THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

A Model Business Assemblage was the Eleventh Convention, Ably Presided Over and Rich in Important Results.

Eleventh National Convention is over. Its legislation was wise and economic and its deliberative sessions a model for similar assemblages, National and Department. The National officers with plaudits of "well done" passed their work into hands tried and approved and the W.R.C. entered upon its twelfth year with a clear docket. Everybody went home encouraged and happy, and we may safely predict a glorious year of W.R.C. work.

Roberts Park Church, Indianapolis, where Eleventh National Convention, W.R.C., was held was artistically decorated with flags and shields, and festoons of yellow silk, the National color, while beautiful flowers and palms were on the platform, and a wreath of white roses at the President's desk bore the letters "W.R.C." in red and white. Two elegant banners, loaned by Comrade Foster, the blind patriot, were seen at the right and left of the platform, the white banner reading, "One country, one language, one flag"; the blue banner, "Teach patriotism in the public schools."

Press tables and all conveniences were provided by the thoughtful committees, and every Department was designated by a marker, bearing the name of the State represented. These markers were presented by Indiana to the National W.R.C. for future use.

National President Margaret Ray Wickins was in the chair promptly and Convention opened with the singing of Keller's "American Hymn" and prayer by National Chaplain Mary E. Knowles. The Conductors of National Convention were announced as follows, serving faithfully throughout the session: Julia McCarthy, Kansas; Margaret I. Sands, Chicago; Bell Bristow, Indianapolis; Ada Mohr, New York; Martha Bell, Iowa; and Mesdames Millen and Wise, of Minnesota and Virginia, respectively.

NATIONAL OFFICERS.

The National officers were introduced from the platform, then the Past National Presidents in attendance, who were Kate B. Sherwood, Emma Stark Hampton, Annie Wittenmyer, Mary Sears McHenry, and Sue A. Pike Saunders. Greetings were sent to the absentees: E. Florence Barker, Sarah E. Fuller, Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne, and Charity Rusk Craig. Also to Past National Chaplain Clara Barton, honorary life member, Mrs. John A. Logan, and Mrs. U. S. Grant. Return greetings were received and read from all later in the session.

Flora Wulschner, Chairman of the Ladies' Citizens' Committee, accompanied by nine subchairmen, was introduced from the platform and thanked in the name of Convention. Past Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Der Voort, honorary life member, was introduced and given an ovation. He praised the work of the Relief Corps, counseled careful legislation and greater devotion to the veterans and their dependent ones. National President Wickins thanked him on behalf of the Order, and invested him with the souvenir badge of the W.R.C.

After the roll call of Convention and announcement of committees, the National President presented the annual address. The Press Committee embraced Mary Gist, Washington, D. C., Secretary of the Woman's National Press Association, Chairman; Mary E. Elliott, Department Secretary of Massachusetts; Mary A. McQuiston, Past Department President of Ohio, and Emma R. Aldrich, Past Department S. V.-P. of Kansas, all well-known newspaper women. The Committee on Thanks and Greetings embraced Past National Presidents Sherwood, Hampton, and Sanderson. The duties of these two committees continued until the close of Convention. The committees on the several officers' reports were carefully chosen and did their work well.

National Senior Vice-President Hendricks filled the chair during the reading of the National President's address by herself. It was impressively rendered, in a clear, deliberative voice and manner, and fixed Mrs. Wickins's status at once as the most admirable presiding officer who has ever held the gavel of the W.R.C. in National or Department Convention.

When, at the conclusion of the most orderly and business-like National Convention in the history of the Order, she was unanimously thanked, not only for her work during the year, but for the just, firm, and impartial discharge of her Convention duties, it was plain that she had richly earned the title hereby bestowed upon her by THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, as the

JAMES G. BLAINE OF THE W.R.C.

And all who had the privilege of witnessing the deliberations of Congress when Mr. Blaine was Speaker, and at the close of which he received the thanks of both parties, will know that this is high praise, honorably earned by Mrs. Wickins.

The able address of National President Wickins was given in full, except official decisions, last week. Our W.R.C. readers were asked to note the opinions, decisions, and recommendations, and then compare them with the action of Convention, in order to see just how far our National President was in accord with the W.R.C., as expressed in the will of the supreme power of the Order, eleventh National Convention.

The President's Address was submitted to a committee, consisting of Department President Emma R. Wallace, of Illinois; Department Presidents Louise A. Robbins, of Michigan, and Caroline H. Bell, of Wisconsin; and Department Presidents Amanda Murdock, of West Virginia, and Julia S. Conklin, of Indiana.

Just before the noon adjournment, President Ross, of George H. Thomas Corps, of Indianapolis, was introduced, and invited the Convention to a reception at the Propylæum, the woman's building of Indianapolis, built and managed by women.

After an official introduction to Convention, Maj. Hendershott was presented a beautiful drum, silver trimmed, and ornamented with the G.A.R. badge, in silver, upon which was engraved: "Robert Henry Hendershott, Drummer-Boy of the Rappahannock, from friends of the Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, U. S. A., Indianapolis. Indianapolis, September 6, 1893."

Past National President Kate B. Sherwood made the presentation speech. The son was then presented a silver-trimmed fife, after which drummer and fifer made Roberts Park ring with patriotic music, appropriately closing with "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

After this came the first of the daily series of noon lunches, provided for the Convention in the parlors of Roberts Park Church. A decorated menu souvenir, with the symbolic figure of Victory, which surmounts the Indianapolis Soldiers and Sailors' Monument, on the front cover, and a cut of Roberts Park Church on the back, and, within, the bill of fare of the elegant luncheons daily provided, was presented each guest.

Following the adjournment the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home Band rendered patriotic airs from the platform, and were rewarded with waving handkerchiefs, bright smiles, and sympathetic tears. The afternoon was spent in considering and acting upon the National President's address and other routine business.

THE NATIONAL SECRETARY.

National Secretary Flora Preston Hogbin, a capable and accomplished woman and an excellent officer, greatly aided the National President throughout the Convention in the compilation of clear and comprehensive minutes and in presenting the same to Convention in a full, rounded voice. A summary of her report showed that there are 29 Departments, six Provisional Departments and 35 Detached Corps, with a total membership of 105,786, and total gain during the year of 4,430. The gain in Corps during the year was 241. During the year charters have been issued to four Departments. The financial report shows that $58,666.37 has been expended for relief, $34,406.39 turned over to Posts, $4,608.45 expended for the National Relief Corps Home, and $605.66 to further pension work. The total cash expenditure for the year is $154,477.12. The total expenditure since the organization in 1883 has been $842,975.99. The total amount of cash on hand is $4,186.58.

THE SECOND DAY.

On the morning of the second day of Convention, after the minutes had been read and approved, Department President Charlotte J. Cummings, of Pennsylvania, extended a warm invitation to the W.R.C. to meet at Pittsburg in 1894, in connection with 28th annual Encampment, G.A.R. The invitation was beautifully seconded by Past National Secretary Abbie Lynch on behalf of her own city of Pittsburg. The invitation was graciously accepted by the National President.

The Committee on President's Address resumed its report. They unanimously sustained the decisions, opinions, and recommendations expressed, except in a few unimportant points, the result of which will be announced in General Orders. Convention set its seal of approval upon the following:

1. Of the economy considered in acting upon revisions ordered by 10th National Convention, and in using old blanks until the supply was exhausted, to save expense.

2. Of commendation of National W.R.C. Home work, leaving it optional with Departments to work for State Homes.

3. Of World's Fair work, and thanks to the Veteran Protective Association, Chicago, for free Headquarters granted National W.R.C.

4. Of work performed by Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer as Special Pension Agent in securing Army Nurses pensions, and a discontinuance of work in the interest of retrenchment, and because Corp'l Tanner and other agents have performed gratuitous service, and will continue to do so. Thanks to Corp'l Tanner.

5. Of turning over Andersonville Prison improvement funds to the Department of Georgia, G.A.R.

6. Of continuing E. B. Stillings as official printer W.R.C. in the interest of economic and excellent service.

7. Of the suspension of Ada F. Clark, of Ohio, for five years for non-compliance with the financial order of the Court of Inquiry, as per agreement of 10th National Convention. Vote virtually unanimous, but three voting in the negative.

8. Of rigid economy in legislation and careful expenditure of W.R.C. funds.

9. Of the recommendation that the Woman's Relief Corps join the National Council of Women, by sending representatives to triennial sessions. Legislation of eighth National Convention rescinded, and voted by a large majority to join the Council, provided that it was at no expense to the National Order. A volunteer committee, consisting of Past National President Kate B. Sherwood, Emma R. Wallace, of Illinois; Past Department President Louise A. Robbins, of Michigan; Past Department President Caroline H. Bell, of Wisconsin, and one other whose name would like to have, pledged themselves to secure a volunteer fund to meet necessary expenses.

10. Of the recommendation that the retiring National President and Secretary revise Rules and Regulations, as ordered by Convention, within the next 60 days, and that to save expense each Corps shall receive but one copy of the Proceedings of Convention.

ELECTIONS.

Following the noon lunch came the election of officers. Past National President Annie Wittenmyer nominated Past Department President Sarah C. Mink, of New York. The entire delegation of the Empire State gave their assent by rising, while Department President Kate E. Jones, of New York, pronounced a fervid eulogy on Mrs. Mink's work for the Order, State and National. The delegations from many States added hearty indorsements through their Chairmen, and there being no other candidate the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of Convention for Sarah C. Mink, and she was unanimously elected.

Convention expressed a wish to leave the office of National Senior Vice-President with Indiana, when Past Department President Agnes Hitt was nominated. This was immediately followed by the nomination of Past Department President Jennie Meyerhoff, with the statement that Indiana in caucus had, by a vote of 20 to 2, declared Mrs. Meyerhoof as their choice. The vote stood 152 for Mrs. Meyerhoff and 119 for Mrs. Hitt. Mrs. Meyerhoff was declared duly elected.

The nominees for National Junior Vice-President were Laura Dodge, of Colorado, and Amanda Newcomb, of Vermont. The Green Mountain State carried off the honors, their candidate being more widely known and longer in the field.

ANNIVERSARY GIFTS.

Sept. 7, 1893, being the 50th birthday of National President Wickins, who was born in Indianapolis, and the 25th anniversary of her marriage coming in the same month, she was made the recipient of many beautiful gifts. Past Department President Ida Wilson Moore, National I. and I. Officer, brought to the President's station a large solid silver bowl, the gift of the new Department of West Virginia, containing a handsome sum in silver from W.R.C. friends of Mrs. Wickins. The presentation was in original verse as pure and lovely as a string of pearls, and, delivered in Mrs. Moore's sweet, silvery voice, the scene was very touching. There were few dry eyes when the National President, in broken words, accepted the goodly gift and sank into her chair, overcome with conflicting emotions.

National Treasurer Armilla A. Cheney, of Michigan, and Past Department President Isabelle T. Bagley, of Ohio, were nominated for National Treasurer. Mrs. Bagley had a complimentary vote, but Mrs. Cheney was chosen to succeed herself by about three-fourths of the vote cast. Mrs. Cheney is immensely popular, and Mrs. Bagley was late entering the field.

Harriet L. Bodge, Past Department President of Connecticut, and Sarah C. Rothrock, Past Department President of Iowa, were nominated for National Chaplain. The latter withdrew, and Mrs. Bodge was made the unanimous choice.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The elective members of the Executive Board are headed this year by Past National Inspector Flo Jamison Miller, one of the growing women of the W.R.C., and whose services the past year have been of highest importance to the Order. Her associates are all women well up in the work, and include Gertrude Harr Cornell, Nebraska; Laura S. Dodge, Colorado; Amanda L. Murdock, West Virginia, and Mary E. Wright, Maryland.

Past Department President Emma B. Lowd was chosen to succeed herself on the National W.R.C. Home Board for the term of five years, and Past National President Margaret Ray Wickins fills the place made vacant by the resignation of National President Sarah C. Mink, continuing four years.

CAPT. JACK'S TRIBUTE.

Capt. Jack Crawford, "the Poet Scout," visited Convention, and after paying high tribute to the loyal women of war and peace, and pledging anew his allegiance to the W.R.C., recited a poem dedicated to National President Wickins, from which we extract the following stanzas:

Down through the ages of the world we trace
The most heroic deeds from woman's hand—
Where duty called her, there has been her place,
Where clothes to mend or armies to command.
From days of Eve she has undaunted stood
As God-sent helpmate by the side of man;
Nor shrunk she on the battlefield, where blood
From ghastly wounds in ruddy currents ran—
As God intended when He gave her life,
She's been man's one support in earthly strife.

God bless you, girls, we love you, every one,
Mother and daughter, sister, sweetheart, wife,
From those of ripe old age to those whose sun
Is yet far eastward of the noon of life.
From duty you were never known to swerve
When dire distress solicited your aid,
And if God gives you what you all deserve,
You'll wear the brightest crowns His hands e'er made;
Be given harps of very sweetest tone,
And soft reserved seats close by the throne.

THE THIRD DAY.

It was about 2 o'clock the third day before unfinished business was disposed of and officers installed. Twenty-eight resolutions were reported by the committee,—Annie Wittenmyer, Chairman,—most of which were rejected or tabled, and many of which were long-drawn-out verbiage, of no possible importance, save as they blocked the wheels of the Convention. A report on these will be given later.

Of appointive officers, only National Inspector Mary E. Bancroft, of Ohio, was present for installation. Sarah M. Phillips will be installed National Secretary in Syracuse, N. Y., where National Headquarters, W.R.C., have been established, and Elizabeth D'Arcy Kinne will be installed National Counselor in San Francisco.

A committee was appointed to secure and present a testimonial to the retiring National President, consisting of Lizabeth A. Turner, Kate B. Sherwood and Mary E. Knowles.

PERSONALS AND PLEASURES.

National President Sarah C. Mink left Convention for the World's Fair. Her sketch and portrait will appear later. The evening of her election the Grand Army delegation from New York tendered her a reception at their headquarters, Denison Hotel. Dep't Commander Cleary congratulated Mrs. Mink upon her election, pledged the support of New York, and on behalf of the delegation presented her with a large bouquet of roses. Commander-in-Chief Adams, Past Commanders-in-Chief Van Der Voort and Weissert, and many prominent comrades joined in the congratulations.

Mention has already been made of Department President Julia S. Conklin's beautiful teaset.

Past Department President Agnes Hilt, on behalf of the Department of Indiana, W.R.C., presented a stand of colors to the Department of Indiana, G.A.R., the evening before the parade; presentation in the rotunda of the Capitol; response by Department Commander Johnson. One is a blue banner, embroidered in white, with the letters "Department of Indiana"; below that the Grand Army badge, and below the badge, "Grand Army of the Republic." On the reverse are the words "Presented by the Woman's Relief Corps of Indiana"; also the badge. The U. S. flag has embroidered stars and the letters "Department of Indiana, G.A.R., 1861-1865." Both are edged with heavy gold fringe, and are mounted on ebony staves, tied with blue-and-white silk cord, and are pronounced the handsomest badges ever brought to Indiana. The funds were secured by a committee consisting of Mesdames Hitt, Ransford and McBride.

The pleasures of the week began with a complimentary drive, enjoyed by national officers and many others, with a rest for refreshments at the home of Mrs. Wulschner. The route was past the homes of ex-President Harrison and the late Oliver P. Morton, War Governor of Indiana.

The receptions at Tomlinson Hall, at the State House, at the Propylæum, and at the Denison have all been told of in detail.

AT MRS. HARRISON'S GRAVE.

Hosts of visitors, G.A.R. and W.R.C., made a pilgrimage to the grave of Caroline Scott Harrison at Crown Hill Cemetery, which was found massed with simple tokens of sympathy for ex-President Harrison and respect for his wife's memory.

Some of the cards bear the names only of old soldiers; others have their portraits, and there are State emblems on some—the sunflower of Kansas, the buckeye of Ohio, and the handsome metal badge of the Department of Massachusetts, with a pendant bearing the coat of arms of the old Commonwealth. Some of the veterans took off their Encampment and Reunion badges and laid them reverently upon the grave. There are the fine red, white and blue, gilt-trimmed badges, with the lettering, "Huntingdon County Battalion, Department of Indiana," and "Post 275, Scottsburg, Ind." The white, gold-fringed badge of the Department of Ohio is there, left by some Delegate to the Encampment, and there is the red Reunion badge of the 66th Ill., and the badge of the 15th annual Reunion 17th Ind. battery.

OUR INDIANA HOSTESSES.

The Indianapolis Ladies' Citizens' Committee, which arranged and carried out to magnificent success the plans for entertaining the Woman's Relief Corps and other societies of patriotic women, was headed by Past Department President Flora Wulschner, of Indianapolis. Mrs. Wulschner is a woman of the highest executive ability, and called to her assistance women in the front ranks of the progressive and philanthropic societies of Indiana's Capital city. With the Chairmen of all subcommittees, the most of whom were not members of the W.R.C., she visited Convention and was introduced from the platform, as were her associates, and was thanked in beautiful words by National President Wickins.

MRS. FLORA WULSCHNER.

Mrs. Wulschner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sullivan, Indianapolis pioneers, and prominent in the development of the beautiful Capital of Indiana. Tomlinson Hall, in which the great Campfire was held, was the gift of her uncle to the city. Though too old to enter the Union service, her father enlisted to defend the Capital city when Morgan's men were raiding Indiana.

When but 17 Flora Sullivan married Col. Robert Stewart, of Terre Haute, Ind., and while in her early 20's the gallant Colonel died, leaving her with an infant son. Some years later, while residing temporarily in Germany, she was married to Mr. Emil Wulschner, who now, with his wife's assistance, heads a prominent business firm of Indianapolis.

Since her return to her early home Mrs. Wulschner has been prominent in Indianapolis social, musical, and philanthropic circles. For 10 years she has been a member of the Board of Managers of the Indianapolis Orphan Asylum; of the Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Society four years; of the Flower Mission nine years, and of the Matinee Musical Society three years.

For the years 1887, '88, when Mrs. Wulschner was serving as Department President of Indiana, she gave time, strength, and means in extending Relief Corps work; and as Chairman of the Ladies' Citizens' Committee, 27th National Encampment, G.A.R., she has won the plaudits of all. She is a woman of fine personal presence and pleasing address, and commands the admiration of all her associates.

The portrait and sketch of Department President Julia S. Conklin, of Indiana, who greatly endeared herself to the officers and members of 11th National Convention, in attendance at Indianapolis, appeared in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE of Sept. 7. She is a woman of gentle presence, and excels both as a writer and speaker.

The thanks of Convention to our charming hostesses of Indiana follow:

Resolved, That the thanks of the 11th National Convention, W.R.C., be extended to the press of Indianapolis for the generous space allotted to them, and for the many journalistic courtesies conferred upon officers and members during the sessions of Encampment week;

That the thanks of the 11th National Convention, W.R.C., auxiliary to the G.A.R., be extended to the Ladies' Citizens' Committee of Indianapolis, Mrs. Flora Wulschner, Chairman, for the admirable arrangements made for the pleasure and comfort of the Convention, for the beautiful souvenir badges, the pleasure drives, the banners, the brilliant receptions, the lunches, and the many courtesies so bountifully provided;

Also, to the Department President of Indiana, Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, and the combined Relief Corps of Indiana for the admirable manner in which they have carried out the duties intrusted to them, as well as for the receptions, flowers and manifold favors.

Buoyant Birds.

Owls move in a buoyant manner, as if lighter than the air. Ravens, when on the wing, spend much time striking each other, and often turn on their backs with a loud croak, and seem to be falling to the ground. In fact, they are scratching themselves with one foot and have lost their center of gravity. Crows and daws swagger in their walk. Woodpeckers fly opening and closing their wings, and so are always rising or falling in curves. When they run up trees they use their tails, which incline downward, as a sort of support. Most of the small birds fly by jerks, rising and falling as they advance, and most of these hop; but wagtails and larks walk. Skylarks rise and fall perpendicularly as they sing. Woodlarks hang poised in the air, and titlarks rise and fall in large curves, singing as they come down.

If any young, old, or middle-aged man suffering from nervous debility, weakness, will inclose stamp to me I will send him the prescription of a genuine certain cure free of cost. No humbug. No deception. Address T. C. Barnes, News Dealer, Marshall, Mich.

REUNIONS.

Annual Meetings and Other Matters Pertaining to Various Organizations.

CONNECTICUT.

The veterans of the 17th Conn., with their friends, held a Reunion at Newton. Most of the comrades came in on the early morning train, and were met at the depot by a number of horsemen, under the marshalship of C. W. Dayton, and escorted to the Town Hall, where the roll was called, 90 answering present. Officers for the year were chosen as follows: Pres., Seeley G. Blakeman; Sec., John W. Porter, Bridgeport; Treas., Patrick Wade; V.-P.'s, Isaac Hyatt, Co. A; Alfred Morehouse, Co. B; Henry Quinn, Co. C; A. W. Peck, Co. D; Geo. Hale, Co. E; W. R. Kyser, Co. F; Chas. Smith, Co. G; I. N. Prissey, Co. H; John Porter, Co. I; T. Spencer, Co. K. Resolutions were passed thanking Col. Augustus Hamlin, Historian, for correcting false reports which have been spread about the action of that regiment at Chancellorsville.

INDIANA.

Frank W. Willas, Secretary, Waterloo: Reunion 44th Ind., Angola, Oct. 19 instead of Oct. 11.

KANSAS.

The Reunion of the 6th Kan. and the 2d Kan. battery proved a great success. The court-room where the Reunion was held had been decorated with 250 flags and evergreens in honor of their ninth annual meeting. Pres. Riley presented the Association with a gavel made of cherry wood grown on his farm since the war, after which Judge Hill delivered an address, recounting the many deeds of valor performed by the soldiers of these organizations. The result of the election was: Pres., Corp'l J. B. Dobyns; V.-P., Lieut. Jacob Morehead; J.V.-P., Lieut. S. D. Harris; Treas., John Seavers; Chap., Enoch Estep; Sec., C. S. Atkins, Pleasanton. It was decided to hold the Reunion at Olathe next year.

MAINE.

The members of the 5th Me. held a Reunion at their handsome building on Peak's Island. There were more than 100 veterans, with their families, at the Memorial Hall. Officers for the following year are: Pres., Charles A. Richardson; V.-P.'s, Capt. John D. Ladd, James A. Dennett, J. J. G. Hannaford; Sec. and Treas., Capt. George E. Brown. Remarks were made by Mrs. Mason, President of the National Woman's Relief Corps of Maine; Col. H. R. Millet, of Gorham; Walter D. Stinson, of Augusta, and others.

The 21st Reunion of the 8th Me. was held at Peak's Island, in their large and commodious building, presented to them by W. M. McArthur, one of the fighting Colonels of that regiment. There was a pleasant gathering of about 125 of the "old boys." The following officers were elected: Pres., W. F. Lane; V.-P.'s, Dennis Adams, Miles Rhodes, J. C. Littlefield; Sec. and Treas., Hillman Smith. Executive Committee, Fred D. Larrabee, George S. Dutch, P. P. Woodward. An able address was delivered by Capt. W. F. Lane, the newly-elected President. Comrades who failed to receive their notice of Reunion are earnestly requested to send their names and addresses to the Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Despite the unfavorable weather the Reunion of the 3d Mass. H. A. proved a great success, more than 50 members being present at roll-call. The veterans and their families arrived at Nahant, and the first thing on the program was the business meeting. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were read, and showed the Association to be in fine condition. An election of officers was held, with the result: Pres., C. W. Mitchell; V.-P.'s, B. L. Pettengill, E. R. Frost, Winslow Chaffin, L. R. Whittaker; Sec. and Treas., George T. Smith, P. O. Box 72, Lynn. Executive Committee, J. J. Holmes, C. W. Mitchell, Alphonso Pierce. After the meeting the Association partook of a bountiful dinner. The afternoon was spent in dancing and strolling about the place.

MINNESOTA.

The 6th Minn. held their Reunion at Minnehaha Falls, with an attendance of 200. The officers are: Pres., Col. William Crooks; First V.-P., Capt. H. B. Wilson; Second V.-P., Chas. W. Johnson; Sec., Capt. Charles J. Stees, St. Paul; Treas., William A. Hawkins; Chap., Rev. D. Cobb; Surg., Jared W. Daniels. Col. Wm. Crooks delivered the principal address, and ex-Gov. Ramsey followed with a brief speech. Resolutions were adopted thanking Capt. Charles J. Stees for his hard work in getting up the Reunion and making it a success. Gov. Nelson was thanked for permitting the regiment to use the colors, that are kept at the State Capitol. Capt. George Hays was thanked for the use of his steamer. The Drum and Fife Corps was also thanked.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Pacific Soldiers and Sailors' Association held their annual Reunion on the Association's grounds at Westfield, Wash. The Reunion opens on Aug. 10 and closes Sept. 1 of each year. Said Association is a stock company and officered the same as infantry regimental organizations, with the Pacific Woman's Reunion Association as auxiliary. The Reunion has been a success so far, and 60 veterans, from most every State in the Union and the various branches of the service, managed to come, have a good time, and take a bath in the old Pacific. The following officers were elected: Com., M. M. Holmes; S. V. C., G. W. Denny; J. V. C., Fred Nye; Q. M., D. R. French; Chap., Rev. A. H. Lackey. Trustees, J. O. Wilson, A. A. Cooper, Max Sanford, O. C. Gamage, W. C. Pettit.

The third annual Reunion of the California Veteran Association, held at Military Park, Indianapolis, was participated in by about 50 members. The ex-President of the Association presented each member with a handsome souvenir; one was also given to ex-President Harrison. The following officers were elected: Pres., John M. Nelson; First V. P., Ed. E. Ager; Second V.-P., J. F. Black; Sec. and Treas., Capt. Geo. H. Pettis, Providence, R. I.; Historian, J. M. Yocum.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather the Reunion of the old soldiers at Mitchell, Ind., was a grand success. The beautiful grove just east of the city was well suited for the meeting, and under the able management of the committee had been handsomely decorated for the occasion. Speeches were made by Gen. Jasper Packard, Jos. B. Cheadle, F. A. Hutchinson, and Rev. W. H. Jackson. All the speeches were full of humor and gave new life to the old veteran.

The basket picnic held at Hich's Point in honor of Lieut. S. S. Bigelow was attended by about 500 people, including members of Albert M. Murry Post. Comrade Bigelow, who is totally blind from the result of injuries received in the war, was led to the platform and expressed his thanks for the honor paid him. Speeches were made by members of the G.A.R. and others. Thirteen members of the 15th N. Y. Cav. were present.

The Reunion of the Association of ex-Soldiers and Sailors of the Third Congressional District of Missouri was held in connection with the eighth annual Reunion of the Harrison County (Mo.) Brigade, at Mt. Moriah, Mo. A very large crowd of soldiers and citizens assembled in the beautiful grove of Comrade Jackson Green early in the morning and remained during the Reunion. The usual exercises were held each day, including regimental and State Reunions, with Campfires each evening. While the Third District Reunions are noted for their vim and enthusiasm, this one seemed to excel all previous ones in that respect.

M. A. Dillon, Commander, Washington, D. C.: Fourth National Encampment, Medal of Honor Legion, New York City, Oct. 16.

The ninth Reunion of the Northeast Kentucky Veteran Association closed with one of the most pleasant meetings that they have had, at Ashland. The Reunions are attended by veterans from Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky, and the register shows 256 present, which is about 400 less than they had the last time, the hard times accounting for the absence, though. An immense crowd of people was with them. They feed all the old soldiers and their families who meet with them on good army rations. Capt. W. W. Culbertson was elected President, T. W. Mitchell, Secretary, and R. D. Davis, Treasurer, with seven Vice-Presidents. All are invited to attend with them next year some time in August. Nine of the members were mustered out during the last year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

At the Wiers Encampment the following organizations elected officers:

1st N. H.—Pres., Stephen G. Abbott; V.-P.'s, John W. Cooper, J. B. Scatborn; Sec. and Treas., Daniel Kidder, North Groton.

2d N. H.—Pres., A. Judson; V.-P., George G. Davis; Sec. and Treas., Thomas B. Little, Concord; Custodian, Charles E. Foster.

3d N. H.—Pres., George H. Briggs; V.-P.'s, John M. Parker, Alfred P. Hayden; Sec. and Treas., D. Arthur Brown, Penacook.

5th N. H.—Pres., William Child; V.-P.'s, James Cummings, John A. Goodwin; Sec., Lewis C. Fernald, Melrose, Mass; Treas., John R. McCrillis; Q. M., Orlando I. Godfrey; Chap., E. R. Wilkins.

7th N. H.—Pres., Otis A. Merrill; V.-P., John R. Sherwin; Sec., H. F. W. Little, Manchester; Treas., Darius Merrill.

10th N. H.—Pres., Augustus P. Howe; V.-P., George G. Wakefield; Sec. William Pitt Moses, Somersworth; Necrologist, Geo. L. Wakefield.

11th N. H.—Pres., Geo. W. Shepard; V.-P.'s, R. Baxter Brown, Alexander Lane, I. H. Morrison; Sec. and Treas., Charles P. Page, Franklin Falls.

14th N. H.—Pres., C. H. Hodgdon; V.-P., H. P. Hunter; Sec., John Barber, Brockton, Mass.; Treas., Walter H. Sargeant; Trustee for three years, B. F. Fellows, Sandwich.

15th N. H.—Pres., Alma Barney; V.-P., H. R. Brown; Sec., E. B. Huse, Enfield; Treas., F. H. George.

16th N. H.—Pres., Philip C. Bean; V.-P.'s, Henry L. Johnson, James A. Merrill, George Goodhue; Sec. and Treas., Andy Holt, South Lyndeborough; Q. M., George Goodhue.

National Veterans' Association—Pres., M. M. Collis; V.-P.'s, Daniel Hall, E. H. Wheeler, J. F. Grimes; Sec., D. C. Easton, Lakeport; Cor. Sec., J. K. Ewer, Concord; Treas., Jas. Minot; Chap., D. W. Downs; Delegate to Veterans' Association, Horace L. Worcester.

Cavalry Association—Pres., E. H. Smith; Sec., Martin B. Plummer, Laconia; Treas., Charles W. Stevens.

Heavy Artillery Association—Pres., Gust A. Copp; V.-P., Charles Morgrage; Sec., G. H. Diamond, Penacook; Treas. Executive Committee, N. J. Putney.

Sharpshooters Association—Pres., Charles P. Shepard; V.-P., Frank Conn; Sec. and Treas., Henry E. Badger; Executive Committee, James Y. Webster.

Lowell Association—Pres., William Clifford; V.-P., D. H. Reynolds; Sec., P. F. Gammell; Treas., C. H. Flanders; Auditing Committee, George Blood, E. R. Fife, W. W. Tuttle. Delegate to New Hampshire General Convention, George E. Clogston.

Manchester Association—Pres., Charles A. Frost; V.-P., Abner J. Sanborn; Sec., William H. Morrill; Treas., S. S. Piper.

The Weirs Association elected officers for the year: Pres., Marcus M. Collins; V.-P., George W. Abbott; Sec., Natt Shackford, Laconia; Assistant, Levi L. Aldrich, Suncook; Treas., Dana W. King; Q. M., Frank H. George; Commandant of Camp, Charles E. Buzzell; Musical Director, John C. Linehan; Medical Director, Royal B. Prescott; Auditors, Everett B. Huse, Frank H. Buffum, Manson S. Brown, and an Executive Committee of one from each regiment.

NEW YORK.

Frederic Cossum, President: The 13th annual Reunion of the 75th N. Y., Auburn, Oct. 19.

More than 60 veterans were present at the Reunion of the 115th N. Y. at South Glen Falls. Pres. G. H. Skym presided. Mr. Howland Fish delivered the address of welcome, to which Capt. S. P. Smith responded, after which officers were elected: Pres., S. W. Horning; V.-P.'s, G.O. Smith, J. C. Reid, J. L. Haines; Sec. and Treas., C. N. Ballou, Fonda. After the election of officers dinner was served by the W.R.C. in the rooms of Stephen B. Little Post. The afternoon was spent in conversation, singing, with an occasional short speech. Co. C. of this regiment also elected officers: Pres., J. C. Abeal, Brooklyn; V.-P.'s, Alfred Eighmy, Saratoga; and Michael Rice, Schenectady; Sec., Treas. and Historian, J. C. Reid, Boston.

The veterans of the 117th N. Y. were more fortunate than some other organizations, the day of their Reunion being one of the most delightful of the season. Dinner was served, after which the meeting was called to order by the President, David P. Magill. The Secretary read his report, which was accepted, and the association then proceeded to the election of officers: Pres., Perry B. Miller; Sec., Henry G. Estes, Utica; Treas., Thelwin Jones; Chap., G. B. Fairbead; Surg., Henry W. Carpenter; Ass't Surg., H. N. Marchisi; Auditing Committee, John B. Jones, John D. Ernst, J. D. Monroe. After the meeting of the regiment each one of the companies held a business meeting and elected Presidents, who are also Vice-Presidents of the regimental association. The next Reunion will be at Vernon.

Frankford was the place of meeting of the 152d N. Y. After dinner the entire delegation went to the G.A.R. Hall, where the business meeting was held. The election of officers resulted: Pres., F. D. Butler; V.-P.'s, H. H. Bellinger, H. House, H. Nichols, D. Stafford; Chap., A. P. Muler; Surg., P. W. Tallman; Sec. and Treas., H. Greenwald, Cobleskill. It was voted to hold the next annual Reunion at Unadilla.

J. C. Wambold, Secretary, Newark, N. J.: Reunion 1st N. Y. Eng., Paterson, N. J., Oct. 18.

Jamaica was the scene of the Reunion of the 127th N. Y. A business meeting was held in the Opera House, presided over by Capt. Fisk, of Brooklyn, President of the Association, Secretary C. H. Wesselis, of New York, recording the proceedings. The Opera House was handsomely decorated, the bullet-tattered battleflags of the regiment being displayed on the stage. There are 400 survivors of the war in the regiment, and of that number more than one-half were present. At the conclusion of this meeting the vets and their friends repaired to the large court-room, where a banquet by Caterer Terhune, of New York, was served.

The 31st Reunion of the 108th N. Y. was held at Honeoye Fall, with 100 members, accompanied by their friends, present. Past Senior Vice Department Commander Homer H. Webb welcomed the veterans as the guests of the Township. President Morris H. Darrohn responded and concluded reading his annual address. The Secretary reported three deaths among the members since last year. Comrade Geo. C. Reed presented the Association with a number of Grand Army rosters, which were sold for a nominal price, and the amount received placed to the credit of the treasury fund. The officers chosen are: Pres., Leonard Burton; V.-P., Chris Stein; Sec., Geo. H. Washburn; Treas., Alfred Elwood; Chap., S. J. Robins; Surg., Robert Gundy; Serg't, Henry Hall; Color-Bearers, J. Reynolds, Peter Oliver; Executive Committee, S. J. Robins, Robert Gundry, Peter Auger, W. Willingham, D. Schultz. An open-air dinner was served by the citizens, and the menu was ably discussed. Gettysburg medals of honor were distributed to those present entitled to the same.

The 13th Reunion of the 29th N. Y. Association, of Philadelphia, Pa., was held at Wilmington, Del. The comrades, families, and friends boarded the handsome steamer City of Chester, and after a three-hours delightful ride down the Delaware River, we arrived at Wilmington, where Comrades Henry Feldmeier and A. Gross, with a committee of citizens, were ready to transfer the veterans to Headquarters, which were established at the armory of Troop B, Delaware National Guard. After a short rest the excursionists partook of a stand-up luncheon, which was furnished in grand style. After this the veterans visited the historic and romantic Brandywine and and other places of interest, but were soon obliged to retreat to camp on account of rain. The comrades and friends were welcomed by Comrade V. Kalck, of the Association, and after the cloth was removed he made another short address, during which Comrade Feldmeier was presented with a beautiful G.A.R. emblem. Mrs. V. Kalck presented a handsome bouquet of flowers to Comrade A. Grosz in the name of the ladies present. The comrade was quite taken by surprise. Comrade H. Role read several correspondences from comrades who were unable to attend. The rest of the afternoon was spent in making addresses, recitations, etc. Comrade Heingartner gave a history of the regiment in verses composed by himself, and was quite a credit to the comrade. There were some 130 persons present, 36 comrades of the regiment taking part. Hermann Role, Secretary, 925 Fairmount avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

OHIO.

The eighth Reunion of the gallant 114th Ohio was held at Washington Courthouse. There were present about 80 comrades from all parts of the State. Officers for the coming year are: Pres., D. B. Saint; V.-P., Wash. Wyman; Sec., P. W. Longstreth, Gratiot, O.; Q. M., A. Getz; Commissary, A. Stoltz. Next Reunion to be at Lancaster in September, 1894.

The 27th Reunion of Battery A, 1st Ohio L. A., was held at the old camping-grounds at West Twin Lake. About 35 members, with their families, were on hand. The Reunion lasted three days. The old officers were reelected: Pres., Albert Holcomb; Sec. and Treas., S. J. Post, Ravenna, O.; Q. M., Philo Pierce. Committee of Arrangements, Chas. Saunders, John Shook, Nicholas Knapp. It was decided to hold the 28th annual Reunion at same place on the second week in August, 1894. The boys have held 27 Reunions, and for 17 years have met at this lake. The location is central, easily accessible to all the members, and is very suitable for camping purposes. The attendance this year was good, the weather was just right, and the Reunion one of the most enjoyable ever held. Among the Cleveland members present was Gen. James Barnett. Maj. W. F. Goodspeed, of Columbus, O., was with them this year.

The 100-days men held a meeting in Columbus, which was largely attended. The meeting was called to order by V.-P. W. J. Wilson. The first business transacted was the election of officers