THE GRAND ARMY.

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

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

CONNECTICUT.—

Burpee Post, 71—Com., A. Park Hammond; S. V. C., Egbert Dart; J. V. C., Wm. Mann; Q. M., E. B. Durfee; Surg., Wm. B. Root; Chap., Charles Weston; Adj't, G. N. Brigham; O. D., W. J. Noad; O. G., W. G. Ellis; S.-M., D. F. Andrews; Q. M.-S., Wm. H. Green.

ILLINOIS.—

Major Lee Post, 277, Rosville—Com., Ezra Hackman; S. V. C., Charles Reiff; J. V. C., S. Cook; Adj't, D. C. Lee; Q. M., Adam Hoover; Surg., J. J. McElroy; Chap., J. Prather; Q. M.-S., G. S. Maury; S.-M., J. W. Miller.

INDIANA.—

Lasile Post, 410—Com., Thomas Green; S. V. C., John D. Kearschner; J. V. C., Albert J. Reed; Adj't, L. H. Dickerson; Q. M., James A. Hamilton; Chap., Jesse Artist; S.-M., Nelson Palmer; Q. M.-S., John Schneuker; Surg., Samuel Cheek.

KANSAS.—

Washington Post, 12, Lawrence—Com., J. W. Wellman; S. V. C., S. P. Criss; J. V. C., Samuel Houston; Chap., M. D. Mustard; Q. M., S. H. Andrews; O. D., F. A. Myers; O. G., J. M. Spencer; Adj't, David Lydett; Q. M.-S., Solomon Engle; S. M., J. A. Paff; Surg., C. V. Martin.

Thompson Post, 246—Com., F. L. Allison; S. V. C., B. A. Crouse; J. V. C., E. E. Wilkins; O. D., H. M. Wade; Q. M., S. Arnold; Chap., J. Dawson; O. G., D. Ruby; Adj't, J. F. Watson; Q. M.-S., W. H. Dewalt.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

Samuel Sibley Post, 137, East Douglas—Com., Marcus M. Luther; S. V. C., Charles A. Whipple; J. V. C., Theron H. Barton; Surg., Wm. N. Jones; Chap., Joseph T. Arnold; Q. M., Elmer Balcome; S. M., Joseph Mills; Q. M. S., Herbert Stiles; Adj't, Alfred H. Marsh.

MICHIGAN.—

The last Encampment of this Department adopted a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee of three to co-operate with a similar committee of the Woman's Relief Corps of this State, in its initiatory step of "petitioning the Legislature for an appropriation toward the erection, maintenance of a Home in this State where aged comrades and their wives, widows, with their children and homeless orphans, can be provided for. The following-named comrades have been appointed such committee. The Chairman will confer with Mrs. Sara L. Brown, Ithaca, Chairman of the W.R.C. committee: Comrade A. T. Bliss, Saginaw, Chairman; Comrade H. S. White, Milford; Comrade Giles T. Brown, Ithaca. The roster of the Department for 1892, now in the hands of Post Commanders, was printed under the supervision of the late Department officers. There are some errors which they, as well as others, regret. Where corrections are noted in General Orders, it is requested that the same be made upon the rosters. Post 418 should be made to read as in Barry County instead of Bay County. N. Y. Whitlock, of the same Post, is Adjutant, not Quartermaster, and H. A. Lathrop is Quartermaster, not Adjutant. Comrade D. G. Dove, late Commander of Post 62, having resigned, Comrade Miles Mulford has been elected and installed as Commander of said Post.

MINNESOTA.

James Clabaugh Post, 54, Winnebago City—Com., Joseph Teubner; S. V. C., E. A. Griffin; J. V. C., Samuel Cory; Chap., M. Scott; Adj't, T. R. Christie; Q. M., J. Vial; Surg., J. Cowing; I. S., B. K. Whitney; O. S., N. McColley; S. M., J. A. White; Q. M. S., A. Barns.

W. V. Preston Post, 185, Ashby—Com., Knut N. Olson; S. V. C., S. J. Beebe; J. V. C., Henry Pennock; Adj't, Frank Waldieck; Q. M., M. M. Small; Surg., S. H. Bowman; Chap., A. D. Drury; S. M., Ole Larson; Q. M. S., Knut Johnson.

NEW JERSEY.—

James A. Garfield Post, 4, Newark—Com., A. W. Tench; S. V. C., G. Richardson; J. V. C., W. W. Morris; Q. M., C. M. Russell; Surg., S. A. Clark; Chap., C. M. Colliver; Adj't, R. W. Simpson.

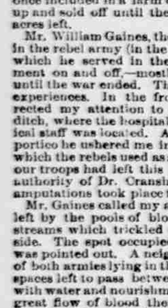
OHIO.—

Wm. C. Scott Post, 100, Van Wert—Com., August Stitz; S. V. C., Augustus Resch; J. V. C., J. B. Fronefield; Chap., Abraham Drake; Surg., E. L. Wilkinson; Adj't, A. J. Gleason; Q. M., D. S. Johnson; S. M., C. E. Henschkel; Q. M. S., E. Welch.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

Gen. John P. Taylor, who has been selected as the Commander of the Department of Pennsylvania, is one of the best known Grand Army comrades in the State. He was born in Mifflin County, Pa., June 6, 1827.

The patriotic services of Gen. Taylor cannot be compressed into a newspaper article. He was one of the first to tender a company ready to go in the dark Spring of 1861; was prominent at the battle of Dranesville, Va., where the Pennsylvania Reserves, of which his regiment formed the advance contingent, won one of the first Union victories of the war. He led a squadron in the wonderful cavalry charge at Cedar Mountain in 1862, when 140 men stopped and turned back Stonewall Jackson, with his iron division of 8,000 or 10,000 in charge for Knap's battery in three lines deep. They left one-half of the 140 on the field. In this battle his horse fell upon him, inflicting an injury and left him within the enemy's lines, but he managed to make his escape to the Union lines. Gen. Taylor participated and distinguished himself in the battles of Brandy Station, Cross Keys and Locust Grove. At Mine Run he captured the entire skirmish-line in front of him. In his service of three years he was engaged in more than 30 battles and skirmishes, either as regimental, brigade or division commander. Gen. D. McGregg in his forensic order said: "To you, Gen. Taylor, my thanks are due for the efficient manner in which you have always performed your duty." The name of the plain, modest farmer, John P. Taylor, and his record in war and peace, will be one of the brightest lights in the future history of the Juniata region as long as history endures, because he loved and so highly served his country without a shade of self-seeking ambition.



SOUTH DAKOTA.—

Sully Post, 13, Pierie—Com., Frank Lillibridge; S. V. C., Terril Pattison; J. V. C., J. E. Rose; Q. M., George McMillen; Chap., Jacob Mathews; Surg., Jonathan Hocket; Adj't, J. S. Sebree; Q. M. S., Henry L. Natmeyer; S. M., J. C. Calhoun.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.—

J. L. Reno Post, 47, Spokane—Com., D. K. Oliver; S. V. C., E. Morrisor; J. V. C., E. S. P. Bolton; Adj't, W. L. Boyd; Q. M., W. H. Wiscomb; Chap., Wm. L. Fleming; Surg., B. F. Freeman; Q. M. S., E. Vose; S. M., J. McWhirtz.

FROM THE BAY STATE.

Doings of Interest to Veterans and Their Friends.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: One of the most interesting spots I touched in my recent trip over the old battlefields was the residence of William Gaines. It is an old-time Southern mansion, once quite pretentious, standing on the fringe of the battlefield of Gaines's Mill. It stands back fully half a mile from the highway running from Mechanicsville to Gaines's Mill and Cold Harbor, in the midst of an extensive level tract of country once included in a farm of 937 acres, but now cut up and sold off until the homestead has but 125 acres left.

Mr. William Gaines, the present occupant, served in the rebel army (in the 15th Va.) until 1862, after which he served in the Quartermaster's Department on and off,—mostly off, I should judge,—until the war ended. The house is rich in historic experiences. In the front lawn Mr. Gaines directed my attention to the outlines of a shallow ditch, where the hospital tent of McClellan's medical staff was located. Ascending the steps of the portico he ushered me into the hall of the house, which the rebels used as an amputating-room after our troops had left this part of the field. On the authority of Dr. Cranshaw, a rebel Surgeon, 270 amputations took place there in one night.

Mr. Gaines called my attention to the dark stains left by the pools of blood on the floor and the streams which trickled across toward the lower side. The spot occupied by the amputating-tub was pointed out. A neighbor says he saw the men of both armies lying in the front yard in rows, with spaces left to pass between them to supply them with water and nourishment. Mr. Gaines says the great flow of blood there apparently killed the grass at that time, but that in September following it sprang up with a luxuriance which he never saw equaled.

But his greatest pride consists in the fact that in 1864, while the armies lay at Cold Harbor, the great Chieftain Robert E. Lee occupied the house as Headquarters, using the room on the right to one entering the front door for that purpose, and the chamber above it as a sleeping-room. He also points out with pride a handsome white oak standing 50 rods in front of the house, which Gen. Lee called the finest he ever saw. Mr. Gaines, while evidently a warm advocate of the Lost Cause, was most affable and gentlemanly in his bearing toward his visitors.

Rawlins Post, 43, Marlboro, dedicates its new hall this month; date not yet fixed.

Co. F, 36th Mass., had its annual Reunion at Springfield June 17; Hubert O. Moore, Assistant Adjutant-General of this Department, officiating as President.

The 29th Mass. Regimental Association held its annual Reunion at Nahant June 17. Mrs. Mary G. Deane, Department President W.R.C., whose husband, Maj. John M. Deane, served in this regiment, was a guest of the Association.

At the 50th anniversary of the setting off of Somerville as a distinct municipality the 17th, Posts 139, Somerville, and 66, Medford, Relief Corps 21, and George O. Braston Tent, Daughters of Veterans, both of Somerville, took part in the parade.

Corps 97, Lexington, entertained a delegation from Corps 39, Charlestown, and Corps 63, Roxbury, recently.

The Posts in Hudson, Amherst, Warren, Northampton, Holyoke, Greenfield and Lawrence have made arrangements to go to Washington via the B. & O. R. R.

An effort is making having for its object the merging in one organization of the Union Veteran Legion and the Union Veterans' Union. It is said to promise success.

Col. John H. Roberts, Department Commander Mass. U.V.U., has engaged quarters for 250 men in a schoolhouse during the Encampment.

A new command of the U.V.U. was recently organized in Henniker, N. H., Col. L. Cogswell, Colonel. Applications for charters are also pending in Fitchburg and New Haven.

The old 11th Mass. will hold its next Reunion at Marblehead, July 21. If they don't have a good time it won't be Billy Brown's fault.—B., Boston.

REUNIONS.

Annual Meetings and Other Matters Pertaining to Various Organizations.

[THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE wants the addresses of all Regimental Secretaries for 1892, '93. Reunion notices should be sent in early, and will be published once in this column.]

ILLINOIS.

J. D. White, President, 92d Ill.: It is proposed to erect a monument on the battlefield of Chickamauga to commemorate the honorable part that Miller's Brigade took in the strife, and in memory of comrades who from our old brigade gave up their lives on that bloody field in defense of the old flag. Gen. Wilder has written to Gen. S. D. Atkins, giving a description of the proposed monument. It is to be built of Tennessee granite or marble; base to be 6x6 feet; shaft, 50 feet high, 4x4 feet at base, and 2x2 feet at top. Names of regiments lettered on same. The site selected for the monument is near the Widow Glenn house, on Chickamauga battlefield; to cost $9,000, and will be a fine one. Gen Wilder starts the fund with the liberal subscription of $3,500, and asks the brigade to contribute the balance. About $100 per company will be required to raise the needed amount. Gen. Atkins approves the project and contributes liberally. Gen. Wilder has already engaged quarters for entire brigade near Crawfish Springs for September, and on Sept. 20, 1892, it is proposed to hold the ceremony of unveiling the monument. Comrades, shall we not have a part in this patriotic movement? Let us contribute $10, $5, or $1, as we have been prospered, and in September join our old comrades on this memorable battlefield and do honor to comrades dead and living. Send all contributions to Comrade Wallace Revell, Stillman Valley, Ill., Treasurer of 92d Ill. Regimental Reunion, who will receipt to you for same, and remit to Brigade Treasurer.

INDIANA.

All ex-members of the 38th Ind. not already enrolled will please forward their names and addresses to the undersigned. Object, a Reunion of the regiment in Jeffersonville, Oct. 7 and 8.—Wm. Friend, Secretary, Jeffersonville.

KENTUCKY.

D. W. Steele, Ashland: Eighth annual Reunion of the Northeast Kentucky Veteran Association, in Ashland Park, Aug. 24-26. Free rations will be served on the ground for all old soldiers.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Thomas E. Cutter, Secretary, Newburyport: Reunion 35th Mass. at Antietam Bridge Sept. 19.

NEW JERSEY.

The 2d N. J. held its annual meeting in Lincoln Post rooms, Newark, recently, about 100 members being present. Edward L. Conklin presided at the business meeting, and after reports had been presented and various comrades accounted for the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Edward L. Conklin, Newark; V.-P., Thomas Grimes, New York; Rec. Sec., Joseph Donovan, Elizabeth; Cor. Sec., Theodore A. Alston, Newark; Treas., S. D. Aspinwall, Newark; Sergeant-at-Arms, Joseph W. Woodruff, Newark. It was decided to held the next annual meeting in Newton, and the President and Dr. Stickle were appointed to confer with the comrades of that place in regard to the arrangements.

OHIO.

L. J. Cutter, Marietta: The date of holding the 12th annual Reunion of the Ohio Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War in Zanesville has been changed by the committee in charge from June 16 and 17 to June 23 and 24.

J. H. Bloom, Secretary, Ripley: Reunion Battery F, 1st Ohio L. A., at Ripley Aug. 25 and 26. The 41st Ohio, 9th Ind. and 6th Ky. are cordially invited to attend. Notify Secretary.

W. J. Mortal, Secretary, Rushville: Reunion 17th Ohio at Rushville Sept. 8 and 9. Send addresses.

The 5th Ohio L. A. (Hickenlooper's battery) want to hold a Reunion at Cincinnati some time during the coming Summer or Fall. Every member of the battery is requested to send name and address to A. B. Burton, Cincinnati, or to Mahlon M. Lucky, Moore's Vineyard, Ind.

Robert S. Grimm, Secretary, Mt. Vernon: Reunion 24th Ohio at Columbus, July 4 and 5. Send addresses.

PENNSYLVANIA.

H. Mulvin, Secretary, Warren: Reunion 12th Pa. Cav. at Warren Aug. 9, in hall of Eben N. Ford Post, 336.

Loyal Legion.

A stated meeting of the Commandery of the District of Columbia was held at the Builders' Exchang, Washington, D. C. Officers of the Commandery for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Com., Col. Redfield Proctor, U. S. V.; S.V.C., Commodore Francis M. Ramsey, U. S. N.; J. V. C., Brevet Brig.-Gen. Thomas M. Vincent, U. S. A.; Recorder, Brevet Maj. William P. Huxford, U. S. A.; Registrar, Paymaster Henry T. Wright, U. S. N.; Treas., Brevet Maj. Marcus S. Hopkins, U. S. V.; Chancellor, Maj. James Gilliss, U. S. A.; Chap., Chaplain James H. Bradford, U. S. V. Council, Brevet Maj. John S. Gibbs, U. S. V.; Brevet Brig.-Gen. Rufus Saxton, U. S. A.; Lieut.-Col. Franklin G. Butterfield, U. S. V.; Capt. D. Pratt Mannix, U. S. M. C.; Lieut. William B. Thompson, U. S. V.

Daughters of Veterans.

The following Tents of Daughters of Veterans have been organized in Nebraska since Aug. 1, 1891:

Florence Nightengale Tent, 7, at Central City; Maggie Brown, of Tent, 3, Grand Island, acting as organizer and Mustering Officer.

Mary A. Logan Tent, 8, at Rising City; A. Roberts, Commander, Post 20, G.A.R., acting as Mustering Officer.

Mollie Stark Tent, 9, at Table Rock, by Will L. Wood, Captain, Mumford Camp, 67, S. of V.

Harriet Beecher Stowe Tent, 10, at Osceola, H. Coon, Captain; S. W. Cogilzer, Camp 38, acting as Mustering Officer.

Mary Sears McHenry Tent, 11, at Red Cloud; Mustering Officer, S. E. Cozard, Captain, S. W. Kaley Camp, 25, S. of V.

Frances Parkinson Tent, 12, at Madison, with James Nichols, Captain, Capt. Wallace Camp, 124, S. of V., as Mustering Officer.

Tents are being formed in a number of places throughout the State. The Order is now firmly established in Nebraska, and the coming year is looked forward to as one of unusual prosperity for the organization.

Save your money on wagons, harness, and saddlery by sending us your name and address on a postal for catalog. See advertisement in last week's paper.

Work of the Pension Office.

During the week ending June 11, 5,313 claims were received, of which 234 were original invalid, 265 widows, 5 bounty land, 15 navy, 23 old war, 181 accrued, 1,156 applications for increase, and 602 applications for increase under act June 27, 1890; act of June 27, 1890, 2,449 original invalid, 383 widows.

Number of claims received to date under act of June 27, 1890, 801,403; claims disposed of to date under said act, 418,539.

Number of rejected claims reopened, 328. The names and postoffice addresses of 4,408 comrades were furnished for the use of claimants. There were 83,788 pieces of mail matter received; 67,575 letters and blanks sent out.

Number of cases detailed to Special Examiners, 802; reports and cases from Special Examiners, 703; cases on hand for special examination, 5,920.

Report of certificates issued: Original, 4,215; increase, 1,737; duplicate, 1; accrued, 66; total, 6,019. Total number of claims pending, 831,794.

Wages In Germany.

According to the official statistics collected by the trade associations in the various towns in Germany, out of 960 towns, only seven have recorded any rise in wages during the year 1891, while 229 report that wages have been lowered. At the same time the prices of necessaries of life have increased.

In Berlin, Breslau, Essen, and Leipsic the leading trades are complaining that the men are often put on short time.

The Avery Sewing Machine.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of The Alford-Berkele Co., New York City, who manufacture the above-named sewing machine. Years of experience have proved beyond a doubt that the "Shuttle, Lock-stitch, Straight Needle and Needle Bar," is the "Standard Sewing Machine," because it, and it only, can do the widest range and variety of sewing. This fact has resulted in the invention of several machines, all, however, adhering to the old cog wheels, beveled gears, rotary cams, cranks, levers and links, causing the machine to run hard and with a harsh, grating, rattling noise, injurious to the health of the operator, and involving constant wear, repairs and expense. To obviate all these radical objections, and to meet the growing necessity and pressing demand for an absolutely Noiseless, Light Running Shuttle Sewing Machine, their inventor worked constantly for years, at great expense in time and money, in perfecting an entirely new mechanical principle and movement—taking a "new departure" from, and discarding altogether the above-mentioned devices, and the various and serious objections attending them. They fully guarantee every machine if they are properly used and taken care of, according to directions; and furthermore say to the public, that any person purchasing one of these machines, and if, after carefully testing it for six months, it fails to meet representations, will exchange it for any other machine in market of like value. Applications from energetic and reliable parties throughout the United States, and other countries where we are not already represented, for the exclusive agency of our machines will have attention. The company is energetic and trustworthy, and offers a good opportunity to live agents to handle a paying article.

RELIEF CORPS NEWS.

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

SUE PIKE SANDERS, National President.
ELLA REEL COBEAN, National Secretary.

To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead.

To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans; 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 loyal service to their country in her hour of peril.

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 spread of universal liberty and equal rights to all.

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 association stands pledged, and who have attained the age of 16 years, shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT OF ILLINOIS.

Department President Sarah Echols Hannon, of Cairo, Ill., is one of the most active workers in the ranks of the Relief Corps, State or National, and she is prosecuting the affairs of her administration with characteristic zeal and energy. We find General Orders and Circulars of information from Illinois Headquarters a full epitome of thorough organization and wide-reaching plans.

Sarah Echols Hannon was born in Pulaski Co., Ill., June 14, 1846, and received her education at Union Female Seminary, Du Quoin, Ill. When four years old she was left fatherless, and the widowed mother resided on the farm where her four sons carried on the work until Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers in 1861, when all three enlisted and hastened to the front. At the expiration of their term of service they re-enlisted, and received their first baptism of fire at Donelson. The eldest brother was badly wounded, but recovered and served to the close of the war. The second brother was killed in battle. The third brother was captured and taken to Andersonville, where he sleeps in an unknown grave. The fourth brother passed through all the perils of war, and was mustered out a veteran.

The daughter of the family, Sarah Echols, during the closing years of the war, was a daily visitor to the U. S. Hospital of Mound City, where she ministered to the sick and wounded. As a soldier who shared her ministrations expressed it, "her sweet young face, her tender solicitude and cheerful words were truly balm to the weary."

While on these visits of loving duty Sarah Echols made the acquaintance of Ensign Horace Allen Hannon, Commander U. S. S. Juliet. Again the old story was repeated, with the happy sequel of a marriage in 1872. Mrs. Hannon became identified with the W.R.C. work in 1888, since which time she has filled nearly every office in her Corps, and has contributed much to the success of the work in her city. She has been untiring in her efforts for the proper observance of Memorial Day, and her success is shown at Mound City National Cemetery, where 5,785 heroes sleep their wakeless sleep.

As one says, who knows her well, "she is very domestic in her nature, unostentatious in display, a true loyal worker, devoted not to self-aggrandizement, but earnestly laboring for the advancement of the Order she so well loves. She is the right woman in the right place, and the grand old heroes of Illinois who are looking down from the other side will send the peans back to earth 'while she is at the helm our flag is safe.'"

DECISION OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

As the question is repeatedly coming to National Headquarters asking if transferred members of a Corps are entitled to the passwords of their respective Departments, we publish the decision which was rendered sometime ago on this question for the benefit of all interested.

Question: Is a member of a Corps out on transfer entitled to a new password? If so, by whom should it be given her?

Answer: A person holding a transfer is not entitled to a new password. Such a person belongs to no Corps and has no President. None other save her own President could give her the password, according to Rules and Regulations. Such a person pays no dues, hence is entitled to no password.—Sue Pike Sanders, National President.

The National President has answered the following questions to the Department of Missouri, but it is of equal interest to other Departments:

Question: At a regular meeting of a Corps a member asks for an honorable discharge. Several days previous to the subsequent meeting, at which time the same shall be granted, the member writes to the Secretary of the Corps through U. S. mail recalling the request. Should such letter stop the honorable discharge?

Answer: Yes; the U. S. mail is considered reliable and sufficient notification. See Red Book, page 155, Sec. 8.

TO THE UNKNOWN DEAD.

That stanch and true Relief Corps, William Logan Rodman, 53, New Bedford, Mass., have set a beautiful example to the Relief Corps of the Nation in the erection of a monument in memory of the unknown dead. We hope to record many more such beautiful tributes in connection with the work of our grand Order. Lucy M. James, Treasurer, reports the following:

The handsome memorial to the Unknown Dead of William Logan Rodman Corps was fittingly dedicated by Rodman Post on Memorial Day. It is a granite sarcophagus with polished panels encircled by a wreath of laurel leaves. On the front, under a Union shield, is this inscription:

The Unknown Dead.
They sleep on Southern battlefields,
Or 'neath the ocean's waves.

On the opposite side, under the Relief Corps badge, is inscribed:

Erected by William Logan Rodman
Woman's Relief Corps, No. 53.
1892.

This memorial was obtained by long and patient personal contributions by the Corps members.

Post 1, Department of Massachusetts, will carry in the grand parade in Washington a pair of handsome guidons recently presented them by Rodman Corps. John A. Hawes Camp, 35, at the same time presented the Post with a very handsome flag.

GOOD GRANDMA BALL.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Grandma Ball, aged 95, member of Geary Corps, 55, Department of Nebraska, died at Juniata, Neb., May 5, 1892, and was buried May 7 by Geary Relief Corps. She leaves several children. Her youngest son, D. R. Ball, is a member of Geary Post, 81. Three of her sons served in the civil war. She left 48 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren. She was a good mother and a good Christian.—Susie P. Cole, Corresponding Secretary.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

DEAR TRIBUNE: John A. Martin Relief Corps gave a reception on the evening of May 20, at Masonic Hall, in this City, to comrades of the Post, and presented them a beautiful $85 banner. It was of heavy white silk, lined with blue, decorated with gilt cord, fringe, and tassels, appropriately lettered, and painted with the National emblems. A touching and patriotic presentation-speech was made by Maude Gerow, wife of Junior Vice-Commander Gerow. Ida Martin, Senior Vice Department President, for whose husband the Post was named, was author of the happy thought that resulted in the banner. Several comrades gave interesting reminiscences of the days when they were soldier-boys. There was a collation of cake and cream, the hall resounding with songs that carried us back to the days of '63. God bless the patriotic women of '92!—Ellen Patton, Corresponding Secretary, Atchison, Kan.

GO AND DO LIKEWISE.

DEAR TRIBUNE: While Geo. H. Thomas Relief Corps, Indianapolis, Ind., rarely makes public the charities of its relief, we think the publication of one of the many experiences of this Corps may possibly prove an incentive to more enlarged work to those who feel there is but little relief work within their own boundary.

Two years ago one of the young girls in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home of Indiana, having arrived at the age when it became necessary for her to leave the Home, felt that her vocation in life would be teaching, could she receive the proper training at our State Normal School.

Geo. H. Thomas Relief Corps made it possible by assuming the expense of her board for two years, and providing her with such books as were necessary in the prosecution of her studies.

Through private contributions of members of the Corps, and a personal supervision of one of our Past Presidents, her wardrobe has been kept complete. Our ward will be launched as a full-fledged teacher this Fall, and we hope good results will follow our efforts.

I might tell of many more of the experiences of this Corps, and the large amount expended each year for the needy soldiers' widows and orphans; but the intention was merely to cite this instance, hoping some other Corps might take the suggestion.—Sallie C. Haskell, Corresponding Secretary.

MEMORIAL NOTES.

Is it not time for the National Convention to rescind its action on the Memorial flag for the graves of W.R.C. members? Our loyal women want the old colors over them in life or death, or nothing. This is what a St. Louis newspaper says:

"The memorial flags adopted by the last or seventh National Convention for use in the decorative services of Memorial Day, do not find favor with the W.R.C., because the colors are only red and white. It is said they will therefore not be used Monday."

Forsyth Corps, Toledo, O., conducted the new service in memory of unknown dead on Memorial Day. The Corps made over 600 wreaths, and as many baskets for the veterans, and received many from private and public sources to decorate the monument of the unknown dead. The Toledo High School sent a floral piece in memory of those who enlisted from the High School and gave up their lives for the flag, and Sherman School sent a beautiful wreath.

Diester Relief Corps, Dayton, O., through President Anna Sage, had presented Diester Post with a stand of colors, comprising regulation American flag and a G.A.R. Post flag of blue silk, upon which is embroidered the name and number of the Post. Commander McDargh made a fitting acceptance speech, and the Post declare they will fly the handsomest colors in Washington in September. How many more Corps are going to give their Posts a fine marching outfit for the second grand review at Washington?

Minnie Capen, Department Corresponding Secretary of New Jersey, reports a fitting observance of Memorial Day, by Lyon Post and Corps, at Vineland, the Corps serving dinner to the veterans, after which there was an evening concert, entitled "The Allegory of the War in Song," from which $150 was realized for relief.

Dr. Thrift, of Lima, O., one of the faithful Ohio Surgeons of the war for the Union, who has been a great sufferer from rheumatism, was able to sit on the lawn on Memorial Day and receive the salutes of comrades as they passed by in procession to the city of the dead. His wife, Angerona Rice Thrift, who has a fine record both as a Corps and Department officer, continues her work for the W.R.C.

The Bugler of Capt. King's company, National Guards, Fort Dodge, Iowa, played "to the colors" as the sheath was drawn from the flag presented by the Relief Corps on Memorial Day and its silken folds floated to the breeze. Edith Train made a beautiful presentation speech, and Capt. King responded in fitting terms. Then the company gave three cheers for the Star-Spangled Banner, and the W.R.C. took up the line of march with the veterans.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Warren Stewart Corps, 88, Cairo, Ill., of which Department President Sarah E. Hannon and Department Secretary Annie M. Stuart are honored members, received an invitation from Commander White, of the great war-ship Concord, recently anchored near the Egyptian city, to visit the ship, in company with the G.A.R. in a body. A special steamer was tendered, and no one was allowed on board as visitors while the G.A.R. and W.R.C. were being entertained. The Department President was given marked attention, holding quite a levee in the commander's elegant cabin. The notable occasion will ever be remembered with delight by the participants, and as the great ship sails for her native element, the "briny deep," her gallant crew leave behind them a host of friends, especially among the W.R.C.

It delights our heart to say there was great patriotism in the schools throughout our State previous to Memorial Day. The several cities, with their free schools, responding to the request of Department Commander Harlan to hold Memorial exercises. Teachers and pupils looked up facts about the origin of the day. American flags were displayed, and National songs were sung, the flag of the free floating proudly above our schools in the glorious sunshine. Memorial Day was memorable at Mound City National Cemetery, where Corps 88, of Cairo, decorated 5,785 graves, a greater number than the whole State combined.

Fio J. Miller, Editor of the *Picket*, was present at Sione River Memorial ceremonies. Corps in our State, as requested by Department President Hannon, sent liberal donations of cash or flags to Commander C. H. Smart, of Nashville, to assist in the work of love.

Elegant Headquarters for Illinois W.R.C. have been secured at Washington, D. C.

Vista Cadwallader, Lincoln, fills the appointment of Chief of Staff, and Jennie G. Harrison, Sterling, is Chief of Aids. The Department President has selected an Aid for nearly all the Counties in the State. These Aids will perform the duties of Assistant Inspectors and Instituting and Installing Officers. Inspection will be made by Counties; Corps nearest one another will inspect each other.

M. A. Bradley, of Decatur, has been elected Treasurer of the Department W.R.C. Home Board; incorporation papers are being perfected, when all will go on with a rush.

Corps 64, Monticello, have presented Past President Lydia Bender with an elegant set of silver fruit-knives as an appreciation of her faithful services.

Department President Sarah E. Hannon has issued a circular, subject, "Formation Woman's Relief Corps," to be sent to Post Commanders throughout our State who are without a Relief Corps auxiliary. The following extract from Past Commander-in-Chief Comrade William Warner is quoted: "The best elixir of life is found in the social gatherings where song, wit, humor and good feeling abound. Such a meeting is impossible without the presence and active assistance of women; therefore that Post which has the most efficient Relief Corps can give the best entertainments and have the largest attendance at its regular meetings."

It is with a feeling of pride the President points to the rapid advancement of the W.R.C. in our own State, as follows:

ILLINOIS STATISTICS.

Number of Corps, 294; number of members, 7,000; disbursed from relief fund, 1891, $4,000; other than money, articles valued at $3,500; turned over to G.A.R. Posts, money aid, $1,400; donated toward Andersonville Prison-ground purchase, $500; number of soldiers' and sailors' families assisted, 1,150; number of soldiers' and sailors families found employment, 1,000.

We contemplate the erection of a W.R.C. Home this year. Our Order will be fittingly represented at the World's Fair. At the beginning, nine years ago, we numbered but 42 Corps in the Nation; we were without money, property or prestige. To-day our membership is more than 150,000; our charity work over $100,000 each year. We have a reserve fund in treasuries of Corps throughout the land of over $200,000. The name of Woman's Relief Corps has become a precious household word throughout the Republic.

Helping the heroes to honor their dead,
Blessing the deeds of the soldier, who shed
Life's blood's in sacrifice, noblest e'er seen,
Evermore keep we their memory green,
Helping the veterans needing our aid,
Widows and orphans that slavery's war made,
Finding them homes till their earthly life ends,
Blessing with sympathy, comfort and friends.

—Effie R. Kennedy, Department Corresponding Secretary, Decatur, Ill.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Missouri has made great strides in the advancement of the cause of the Woman's Relief Corps, not so much in numbers as in understanding of the work and of the necessity of co-operation in any great undertaking. Especially may this be said of the seven St. Louis Corps, which frequently unite their resources to bring forth satisfactory results. Never was this more clearly proven than on Memorial Day, when they combined to decorate Gen. Grant's monument. This tribute of St. Louis to the valor and services of a great General, placed in the center of one of the widest and busiest streets, is composed of a life-size and perfect prototype of Gen. Grant, standing on a pedestal 15 feet in hight, the surfaces of which are adorned with bas reliefs descriptive of army life, surrounded by a neatly-kept grass plat and inclosed by an iron railing. On Memorial Day, that sacred day of tender memories, Blair, Hausman, Hassandeubel, Lyon, Logan, Miller and Harding Corps gathered around and laid their floral offerings. The pedestal was beautifully festooned with smilax skilfully disposed about the flag of our country; at the base majestic palms spread out their great leaves, and on one of the panels was laid a plaque of solid smilax, on which rested a massive membership badge of our Order with day and date. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Corps repaired to Jefferson Barracks to decorate the graves. The Grand Army Posts, 11 in all, turned out largely. The observance of Memorial Day is becoming more general and solemn than in years agone; it used to be made an occasion for picnics and pleasure of all kinds, and at one time it was called by the local press "desecration day." This has been rectified by the influence of the W.R.C. and G.A.R., who have uplifted it by their own example of propriety and decorum.

The St. Louis Relief Corps Home Board will wind up their affairs shortly, and turn over their assets to the Department Home Fund.

Maggie F. Pratt, Chairman of the St. Louis W.R.C. Committee of the World's Fair, has resigned on account of her health.

Belle M. Satterly, Past Department President, has recovered from a severe and painful illness, and will shortly assume the duties of Secretary of the Department Relief Corps Home. Agnes C. Sterrett, Department President, was formerly Department Secretary, and is fully equipped for the work before her.

Gen. Lyon Relief Corps, St. Louis, is about to raffle a very handsome crazy quilt for the benefit of the Soldiers' Home. Twenty-five cents a chance; tickets may be procured from the undersigned. Frank P. Blair Corps have an elegant hand-painted quilt in progress for the same purpose.

Blair, Hassandeubel and Lyon Corps head the procession of a lively lot of Corps. Hassandeubel is the only one that really works with its Posts, and the advantages are manifold. It would be a grand thing if all the Posts would appreciate the work accomplished by their auxiliaries; more than one-third of the relief work done in the State can be traced to the St. Louis Corps.—Hollen E. Day, St. Louis, Mo.

DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Deeming that the members of our Order will be interested in hearing of our work, I would be glad to tell you of our Provisional Department. At present there are four active white Corps in Tennessee, all located in this extremely loyal section—East Tennessee. Of these Chattanooga claims two, and Knoxville and Harriman, one each. Our Provisional President, Bianca L. Muller, is a woman whose energy, merits, and executive ability, so well known at home, have been recognized by our Order in a fitting manner, and at the last Convention she received the distinction of election as a member of the Executive Board. She possesses qualifications which enable her to fill most gracefully the high position she has been accorded. Under her leadership, with the influence of her enthusiasm and deep interest, we hope soon to be able to report a fifth Corps, which will give us the greatly-desired Department.

In the South there are many hindrances to Corps work, many obstacles to discourage and retard it, hence our growth is slow. During the first quarter of the present year we gained 35 members, making a total of 136. The calls upon our relief fund have been few, but quite a good deal of work in this line has been done in an unostentatious way.

Our members are on the alert and manifest a lively interest in all movements agitated by the Order. It will probably be remembered by some that at the last Convention the Provisional Department of Tennessee was accorded the privilege of erecting headstones at the graves of four women buried in the National Cemetery at Shiloh. Strenuous efforts have been made to discover the names of these women, but as yet they have been fruitless. Any one possessing information which will furnish any clew to their identity, will confer a great favor by forwarding the same to Bianca L. Muller, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Greetings from Tennessee to all members of the Woman's Relief Corps.—Alida Rule, Corresponding Secretary, Knoxville, Tenn.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Florence E. Payne, President of Corps 200, Gouverneur, writes of a Corps scrap-book which preserves all the history and doings of the Corps. It is an excellent idea, affording a safe repository of pleasing reminiscences and references that may interest future generations. A Memorial book kept by every Corps of its deceased members would be a lasting tribute to the memory of Relief Corps workers and of interest hereafter. Why not add such a blank-book to the supplies?

Department Secretary Elizabeth B. Smith writes of the memorable occasion attendant upon the opening of William Richardson Post Hall, Buffalo. It is large, well ventilated and beautifully furnished, and was crowded with an appreciative audience on opening night. The exercises included an address by Hon. John M. Farquhar, giving a comprehensive