, Chadwick; Co. C, P. E. O'Brien, Berrien Center; Co. D, D. W. Fease; Sec., Paul R. Baldy, Schoolcraft; Treas., John B. Handy, Three Rivers.

The 1st Me. Cav. held a very interesting Reunion, there being 22 members present. Among them was Gen. C. H. Smith, 19th U. S., stationed at Fort Wayne. Col. Smith invited his old comrades and all their representatives from Maine to attend a dress parade of the Regulars in the morning, which they accepted.

The First Brigade of the First Division of the Tenth Army Corps had about 50 members present at their Reunion. The next Reunion will be held in Washington at the time of the National Encampment. The officers elected were: Pres., Col. Edward Campbell, 85th Pa.; Vice-Pres., Col. Steele, 62d Ohio; L. A. Baker, 38th Ill.; Col. Samuel M. Zent, 38th Ind., and Col. A. C. Bonics, 67th Ohio; Sec., W. R. Morley, Chicago, 38th Ill.

At the Reunion of the 6th Mich. Cav. 107 survivors of the regiment placed their names on the register. E. A. Chandler was elected President and Charles A. Andrews Secretary for the ensuing year, both being Detroiters. Its next annual Reunion will be held in Detroit. Resolutions of condolence with the family of Capt. Theo. W. Lockwood, of Dakota, formerly a resident of Detroit, were adopted.

The 2d Mich. had 170 old comrades at their Reunion, many shaking hands together the first time for a quarter of a century. The same officers were re-elected.

The 66th Ill. (Western Sharpshooters) opened their Reunion by the election of officers: N. R. Park, Lieutenant of Co. H, President, and Rev. Frank McAlpin, Co. D, Secretary. Ben Barker, publisher of the Reed City *Clarion*, who was a Sergeant of Co. D, was chosen Historian. It was decided to meet in regular regimental Reunion on Aug. 19, 20, and 21, at Tuscola, Ill.

Several members of the 25th Ohio waited a long time for a sufficient number to hold a Reunion, but it appeared that many of the boys had returned to their homes, and nothing was done.

Mayor Pingree entertained the Salem party at breakfast Aug. 5. The party consisted of 29 ladies and gentlemen, from Beverly, Salem and Gloucester. They are all members of the G.A.R. and the auxiliary branches thereof. Frank H. Close, of Beverly, one of the leading spirits in the party, was a comrade of Mayor Pingree during the war. Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Z. Perkins assisted in forming the first auxiliary to the G.A.R. 21 years ago, at Gloucester, Mass., Clara Barton Lodge, Sisters of the G.A.R., which now has a membership of 125. Mrs. Reddin, President of the Gloucester Corps, was another member of the party.

The Berdan Sharpshooters, of Michigan, held a pleasant Reunion, 138 registering at headquarters. The evening was mainly devoted to reminiscences, all of which were very interesting. Chas. N. Race, of Owosso, was elected President for the ensuing year; Gardner B. Cook, Grand Rapids, Vice-President, and Eli Cook, Lyons Rapids, Secretary and Treasurer. The location for next year's Reunion was left with the executive officers.

The 13th N. Y. held no Reunion, O. White and Wm. Pincner, of Cattaraugus, N. Y., being the only representatives.

There was a large gathering of that once-invincible band of fighting men, the 18th N. Y. Dragoons. Gen. Thomas J. Thorp, formerly Colonel of the regiment, made the opening address, which aroused the boys to the highest pitch of enthusiasm, and they cheered him to the echo. Other members made very interesting remarks, which brought forth loud applause. The annual Reunion of the First Dragoons will be held at Portage, N. Y.

The Reunion of the 7th Ind. Cav. Association was opened with prayer by Chaplain Whitzel, after which the various committees made their reports. This was followed by the election of officers. The President, James R. Lowes, delivered a very spirited address, in which he pointed out the strong showing that Indiana made in suppressing the rebellion. He also referred to a number of comrades who had been called away by death during the year just passed. Lieut. Lowes returned the thanks of the association to Col. C. V. R. Pond for his promptness in securing quarters for Encampment week.

One of the most interesting Reunions at the Detroit Encampment was that held by the Association of Survivors of the 1st battalion of the 13th U. S. This Association has undertaken the publication of a history of the 1st battalion, advance sheets of which were read at the meeting, and were received with much comment by the members. Officers were chosen as follows: Maj. F. P. Muhlenberg, President; John W. Forman, Independence, Iowa, Vice-President; W. W. Gardner, Rockford, Iowa, Secretary; Joseph L. Horr, Dubuque, Iowa, Historian and Treasurer; Daniel Ryan, Chaplain; Executive Committee, James Kephard, J. L. Horr, J. W. Forman, J. M. Richards and H. Hess.

Battery H, 1st Mich. Art., was represented by about 60 members. Capt. M. D. Elliott, of Holly, President, and Senator C. A. Fridlender acted as Secretary. E. A. Candler, of Detroit, was chosen President for the ensuing year, Senator Fridlender, Secretary and Treasurer. It was voted to hold the next Reunion at Detroit in 1892.

The annual Reunion of the 23d N. Y. Ind'p't battery was attended by 31 members. The principal feature of the meeting was speeches and reminiscences of the company's war service by various members. They voted unanimously to hold its Reunion of 1892 at Chautauqua Lake, N. Y. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Ames Parker, Chautauqua; Vice-President, Rev. F. P. Pierce, Birmingham, Mich.; Secretary and Treasurer, William D. Lovell, Lockport, N. Y.

The Reunion of the survivors of the Regular Brigade, Fourteenth Corps, Army of the Cumberland, which comprises the 15th, 16th, and 19th U. S., and Battery H, 5th Art., was attended by quite a large number of that splendid command. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, David Lakin, Columbus, O.; Vice-President, Barney McDonough, Detroit, and E. C. Beach, Secretary and Treasurer, Columbus, O. Executive Committee, James Deering, Detroit; Philip Game, Canal Winchester, O.; Conrad Zull, Petoskey, Mich.; Frank Snyder, Columbus, O. It was voted to hold the next Reunion at the time and place of meeting of the National Encampment, G.A.R. After an immense amount of hand shaking had been done, the remnant of the brigade formed in line and marched to the residence of Mrs. Gen. John H. King, the widow of their old commander, where they were most heartily received by that lady and her family.

Over 100 members attended the Reunion of the First Brigade, First Division, Ninth Corps. The meeting was devoted to short addresses by the different members.

The famous 1st Me. Cav. held a large Reunion for a regiment 1,000 miles away, some 22 comrades being present, Gens. Smith, Cilley and Lieut. Andrew being among the number.

In Room 34, High School Building, the first Reunion of the 1st U. S. Vet. Vol. Eng'rs took place. Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and North Dakota were represented, and it was decided to form a permanent organization. Lieut.-Col. Perrin Y. Fox, of Grand Rapids, was elected President, and Capt. James H. Smith, of Newark, O., Secretary and Treasurer. Fine addresses were made by Col. Fox and Capt. Geo. Turner, of Bay City. The next Reunion will be held on the second day of the next National Encampment, in Washington.

The 27th Mich. reuned at the office of Dr. E. E. Smith, 50 Lafayette avenue. There were 171 present. James A. Crozier, of Menominee, was elected President; M. H. Hilger, Vice-President; Dr. Hamilton E. Smith, Treasurer; I. R. Jameson, Secretary. The next meeting will be held at Portland, Mich., the second day before the meeting of the State G.A.R. encampment.

The 4th Mich. held their annual meeting at the Houghton School. They elected the following officers: Pres., John Dean, of Litchfield; V.-P.'s, A. B. Paterick, Detroit, Judge O. A. James, Hillsdale, John Hall, Oswego, N. Y.; Sec., C. M. Hadley, Hillsdale.

The 103d Ohio held an informal meeting at their headquarters, Houghton School. The regular election of officers will be held at Randall's Grove, Lake Erie, Aug. 18.

The California veterans met at 42 West Congress street, and re-elected Gen. H. Pettis, of Providence, R. I., President. Wm. A. Whitney, of Pittsburg, was made Secretary. The attendance was small, and a resolution was adopted urging all members to be present at the next Encampment at Washington, D. C.

The 48th Ohio met at the Bishop School, and adjourned to meet at the next G.A.R. Encampment, or at such place as may be named by the following committee: Capts. Cochrane, Montgomery, and Lowry.

About 75 of the old members of the new 3d Mich. held a very pleasant Reunion in room D, Bishop School.

The blackboard in room C, Bishop School, School, where the 114th Ohio were to hold a Reunion, bore the following: "The 114th Ohio will rally here at 9 a. m., Thursday, Aug. 6." Only three were present.

The First Brigade, First Division, Ninth Corps, met in the United States Court Room, over 100 being present. The meeting was devoted to short addresses by different members, and there was a long list of speakers. The Colonel, C. K. Pier, of Milwaukee, told how he obtained the Colonelcy. The 109th N. Y., known as the "109th Fighting Boys," was raised by Gen. Tracy. Battle after battle had resulted in the loss of every commissioned officer, and the once-full regiment was reduced to less than 200 men. "It was under these conditions that I, a green Western boy, was given command of the remnant of war-scarred and battle-worn veterans," said the Colonel. "When the order was read out I could see that the old heroes didn't like it; but orders were orders, and"—— "We like it well enough now," interrupted one of the old 109th, and the applause which followed drowned the Colonel's conclusion.

The Iron Brigade met at Detroit. Maj. Stewart presided, and the election resulted in Gen. John Gibbon, of San Raphael, Cal., being chosen President; Maj. James Stewart, of Carthage, O., Vice-President; W. W. Jones, of Madison, Wis., Secretary and Treasurer. Very interesting addresses were made by Gen. Fairchild, Judge Buckel, of California; Capt. Bushnell, of Wisconsin, and Capt. Harris, of Minnesota, both of the latter being Congressmen-elect. Muncie was decided on as the next place of Reunion.

The annual Reunion of the 16th Mich., joined with the Third Brigade, First Division, Fifth Corps, composed of the 12th, 17th and 44th N. Y., 83d Pa. and 20th Me., was held at the Star Island House, outside of Detroit. Over 800 of the boys took rations at dinner and supper. They went up and back on the Greyhound, and had a delightful time. The officers elected were: Maj. R. W. Jacklin, of Detroit, President; J. Apted, of Grand Rapids, Secretary; Col. Edward Hill, 16th Mich., Vice-President. Mrs. Col. Stocklin, whose husband died recently at Flint, and who commanded the 16th, was present and enjoyed the Reunion as much as any of the veterans.

The gallant old 15th Mich., which has made as many hard marches and fought as many hard battles as any regiment in the service, held its first Reunion. The meeting was called to order by the senior Captain, William J. St. Clair, and Col. Fred Hutchinson was chosen President, H. C. McLeod, of Imlay City, Secretary, and Maj. Bell, Treasurer. A Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was appointed: Samuel W. Burroughs, Charles E. Sells, Capt. David Sample. Committee on History: Capt. G. W. McBride, Col. Hutchinson, Col. Moses La Point. Mrs. John Bishop presented each person present with a boutonnaire, which she pinned on the wearer; her late husband being a member of the 15th.

The first Reunion of officers and soldiers who served in California regiments during the rebellion was held at Detroit Aug. 5. Among those present were George H. Pettis, Charles Parissette, G. A. Lloyd, Austin W. Scoville, Wm. A. Whitney, A. C. Mullens, Alonzo V. Corson, C. E. Baker, of the 1st Inf.; C. S. Swank, 3d Inf.; D. H. Gram, J. F. Black, I. J. Reese, and N. R. Shemmerhorn, 5th Inf.; T. O. Simmons, A. McGivney, and G. Ayers, 1st Cav.; F. H. Russell, H. C. Wadleigh, and Ass't Surg. C. C. Furley, 2d Cav. Capt. George H. Pettis, of Providence, R. I., was unanimously elected President of the Association, and Wm. A. Whitney was elected Secretary. The Executive Committee will be announced by circular. Brevet Maj. George S. Courtright, late Assistant Surgeon U. S. Vols., was elected as an honorary member. Col. Albert J. Fountain, Department Commander of New Mexico, G.A.R., who served in the 1st Cal., registered after the meeting.

Forty members of the Mississippi Ram Fleet and Marine Brigade met at Cass School. Commander C. G. Fisher, of Boston, presided. Col. George E. Curry, of Cincinnati, was elected Commander for the ensuing year. Comrade Simeon Cleal, of Ransom, Ill., better known by the soubriquet of "Old Dug," Senior Vice-Commander; Comrade David Perry, of Antwerp, O., Junior Vice-Commander, and Capt. W. D. Crandall, of Brookfield, Mo., Recorder and Treasurer, the last a re-election. Col. Curry's speech elicited much enthusiasm, and in which it was made very clearly to appear that the history of this most useful brigade is yet to be written, and that the facts of its invaluable service to the Union cause in the West are very imperfectly known, if known at all.

The Pyrotechnic Display.

The contract for the fireworks with Mr. Pain, of London, was one of the most magnificent, and by many thousands of dollars the most expensive, pyrotechnic display ever seen in America. It is believed that fully 100,000 people saw the display. The spectators were of all ranks and conditions. The flagship Michigan and the revenue cutters carried up loads of distinguished people. The lighthouse steamers were crowded. All the ferryboats and side-wheel steamers were called into line. The bridge, three fourths of a mile long, was black with people, the grand stands were packed, and both the American and Canadian shores were lined.

The air was filled continuously with aerial maroons, 10 monster gas balloons, rockets, bombs, asteroids, tourbillions, and aerial serpents, and the river was twice illuminated by 200 powerful colored lights and by 3,000 aquatic fireworks, consisting of flying fish, water wagtails, torpedoes, dolphins, etc.

The concluding device was Perry's Victory on Lake Erie, in which four line-of-battle ships enacted with realistic effect this stirring incident in American history. Lieut. K. W. Perry, a lineal descendant of Commodore Perry, crossed in his boat from one vessell to another, as is represented in the famous picture in the Capital at Washington.

Home Without a Mother.

The room's in disorder,
The cat's on the table,
The flower-stand upset, and the mischief to pay;
And Johnny is screaming
As loud as he's able,
For nothing goes right when mamma's away.

What a scene of discomfort and confusion home would be if mamma did not return! If your wife is slowly breaking down, from a combination of domestic cares and female disorders, make it your first *business* to restore her health. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is without a peer as a remedy for feeble and debilitated women, and is the only medicine for the class of maladies known as female diseases which is sold under a *positive guarantee* from the manufacturers that it will give satisfaction, or the money will be refunded. It is a positive cure for the most complicated cases of womb troubles.

RELIEF CORPS.

The Ninth National Convention. Growth of the Order.

The Ninth National Convention Woman's Relief Corps—Mary Sears McHenry, National President, in the Chair—opened in the Church of Our Father, Detroit, Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 10 o'clock a. m. The singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," was followed by prayer by National Chaplain Littlefield, concluding with the Lord's Prayer, the whole Convention uniting. The roll of officers was called, all responding to their names, except Ella Powell, National Inspector, detained in Kansas by illness. When the Past National Presidents were called it was found that the first National President, E. Florence Barker, Malden, Mass.; the third National President, Sarah E. Fuller, Medford, Mass., and the fifth National President, Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, were all absent. Great regret was expressed by the delegates assembled over the absence of these great leaders.

At this stage Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Der Voort, the only comrade holding honorary membership in the National Woman's Relief Corps, was announced and conducted to the platform by Department President Augusta A. Wales, of Massachusetts. In his usual ringing tones he extended greetings to the Convention, complimented them upon their magnificent work of the year, and bade them Godspeed. He closed with an invitation to the Relief Corps to join the Grand Army in an annual conclave next year at Lincoln, Neb. Great enthusiasm attended his visit. President Prentiss, of Potomac Corps, Washington, in behalf of a committee of citizens, presented an invitation to the ladies to come to Washington in 1892. Both request and invitation were upon motion laid upon the table, pending action by the G.A.R. Encampment.

Kate B. Sherwood, Chairman National Pension Committee, read the following letter from Mrs. John A. Logan:

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 25, 1891.

MY DEAR MRS. SHERWOOD: On my return home I found your kind notice of the meeting of the National Pension Committee at Detroit. I am very sorry that it will not be possible for me to attend the annual Encampment this year. You know what a grief this is to me, because I always feel how uncertain life is, and that each year may be the last.

Think how true the prophetic words of Gen. Sherman: "I shall not be here to attend the meeting at Detroit." Poor, dear old hero! I was much affected by his depressed feelings at Boston. He talked in such a melancholy way to Mrs. Alger and myself that we both felt very bad. * * * You may explain to the ladies the impossibility of my being with you.

[Here Mrs. Sherwood said: "Ladies, I will say that only the holiest family duties, of birth or of death, would detain Mrs. Logan. She is—with happiest expectations—attending her daughter, Mrs. Maj. Tucker."]

Give my love to the W.R.C., and all my warmest greetings and very best wishes for the continual prosperity and usefulness of the Order, and with devoted affection for your own dear self,

I am, as ever, faithfully yours,
MARY A. LOGAN.

After reading this letter Mrs. Sherwood presented the following greeting, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Greeting of ninth National Convention to their revered and loved sister and wife of ex-Commander-in-Chief John A. Logan, blessed in memory: May gracious peace spread her sheltering wings over her and hers this day.

Greetings were sent to Past National Presidents Barker, Fuller, Kinne, and others.

On motion of Past Department President Mary E. Knowles (Mass.), Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross Association, was introduced from the platform, and briefly addressed the Convention in her beautiful, womanly way. On motion of Kate B. Sherwood, seconded by Lizabeth A. Turner, Harriette L. Reed and others, it was voted to carry the names of Past Commander-in-Chief Van Der Voort and Clara Barton on the roll-call of the W.R.C. perpetually. Adopted by a rising vote with great enthusiasm and waving of handkerchiefs, the galleries rising spontaneously with the floor.

The address of National President McHenry was followed by the reports of the National Secretary and National Treasurer. By vote of Convention all other reports were submitted to committees without a reading, and printed copies distributed to delegates. The President's address will be given later. She reported that Corps have now been organized in every State except Alabama, and in all but three Territories. Even Canada has its Post and auxiliary Corps (Gen. Hancock, G.A.R. and W.R.C., Montreal,) attached to the Department of New York. There are 27 Corps auxiliary to colored Posts in the Southern States.

From the report of the National Secretary, Hannah R. Plympton, we have the following statistical summary:

Number of members in good standing	90,396
" " on transfer	2,514
" " on suspension	11,207
" " by delinquent reports	12,841
	116,958
RELIEF WORK.	
Expended by Corps for relief	$69,498 59
Turned over to Posts	30,075 91
	99,574 50
Relief other than money	45,234 71
Expended for National Home and Army Nurses outside the Home	5,931 69
	$150,740 30
AMOUNT ON HAND.	
General fund in Corps treasuries	$93,666 91
Relief fund in Corps treasuries	67,159 74
In all, fund in National treasury	8,043 48
Total on hand	$168,870 13

The officers chosen were: Pres., Sue A. Sanders, Illinois; S. V.-P., Margaret R. Wickens, Kansas; J. V-P., Mary Lyle Reynolds, Kentucky; Treas., Armilla A. Cheney, Michigan; Chap., Clara Barton, Washington, D. C. Executive Board, Lydia C. Hopkins, Michigan; Eliza A. Cawken, Oregon; Ellen M. Putnam, New York; Mary M. Brown, Rhode Island; Bianca L. Muller, Tennessee; Appointive Committee, Emma Stark Hamilton, Michigan.

CONVENTION NOTES.

The Committee on Credentials reported 447 members of Convention entitled to vote, of which 272 were present.

The Michigan women have done themselves proud, and all their arrangements were complete for the pleasure and comfort of guests.

The great carriage drive tendered the W.R.C. was a grand event of the week, with 97 private carriages in line, donated by the patriotic citizens of Detroit.

The Ohio delegates' badge was a cut of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, Xenia, O.; present Headquarters Woman's Relief Corps, Department of Ohio, Mary A. McQuiston, Department President. The Home has 31 cottages and the finest industrial department of the schools in the United States. Trades are taught the boys and the girls are instructed in practical cookery and dressmaking. Past National Senior Vice-President Cora Day Young is Matron-in-Chief, and was a member of the Ohio delegation.

The fine portrait of National President Mary Sears McHenry, painted in India ink for the McHenry Room of the National W.R.C. Home, Madison, O., was on exhibition at W.R.C. Headquarters.

M. Estella McMillan, National President of the Tent Division, Daughters of Veterans, is in attendance upon the Encampment, accompanied by numerous delegates to the second National Encampment, Daughters of Veterans, held last week at Massillon, O. This organization, now two years old, increased its membership tenfold last year, rising from 100 to 1,000. The Camp Division has Headquarters at San Jose, Cal., and this is also growing in membership. The Daughters of Veterans are stationed at Room L, Cass School.

Wells Post Band, Columbus, O., honored the Relief Corps Convention with a serenade at the noon hour Wednesday.

The Convention Hall was decorated in the most elegant and artistic manner. Around the gallery hangs deep-red velvet, heavily embroidered with gold stars and designs of flowers, and edged with deep gold fringe. Back of the stage were golden-colored curtains of brocade, gracefully looped, while over these trailed similar festoons. A handsome "Welcome," in pink immortelles, with framing of smilax, for a background, and from this was suspended the National badge, also in immortelles, the red, white, blue and gold being very natural in color.

The receptions of Potomac Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Department of the Potomac, G.A.R., were largely attended. Five members of the Woman's Press Club, Washington, accompanied the delegation.

Sons of Veterans.

The Sons of Veterans were numerous at the Encampment, and made a particularly fine showing in the parade. There was one Division Encampment held, that of Michigan. It was convened in a room in the High School, which had been handsomely decorated for the occasion with bunting, foliage, plants, etc. Col. F. D. Eddy, of Lowell, was in the chair, and the following officers were present: Lieut.-Col. H. C. Thompson, of Bay City; Maj. F. J. McMurtrie, Three Rivers, Division Council; Norman G. Cooper, of Sturgis; M. F. Blair, of Owosso; H. W. Mosier, of Saginaw. Past Cols. M. E. Hale, of Hillsdale, and F. M. Williams, of Grand Rapids, were also in attendance, as well as about 150 Captains, delegates and voters.

Commander-in-Chief L. J. Webb, of Kansas; Q. M.-Gen. Hazelton. Past Adj't-Gen. Carlisle, Past Col. Barton, of Rhode Island; Col. Newton, of Indiana; Col. Hilliard, of Ohio; Surg. Leonard, of Illinois; Maj. Gerry, of Illinois; Capt. Morris, of Ohio; Gen. M. E. Hall, of Michigan, and other prominent brothers were received with the honors due their position, and Gen. Webb made a ringing speech, setting forth the great objects of the Order, and stated that during the 11 months he had been in command 30,000 sons had been admitted to the rolls in the United States.

The second day's session was held in the A. O. U. W. Hall. The reports showed that there are now a little less than 3,000 members, composing 150 Camps, 27 of which have been mustered the past year. The Division is in excellent condition financially. Maj. Davis, of Pittsburg, made a stirring address, and speeches were also listened to from Past Col. Henry R. Bacon, of Ohio; Past Chief of Staff Harry A. Russell, and others. The election of Fred C. Stillson, of Battle Creek, as Colonel, was announced amid great enthusiasm. A. F. Bunting, of Frankfort, was chosen Lieutenant-Colonel, and F. J. McMurtrie Major.

Ex-Prisoners of War.

The Union ex-Prisoners of War held their annual meeting at Detroit, Aug. 5. The President, E. H. Williams, of Indiana, made a strong speech in reference to the treatment accorded the ex-prisoners. His speech was well received, and the following portion was formally approved by the Association:

As an organization, and in view of the great and peculiar hardship and suffering endured as prisoners, we believe special compensation is due us. Many when captured were robbed of what little earnings they had saved from the small compensation allowed by the Government, as well as other valuables taken from them. Many were held long months after their term of service had expired, while others were compelled to expend their own means in order to get home after their release, all of which ought to be valid claims against the Government. For a number of years bills have been presented to Congress, looking to such measures as we felt were due us. But so far all of our appeals have availed nothing. It would seem that the suffering and death of 47,000 of our comrades who are buried around the Southern prisons should ever be kept sacred in memory of what they suffered for their country, for by the sacrifice of such men civilization survives. Around the names of Andersonville, Florence and other prisons will ever linger the memory of misery and suffering which has no parallel in history. Yet for 25 years our Government has never so much as given us a vote of thanks for the sacrifice made.

The reports of the committee were next read, and among them was one embodying a bill to be presented at the next session of Congress in behalf of the soldiers who were in prison for a period of not less than 60 days or more, providing that they shall receive $2 for every day of their confinement from the Government.

The following officers were elected: President, Stephen M. Long, East Orange, N.J.; Vice-President, Maj. Marion T. Anderson, District of Columbia; Chaplain, John S. Ferguson, Keokuk, Iowa; Historian, Warren Lee, Norwich, Conn.; members of the Executive Committee, R. F. Wilson, Ohio; C. W. Pavey, Illinois; Geo. W. Grant, Minnesota; E. H. Ripples, Pennsylvania.

Naval Veterans.

The officers elected at the annual Convention of the National Association of Naval Veterans in the City Hall were: Rear-Admiral, Wm. S. Wells, New Haven, Conn.; Commodore, R. F. Osbon, New York; Capt., D. B. Hubbard, Chicago; Com., Wm. E. Atkins, Cincinnati; Lieut. Com., W. H. Place, Providence, R. I.; Senior Lieut., A. L. Lowe, Texas; Junior Lieut., J. W. Keel, Columbus, O.; Paymaster, A. G. Fortiel, Buffalo; Surg., A. T. Schertzer, Baltimore, Md.; Chap., Robert E. Edwards, New York. It was decided to hold the next Convention in Baltimore, Md., in 1892, during the week preceding the next G.A.R. Encampment.

One of the largest regimental Reunions held was that of the 1st Mich. Cav. There were 251 members present. The election of officers resulted: Pres., Capt. N. K. White, of Lapeer; Vice-Pres., Capt. E. L. Negus, of Chelsea; Sec., G. W. Demorest, of Romeo. The next Reunion was voted to be held at Romeo on the first Wednesday in October, 1892. A general discussion of the engagements in which the cavalry took part followed, and the veterans then parted, with the hope of meeting each other a year hence.

The 10th N. Y. Cav. held a Reunion in Room 321 Hammond Building. Col. A. T. Bliss, of Saginaw, called the meeting to order, and Mark Brownwell, of Courtland, New York, acted as Secretary. Fifty members were present, representing 10 different States. The regiment during the war was in the Third Brigade, Second Division, Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac.

Cos. F and K, 3d U. S. Inf., held their annual Reunion at Headquarters, 137 Fort street west. About 50 comrades were present. They held their annual election and elected the following officers: Pres., F. Rodgers, Michigan; Vice-Pres., Geo. Wall, Detroit; Sec., Albert Borchman, Detroit; Treas., Jas. Kinney, Washington, D. C.

The Reunion of the 25th Mich. convened at Room E, Houghton School, and the following officers were elected: Pres., George B. Harker, Leadville, Colo.; Vice-Pres., Julius C. Cross, Adrian, Mich.; Sec., S. D. McUmber, Calliope, Iowa. Adjourned to meet at National Encampment, 1892.

Willich's Brigade, of the Fourth Army Corps, met in Room B, Bishop School. It was resolved to hold the next Reunion at the same time and place as the National Encampment. The following officers were elected: Pres., Gen. Gibson; Sec., Capt. L. G. Nelson. One Vice-President from each regiment of the brigade was chosen, as follows: Capt. P. G. Gardner, 15th Ohio; Col. Miles, 49th Ohio; Maj. Geo. Wilson, 15th Wis.; Col. W. P. Chandler, 35th Ill.; Col. Taggert, 25th Ill.; Col. C. T. Hotchkiss, 89th Ill.; Col. Conover, 8th Kan.; Capt. Messner, 32d Ind., Gen. A. D. Strail, 51st Ind.; Capt. W. T. Goodspeed, of Goodspeed's battery.

The Silent Army and the Maimed Soldiers.

The Silent Army met during the Encampment. While there was no shouting, no pounding on the table, and no oratorical flights and no cheering, there was a good deal of business transacted. The Silent Army decided to lay the matter of its pension claims before the Pension Committee of the Grand Army; but the principal object of the Reunion was to give these men a chance to get some social enjoyment out of an affair that would be uninteresting to them under ordinary circumstances. Hardly one in ten of these veterans is able to do anything for his own support, and yet the pension rate for total deafness is less than one-half what it is for both the loss of both arms or both legs. An effort will be made for larger pensions.

The Maimed Soldiers' League also held a Reunion, and several hundred members attended. There are 8,000 of them, and Isaac R. Martindell, of Philadelphia, presided at the Reunion, which was purely social, and devoted entirely to reminiscences and a discussion of the pension rate.

Loyal Legion.

The Headquarters of the Loyal Legion was at the Light Infantry Armory. They received large numbers of visiting comrades and treated them royally. On Tuesday the place was open all day for the registration of visiting members of the Order. As fast as the names were enrolled upon the book the members were presented with cards of invitation for the river and lake excursion to the Flats and Grande Pointe, which was given Wednesday afternoon. The Commandery of Michigan resolved itself into a grand reception committee, and were in constant attendance to extend a cordial greeting to visitors. Among the distinguished visitors to the Headquarters were Gen. John M. Dennis, Omaha, Neb.; Col. Nicholas Greusel, the first Colonel of the 36th Ill.; Gen. Mizner, Col. H. L. Chipman, Gen. G. S. Wormer, and Col. Ira C. Abbott.

On Monday, Aug. 3, the Michigan Commandery of the Loyal Legion kept open house at the Detroit Light Infantry Armory. About 400 members of the Order availed themselves of this opportunity. In the night they gave an informal reception to Gen. Rutherford B. Hayes, the National Commander, at Col. F. J. Decker's residence. Extemporaneous speeches were made, and the 200 ladies and gentlemen present passed an enjoyable evening. There were also present Army officers from Fort Wayne and Naval officers from the Flagship Michigan and several revenue cutters.

Wednesday evening a general reception was tendered Gen. Hayes at the Armory parlors. Many prominent people were present, and the evening passed without any incidents.

On Thursday an excursion was given, to which all the members of the Loyal Legion, with their ladies, were invited. A large number attended, and a delightful evening was had.

Col. and Mrs. F. J. Hecker tendered a reception to ex-President Hayes. The reception was more for members of the Legion, but as no invitations were sent other people attended. The guests were introduced by Col. Samuel E. Pittman, Commander of Michigan Commandery. Nearly 150 called to pay their respects, among whom were Gen. Beal, Treasurer of Maine; Gen. Byron R. Pierce, ex-Congressman Bliss, Saginaw; ex-Senator Thomas W. Palmer and Capt. More, Grand Rapids.

Ladies of the G.A.R.

The Ladies of the G.A.R. held a very successful meeting. The Order is a purely charitable and social institution, and was called into existence for the purpose of taking into a benevolent, working, patriotic association all the members of soldiers' families. While the G.A.R. excludes women and the Woman's Relief Corps excludes men, the Ladies of the G.A.R. make both eligible, admitting a soldier's mother, widow, wife, sister or daughter, and all ex-soldiers and marines. Its popularity is attested by its growth. This is the fifth year of its National organization. Its total membership is between 15,000 and 20,000, and the President states that 260 new circles have been chartered during the past year. Its object is very broad, being simply to render protection and aid to all soldiers, their widows and orphans, and to see that no one who has served his country in its hour of need shall be an inmate of a poorhouse. Its revenue is derived from dues, donations and the proceeds of entertainments.

The officers elected were: National President, M. J. Cartledge, Kansas; S. V.-P., Alice Bishop, Massachusetts; J. V.-P., Nettie Sanford, Chapin, Iowa; Treas., Annie Grubb, New Jersey; Chap., Alonzo Page, Illinois.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Replies to Questions on a Variety of Interesting Subjects.

[*To Correspondents.*—Write questions on a separate sheet of paper, give full name and address, and mark it "Correspondents' Column." No attention will be paid to communications that are not accompanied with full name and address of writer. Our readers are requested to inclose a stamp for reply to their inquiries. Postal cards will be replied to by mail only. Replies by mail will ordinarily be made within a week, and if in this column within three weeks.]

D., Greenville, N. J.—If a pensioner should go to England, and after his arrival there he should find it impossible to return, on account of sickness, or for any other reason, could he have his pension permanently transferred to him there? If so, how should he proceed to get it? *Answer.* His pension could be drawn in England the same as in the United States. He should notify the United States Pension Agent who at present pays his pension, and said Pension Agent will instruct him how to have his name transferred to the roll of the Washington Pension Agency, from whence his pension will be forwarded to his address abroad. All pensions in foreign countries are paid through the Washington Agency.

T. B. T., Vincennes, Ind.—A soldier dies leaving a widow and minor children. One of the children loses her eyesight after her father's death, but before she arrives at the age of 16 years. After the death of the mother the minor children apply for and receive pension. Is the blind girl entitled to her pension of $2 per month during her life, she having applied for her pension after she was 16 years of age? *Answer.* As the child referred to was over the age of 16 years at the date of the passage of the act of June 27, 1890, which provides for helpless children, she cannot receive her pension for life. The act referred to makes provision only for such children as were on the pension-roll and under 16 years of age on June 27, 1890, or else were under the age of 16 when application was filed under the act of June 27, 1890. Thus a minor who was over 16 on June 27, 1890, cannot have title to pension under the new law.

T. D. C., Bangor, Me.—Soldier was married in 1870 and died in 1878. His wife died in 1885, leaving a minor child. Will this child draw pension from the date of the father's death, in 1878, or only from the mother's death, in 1885? The mother never drew pension. *Answer.* She will draw from date of soldier's death if she establishes her claim.

Several Subscribers state that we were mistaken in stating that we published a synopsis of the Attorney-General's decision as to artificial limbs in our issue of June 25, 1891, and request us to again publish the same. The decision holds that the act of March 3, 1891, reducing the period of commutation and artificial limbs from five to three years, shall not be retroactive. If a soldier or sailor last received his limb, or commutation therefor, prior to March 3, 1888, then another artificial limb, or commutation therefor, became due on March 3, 1891, the date of the passage of the act; but if the limb or commutation was last received on or subsequent to March 3, 1888, then another becomes due three years from the time he last received the same. We regret to state, however, that the appropriation for artificial limbs and commutation has been exhausted, and no more can be paid until Congress meets in December and makes an appropriation.

G. W. G., Martinsville, Ind.—1. What is the total amount disbursed on account of pensions from the beginning of the war to the present time? 2. What was the disbursement for pensions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891? 3. What amount has been appropriated for next year? 4. What is the number of pensioners now on the roll? 5. How many applications are now pending? *Answer.* 1. The total amount disbursed from July 1, 1860, to July 1, 1890, is $1,158,712,386.36. 2. It is impossible to answer this question accurately until the report of the Commissioner of Pensions for the year ending June 30, 1891, shall have been published. The total amount *appropriated* for that year was $128,000,000. 3. The amount appropriated for this year is $150,000,000. 4. We should think that the total number of pensioners of all classes now on the roll is nearly 700,000. 5. There are more than 900,000 claims now pending, but a very large proportion of these are claims for increase, so that this does not represent more than half of this number of claimants. Many claimants have two or more claims on file.

S. I. I., Bridgeport, Ill.—Please inform me whether greenbacks, or legal-tender notes, are taxable. *Answer.