THE RELIEF CORPS.

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

OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT.

Beautiful Tribute to the Woman's Relief Corps by Maj. Mink.

National President Sarah C. Mink, unanimously elected at Indianapolis as the 10th National President W.R.C., it a woman of distinguished presence and fine address. Although at present resident at Watertown, N. Y., her Corps home is in Syracuse, her husband, Maj. Charles E. Mink, still retaining his membership in Root Post.

National President Mink began active service in the ranks of the W.R.C. as President of Root Relief Corps, in which capacity she served three terms. Then followed her election as Department President of New York and her re-election to serve a second term. Her administration was active and energetic. As an organizer she has few equals, and the strictest economy, consistent with a vigorous prosecution of Relief Corps work, marked her conduct of affairs.

At the Milwaukee Convention, without a previous canvass, Mrs. Mink's name was presented for National President, and she came within two votes of an election. She was elected at Boston a member of the National Relief Corps Home Board for three years, and

SARAH C. MINK.

re-elected for five years at Washington. She served on the staffs of National Presidents Kinne and Craig and as National Aid, and served as Assistant National Inspector during the administrations of National Presidents Sanders and Wickins.

National President Mink is the wife of the commander of Mink's famous battery, one of the finest artillery commands which went out from the Empire State. Maj. Mink proved himself the bravest of the brave, and was specially complimented in General Orders by Gens. Miles and Griffin, under whom he served. He is an ardent Grand Army man, and as active in his efforts to promote the best interests of his comrades in times of peace, and to contribute to the necessities of their dependent ones, as he was to fight the battles of his country when the Union was threatened with disruption.

Maj. Mink is justly proud of his wife's services on behalf of the Grand Army and Relief Corps and the handsome recognition accorded her, and she will have a brave veteran's sure support throught her administration. In a letter just received Maj. Mink says:

"I wish to thank all of the good women of our country who comprise the Woman's Relief Corps for the hearty indorsement and unanimous election to the honorable position of National President of my dear wife. I am proud of the Woman's Relief Corps; proud of them because the poor and needy wards of the G.A.R. are not forgotten, but made to experience, practically, the fact that, in the midst of the great and glorious prosperity of our country, they are kindly remembered by the noblest women in the land; proud of them because they inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of the dear old flag; and proud of them because by their refining influence they are adding strength to the greatest order of nobility in the world, the Grand Army of the Republic. That the coming year's administration may be a successful one and an honor to the Order, and that heaven's richest blessing may attend all the true women in its ranks, is the earnest wish of my heart, and is, I trust, the desire of every true soldier of our country. On our noble women rest the power and sanctity of our American homes, upon which, as on a broad foundation-stone, rests the Nation's life."

ELEVENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Relief Corps and Grand Army Ballots, and Comments of Past Commander-in-Chief R. B. Beath—Report of National Chaplain Mary E. Knowles, and Department Doings.

A truly absurd action of National Convention was to vote down a recommendation made by National Inspector Flo Jamison Miller, that the words "or printed" be inserted after "written" in the clause in Rules and Regulations on balloting, thus leaving it to Conventions and Corps to act according to choice.

As it is now, ballots may be written by pen, pencil, or typewriter, but may not be printed from types; a most curious state of things certainly, and one that delegates voting for the same will find it hard to justify.

Past Commander-in-Chief R. B. Beath, the compiler of "Beath's Blue Book," was recently asked as to the custom followed in the Grand Army, whose Rules allow of both printed and written ballots, and was at the same time informed that in the Relief Corps the written ballot only was designated. Gen. Beath's reply will be read with interest. He says:

"The ballot required by Grand Army Rules and Regulations may be by either a printed or written ticket. The point is optional entirely, a matter of convenience. Your Rule—"shall be by written ballot"—is a strange one, as it must be very onerous and inconvenient in a large Department. * * * I would say the printed ballot was just as good as the written one; yet, if a point has been raised against it, the safe rule would be to have your National President refer the matter as of importance to the whole Order. Your Rule would much better read "by written or printed ballot," or, better still, leave it as in our Rules and Regulations."

It was claimed in National Convention, by opponents of a printed ticket, that it led to abuses of the ballot; that delegations having a favorite candidate would come to Conventions with printed tickets, and so gain an undue advantage over those whose candidates were not so presented. The fallacy of this need not be argued in these days of typewriting and manifold copies of written text. Any undue advantage which might be taken in circulating a printed ticket would apply equally to the written ticket. Either may be prepared and distributed in numbers.

NATIONAL CONVENTION ECHOES.

The California contingent at National Convention, headed by Department President Abbie E. Johnston, embraced Mary C. Farmer, Department Senior Vice-President; Louise B. Buckles, Josie Wilder, Amy C. Brown, and Flora Morrel, delegates, and Pauline Barrett and Eleanor B. Ransom, alternates. "Mother" Ransom, the beloved Army Nurse, had a warm welcome from those who knew her worth and history.

Department President Augusta B. Hammond, of Connecticut, and staff, held a reception at their Headquarters, North Meridian street, and were honored by calls from many comrades and Corps members from visiting States.

A Testimonial Committee, embracing Lizabeth A. Turner, Kate B. Sherwood, and Mary E. Knowles, was appointed to prepare and present a testimonial to retiring National President Margaret Ray Wickins.

Badges were not so plentiful and varied as upon many previous Conventions. The Ohio hand-painted badges, on white gros-grain ribbon, with a laurel wreath surrounding the monogram "F. C. L," and properly lettered, were among the prettiest souvenir badges. The Ohio buckeye and the Maine pine cone were emblems much sought after.

The National Convention souvenir badge, with a medallion of National President Wickins suspended from a pin ornamented with a very wide-awake grasshopper, and the Indianapolis souvenir badge, with a medallion of the late Mrs. Adelia New, the volunteer Army Nurse, were distinctive and handsome.

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAPLAIN.

One of the important reports before 11th National Convention was that of National Chaplain Mary E. Knowles. She reported that three Departments (Louisiana, Missouri, and South Dakota) had failed to forward Memorial Day reports; also, that 15 Detached Corps had failed to respond. She then says:

The reports received show that the day is observed with ever-increasing interest, and is fast growing in the hearts of the people. That it is indeed an educator for the young is evinced by the large number of children reported as taking part in the Memorial Day exercises.

I earnestly wish that time and space would permit me to give in full the written reports which accompany some of the Memorial blanks, but believing that all reports should be as brief and concise as possible, I have refrained from doing so. If I made any exception, it would be in favor of the Detached Corps. I have read "between the lines," and the reports from these isolated Corps show how loyal and true-hearted the members are, and how, under adverse circumstances, these little bands of women have paid reverential and grateful homage to the memory of those warriors "who hold their camps forever, and whose countersigns no living lips may speak."

Many of our Order have been honored by invitations to speak on Memorial Day; and the eloquent words given by them have left impressions not easily forgotten, and have proved that the "loyal women of this land" are true; and so long as one lives the lessons of patriotism and love of country will be inculcated.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The report of my honored predecessor contained recommendations which were not acted upon at the last National Convention. My experience in this year's work has proved that they were wise ones; and I present for consideration the following recommendations, and hope they will be adopted:

1. That the blanks issued to Department Chaplains be made to conform with Memorial blanks issued to Corps. The question, "How many members' graves were marked with flag and decorated?" is omitted on the Corps blanks. The responses given to this question are incorrect, and it is advisable to omit it.

2. That exact figures be given to the questions, "How many soldiers' graves were decorated?" and "How many children took part?" Answers such as "Nearly all," "large numbers," and "entire schools," are confusing, and add nothing to the summary.

3. That Department Chaplains be instructed to consolidate their reports; add each column, state the number of Corps in Department, and place the total on the last page of report; sign report, and forward to Department President for approval, who forwards the report to National Chaplain.

4. That immediately after Department Conventions the name and residence of Department Chaplain be forwarded to National Chaplain by Department Secretary. In many cases I have been unable to obtain the addresses of the Department Chaplains, and the Memorial blanks have been returned, thereby causing inconvenience and delay.

The recommendations were approved. Then follows a review by States, concluding with the following

FINAL SUMMARY.

Total number of States and Territories reporting	32
Total number of Corps reporting	2,439
Total membership of Corps reported	99,907
Total number of Corps attending Sabbath Memorial services	1,879
Total number of members taking part in Memorial Day services	57,413
Total number of children taking part in Memorial Day services	194,513
Total number of soldiers' graves decorated	319,996
Total number of members' graves decorated	3,727
Total number of Corps furnishing refreshments	783
Total number of Corps providing flowers	2,314
Total number of Corps preparing Memorials	1,657
Total amount of expense incurred	$14,331.36

NEW HAMPSHIRE AND THE G.A.R.

DEAR TRIBUNE: At the 17th annual Encampment of the New Hampshire Veterans' Association, held at Weirs, Department President Fanny E. Minot and other Department officers were present at W.R.C. Headquarters, Association Building. Beautiful flowers donated by Corps in vicinity decorated the room. The Relief Corps of the Department were well represented.

The Department officers held a reception at Headquarters, Past National President E. Florence Barker and National Chaplain Mary E. Knowles among the guests.

At the very interesting and enthusiastic Campfires held in the beautiful grove the remarks made by the Department President and other W.R.C. officers reflected much credit on our orator. Mrs. Knowles rendered several recitations during the Encampment that received rousing encores.

There seems to be a good word all along the line from New Hampshire Corps. Under the efficient direction of the Department officers harmony prevails, and the good work is progressing.

Persis T. Chase, Department Corresponding Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Patton Corps, La Porte, Ind., report pleasant social festivities and excellent work for their Post. This is one of the flourishing Corps of our State; attendance good, and a nicely-furnished hall evinces care and taste.

The social and financial standing of Morton Corps, Terre Haute, is a matter of congratulation among its membership. In all of the work of the year, especially at the Memorial season, they have excelled. The President is an inspiration as a leader in the tender work of visitation and relief.

Coal City Corps would inform their sister Corps that they are in comfortable possession of their own hall, carpeted and beautified, with funds on hand to meet calls for relief.

May B. Mendenhall, Department Corresponding Secretary, New Castle, Ind.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Lincoln Corps, 3, San Francisco, was chosen to exemplify the work of the Order, and at the time appointed 30 visitors were present, representing Appomattox, Lyon, Garfield, Meade, and Antietam Corps. A few days later Lincoln entertained at lunch Geo. S. Evans, Farragut, Rawlins, and Antietam Corps, about 60 in all. The hall was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers, and the tables were loaded with good things with true California prodigality.

Past Department President Southworth and Department Counselor Hood graced the occasion with their presence. The Corps presented each visiting President with a copy of the roster of Lincoln Post and Corps, which contains a history of both; also, with pictures of the Soldiers' Monument and the Monument to the Unknown Dead in G.A.R. plat of the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Phil Sheridan Corps, 4, and John A. Dix Corps, 5, of San Jose, together with the Ladies' of the G.A.R. and Daughters of Veterans gave a Charity Ball in that city, for the benefit of the W.R.C. Home at Evergreen. A large number of the merchants donated prizes, and $220 was turned over to the Treasurer of the Home, with instructions to use it for repairing the roof and painting the building.

Lyon Corps, 6, Oakland, reports 52 relief calls made for the month, with relief expenditures in cash and a donation to the W.R.C. Home. Lyon Corps surprised Post 8 at a regular meeting, and spread them a feast of meats, sweets, and flowers such as did the old soldiers good to enjoy. The Sons of Veterans were invited in and presented with a handsome flag, mounted and inscribed.

Appomattox Corps, 5, Oakland, were entertained sumptuously by Mrs. Evans at her pleasant Fruitvale home. Tables were laid under the trees in the orchard, where the trees were so laden with fruit that guests could reach up and pluck from the branches while seated at the table.

Admission Day, Sept. 9, was celebrated by all the Posts, Corps, and Sons of Veterans of Alameda County, by a grand Reunion at Trestle Glen, one of the beautiful suburban parks a few miles from Oakland.

Sarah C. Borland, Department Corresponding Secretary, San Francisco, Cal.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: There is great activity in the Relief Corps of the old Bay State, and picnics and moral entertainments are many.

I. Arthur Johnson Post and Relief Corps have exchanged surprises. At a regular meeting the Corps found themselves possessed of a fine piano through the generosity of Past Commander Chamberlain. Then the Corps gave the Post a surprise party, with a program of song and recitation and a feast of good things innumerable.

Department Chaplain Hattie A. Ralph, of Summerville, is recuperating her health in New Hampshire.

Corps 88, Whitinsville; Corps 136, Whitman, with Post 78 as guests, and Corps 79, Braintree, with their Post, are among the Corps reporting enjoyable picnics.

Corps 29, of Lynn, entertained Corps 65, of Stoneham, and Corps 69, of Wakefield, with representatives from Charlestown, Salem, and Lowell, in royal style.

Joseph E. Simmons Corps, 111, of Pembroke, entertained Department President Clark and staff with music, speaking, and a baby show.

Corps 77, Gloucester, by invitation of Col. J. H. French, enjoyed an outing at his beautiful home, Bay View. Several Post comrades were of the party.

Past President Knapp, of Corps 124, Plymouth, has resumed her supervision of the Home School for boys, after a pleasant Summer outing.

Corps 82, of Athol, entertained the Winchenden Post, Corps, and Sons of Veterans Camp at Garden Hall in a charming manner.

Twenty-five members of Corps 5, Medford, surprised the widow of B. N. Adams, who compiled the history of Encampment week in Boston, and presented her 14-months-old boy, Charles Carleton Coffin Adams, with a complete wardrobe.

Gen. Lander Corps, of Lynn, membership 320, continues the largest in the Department. Corps 83, Woburn, gained 16 members last quarter.

The Committee on Massachusetts Relief Corps history is making excellent progress, through the active co-operation of the Corps, one and all.

Past Department President Mary J. Deane was a guest of the Bristol County Association of the G.A.R.

Paul Revere Relief Corps, 103, of Quincy, gave a handsome lawn-party at Quincy Point, Post and Camp present as guests. A Boston orchestra furnished music for dancing and a male quartet gave pleasing numbers. Refreshment tables liberally patronized. This Corps, by invitation of Post 88, enjoyed a clam-bake at North Weymouth on Labor Day.

Benjamin Stone Corps, 68, having pledged $500 to Post 68 to assist in enlarging and furnishing Grand Army Hall, gave a series of successful Summer garden-parties for this purpose. At the last of these was the presentation to Past Department Treasurer Harriette L. Reed of a testimonial, voted her by the National Council, W.R.C., in recognition of her services on behalf of the Army Nurse pension bill. The

TESTIMONIAL PRESENTED

Harriette L. Reed—who, while serving as Secretary of the National Pension Committee, made several prolonged visits to Washington, and to whose efforts the passage of the bill was largely due—is in the form of a bar-pin with pendant. The pin has in the center the gold recognition pin of the W.R.C., with the inscription "Cav." on one side and "100" on the other, in reference to the fact that her husband, Capt. J. Sewall Reed, served in the California cavalry contingent. The pendant is Sheridan's cavalry badge; the blue oval has on it two crossed swords, surrounded by rays of silver and studded with diamonds. The soldiers of the California 100 are much attached to Mrs. Reed, who accompanied her husband on the long journey from California to the front, remaining with them in camp until Capt. Reed was killed.

In presenting the testimonial Lizabeth A. Turner, Past National Senior Vice-President, very feelingly referred to the young bride who left her home in Massachusetts for the other almost foreign land of California with the brightest hopes for her future. Then the call to arms, the patriotic response of Massachusetts' sons in that far-away State, the long and tedious journey, the camp life, and then the sorrow of that last home-coming with the lifeless body of that patriot and hero, her devotion to the invalid child left to her trust, and at last, when that was taken from her, her consecrated services on behalf of the suffering and needy veteran, his family, and the women who cared for the boys at the front. The speech was full of interest, as well as appropriate to the occasion, and in accepting the gift Mrs. Reed feelingly responded.

Sarah J. Williamson, Department Corresponding Secretary, Woliaston, Mass.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

At the celebration of the 25th anniversary of Col. J. W. Patterson Post, 151, Pittsburg, they were presented with a pair of handsome swords by Patterson Relief Corps.

The Proceedings of Ninth Annual Convention, Department of Maine, W.R.C., appear in condensed form, with a frontispiece of Department President Mary E. Inman. The journal records much excellent work performed by the earnest women of the Pine Tree State.

Although they are a little late for publication, best thanks are extended for excellent communications indorsing the position of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE on the vital question of economy in general expenditures and more money for relief. Eleventh National Convention, W.R.C., fully indorses THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE views, and "Call a Halt" is now a halt called, in so far as National Legislation can control affairs. Now for "a long pull, a strong pull and pull all together," that this year may be the best year the Woman's Relief Corps has ever known, National, Department and Corps.

THE QUESTION SQUAD.

Veterans Anxious to Find Their Comrades—Who Can Aid Them?

Information or the addresses of the following-named persons are greatly desired for various reasons:

CALIFORNIA.—Of Co. A, 7th Cal., who knew Wm. Wilson; by H. Wilson, Talogn, O. T.

ILLINOIS.—Of officers and privates of Co. G, 7th Ill., who remember J. A. Sewell, of that company; by Wm. Chartain, Delta, Mo.——Of the 11th Ill. Cav. who remember George Hornbeck; by J. M. Hogan, Murphysboro, Ill.——Of the officers of Co. A, 1st battalion Ill. (Yates) Sharpshooters; by John Holderby, 314 Lamkin street, Pueblo, Colo.——Of Hiram S. Beldin, 15th Ill.; by J. M. Beldin, Prescott, Iowa.——Of Capt. James A. Landen, Co. B, 153d Ill.; by Aaron McKinney, Brookeville, Kan.——Of Albert G. Livings, Surgeon, 7th Ill. Cav.; by Clark Smith, Colfax, Iowa.

IOWA.—Of Samuel Stillions, 1st Iowa Cav., in South Dakota two years ago; by George Oathout, Luana, Iowa.

MAINE.—Of the death of James R. Holt, Co. G, 12th Me., killed at the battle of Winchester; by T. H. Holt, Gorham, Me.

MASSACHUSETTS.—Of the 4th Mass. Cav.; by P. Grace, Soldiers' Home, Santa Monica, Los Angeles Co., Cal.

MICHIGAN.—Of Co. E, 1st Mich. L. A., who remember writer; by C. H. Proper, Little Falls, Minn.

NEW YORK.—Of Surg. Eager, 162d N. Y., Acting Brigade Surgeon, First Division, Fineteenth Corps, in 1862/63; by James A. Waterhouse, Portsmouth, N. H.——Of John J. Wilber, Co. G, 65th N. Y.; by T. F. Wass, Northeast, Erie County, Pa.——Of Co. D, 132d N. Y.; by Mary A. Thorn, Danbury, Conn.——Of Co. G, 54th N.Y.; by Mrs. F. E. Longabaugh, Ruweda, Kan.

OHIO.—Of John S. Jennings, Co. C, 36th Ohio; enlisted July 31, 1861; last heard of at Harrisburg, Ariz., in 1891; by Phœbe Jennings, Centerfield, O.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Of Co. A, 81st Pa.; by M. A. Miller, 117 East Liberty street, Wooster, O.——Of Co. D, 9th Pa. Cav.; by A. K. McCurdy, Willow Hill, Pa.——Of Co. C, 8th Pa. Cav.; by Richard Tobin, 206 West Ninety-sixth street, New York City.

TENNESSEE.—Of Frank Harrison, 9th Tenn. Cav.; thought to be living in Lincoln County, Tenn.; also of B. F. Carpenter, Co. A, 7th Tenn. Cav., thought to be living in Ohio; by James W. Turner, New Middleton, Tenn.

REGULARS.—Of Geo. H. W. Herrick, Regimental Surgeon, 1st U. S. Vol.; mustered out at Leavenworth, Kan., in November, 1865; by W. H. Sorrell, Woodville, Ala.——Of John Todd, enlisted in the Regulars at Pittsburg and went to Cincinnati, O.; supposed to have gone from there to Florida in 1847, '48; by John Perkins, Rays, O.——Of Serg't Edward Kelly, Michael Mitchell, Patrick Regan, and Richard Cogan, all of Co. D, 11th U. S.; by Wm. Garmon, Hartland, Mich.——Of any who served in mounted detachment of Co.'s C, H, and G, Independent Battalion, 18th U. S. Inf., stationed at Camp Douglas, Utah, in 1867, guarding surveying party from Camp Douglas to Fort Sanders, Wyoming Ter.; by Joseph Carter, Vincennes, Ind.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Of company and regiment in which John R. Bowles served; left Virginia during the war and enlisted in some Ohio regiment; by W. H. Sorrell, Woodville, Ala.——Of William and Abner Smith; also of their mother, Mrs. Shuppard; last heard of in Elkhart Co., Ind.; by John Smith, Box 466, Muscatine, Iowa.——Of James Gerrard, a Scotchman, last heard of 18 years ago, when he went out on the Yellowstone expedition; by Allen Gerrard, Bennington, N. H.——Of Adam Shauer; went from Virginia to the southern part of Missouri several years ago; by Samuel Lehman, Convoy, O.

NAVAL.—Of Acting Ensign Isaak J. McKinly, Pa. (likely from Pittsburg); Acting Master's Mate B. P. Tucker; Acting Master's Mate James L. Gould, Bangor, Me.; Chief Boatswain's Mate W. A. Taylor; Chief Boatswain's Mate Chas. Wilson; Quartermaster Benjamin Newman; Gunner Frank Ryeday; Landsmen Geo. Hoff and Thos. Irwin; he was No. 18 Foretop, No. 9 Fighting Crew of the Launch, one of the First Cutter's Crew, and No. 13 at the 100-pdr. Parrott Rifle, 2d Division; all of U. S. S. Pocahontas; by H. D. Johnson, Hollow, Mo.

REUNIONS.

Annual Meetings and Other Matters Pertaining to Various Organizations.

CONNECTICUT.

The 16th Conn. held their Reunion at Cornpounce Pond, Bristol. The anniversary of Antietam is always their day, but as it fell this year on Sunday, the day before the anniversary was fixed upon. A monument upon that historic field is one of the 16th's ambitions, as they already own 10 acres there, the gift of Lieut.-Col. Cheney.

The address of welcome to the veterans of the 29th and 30th Conn., at their Reunion at Savin Rock, was delivered by Maj. Thomas J. Griffin. Speeches were made by Col. W. B. Wooster, Capt. Coe, comrade Admiral Foote Post, 17; Revs. A. P. Miller, New Haven, and S. N. Brown. As there has been no regular regimental association steps were taken to form one, which is to be known as "The Colored Soldiers and Sailors' Veteran Association of Connecticut." Officers were elected as follows: Pres., George W. Ladieu; V.-P., Phil J. Johnson; Sec., Charles S. Tatten, Ansonia; Ass't Sec., Thos. J. Griffin, New Haven; Treas., J. H. Wilkins. It was voted to hold the next Reunion at Danbury, Aug. 31, 1894.

The surviving members of the 2d Conn. H. A. held their 27th Reunion at Bridgeport. More than 150, with their wives and friends, assembled in the Elias Howe, jr., Post room, and were called to order at noon by the President, A. G. Bliss. The following officers were elected: Pres., Fred. A. Lucas; V.-P., Wm. H. Lewis; Sec. and Historian, D. C. Kilbourn, Litchfield; Treas., Chas. W. Hinsdale. The next Reunion is to be held in New Milford in September, 1894. Letters were read from very many absent comrades, including Maj.-Gen. H. G. Wright, their old Sixth Corps commander. The annual love-feast, consisting of stories, speeches, etc., from many of the boys, prolonged the meeting till quite late. The Historian's report showed a death-list of 11 comrades. Capt. Wm. T. Spencer, one of the participants of the Ford's Theater collapse, was present, but very feeble, owing to shock received there. A marked feature of the occasion was a large album of photographs, shown by the Secretary, of comrades taken in the army days, and a scrap-book of regimental incidents, and also a Historian's book of clippings placed against each member's name, thus forming a personal history of each one.

Guilford was where the 1st Conn. L. A. reuned. Though there were 35 survivors, their families swelled the attendance to 75. The business meeting was held in Masonic Hall; and after the address by the President, Edward Griswold, and speeches by several of the comrades, the following officers were elected: President, Edward Griswold, First V.-P., David Crosley; Second V.-P., L. A. Waldo; Sec., Theron Upson; Treas., John T. Sloan. At Music Hall the W.R.C. had provided a bountiful collation. The comrades were welcomed by an able address by the Rev. C. J. Range; and after satisfying the inner man they rehearsed the usual number of army yarns, after which they adjourned to meet in Hartford in 1894.

ILLINOIS.

The Reunion of the 127th Ill. was held at Aurora, and the attendance was quite large. That city is especially fitted for holding Reunions, on account of the large number of veterans residing there. A banquet was provided for the visiting veterans and their families by the Ladies of the G.A.R. The old officers were re-elected as follows: Pres., Capt. J. Frank Richmond; V.-P., E. A. Cummings; Sec., Geo. H. Knott, Elgin; Ass't Sec., Frank Young, Sandwich.

The 11th annual Reunion of the 84th Ill. took place at Vermont. There were present 61 members of the regiment. Many were deterred from being present on account of the financial depression that exists throughout our country and the uncertainty of drawing their next installment of pension. A good dinner was served free to all by the comrades of Cos. B and H. H. H. Nance was chosen President, and J. H. Hess Secretary for the coming year. The Campfire at night was enjoyed by the old veterans. It made them feel young once more to hear the stories of our trials of '62 to '65. Bushnell was chosen for the next place of meeting.

The ninth Reunion of the 89th Ill. was held in Aurora to-day, and was attended by 62 survivors of that famous regiment, which was popularly called the "Railroad Regiment. Some of them came from California, New York, and Alabama. A banquet was given the veterans at the People's Church by the Woman's Relief Corps, at which speeches were made by Rev. Nelson F. Glover, Prof. J. H. Freeman, Serg't Y. W. Willett, Col. Nate Sanlsbury, and other comrades. The following officers were elected: Pres., Lieut. Robert Miller; V.-P., Capt. F. M. Hobbs; Sec., Serg't A. D. Curran, Bristol; Treas., W. C. Gillam.

The 124th Ill. met in Reunion at Camp Lincoln, South Chicago, Ill., Sept. 7 and 8. All the officers of the Association were present, except Capt. R. A. Tenney, who was absent by reason of sickness, and Secretary Wilson. About 60 members were present. The attendance was not up to the usual number, but what was lacking in that respect was fully made up by the exceedingly patriotic feeling which prevailed. The President in his report reviewed the work done since the preceding Reunion, and showed that every reasonable effort had been made to search out the unaccounted-for. The Treasurer reported all debts paid, and a good working balance in his hands. The following officers were unanimously re-elected: Pres., C. E. Bassett; V.-P's., A. Newland, A. N. Reece, R. A. Tenney, H. L. Field; Treas., J. W. Kendall; Sec., E. F. Stafford, Batavia, Ill.; Chap., Adin Mann. A banquet was provided, after which addresses were made by C. E. Bassett, Adin Mann, A. Newland, H. L. Field, A. N. Reece, and others.

The 19th Ill. held their Reunion at Veterans' Hall, Michigan avenue and Thirteenth street, Chicago. This fighting regiment has kept up a regular association, and pays sick benefits and burial assessments. There were a goodly number of those from a distance present. Col. J. A. Sexton welcomed the old boys, and a most enjoyable time was had amidst song and mirth. Many responsible positions are held in Chicago by members of the old 19th, and its survivors are held in great esteem by the citizens. Capt. T. M. Beatty, Secretary, Chicago, will be glad to hear from all who are not upon the roll.

The 58th Ill. held their two days' Reunion at Chicago. Some 45 of the old boys with their families attending. A visit to old Libby, where the 85th fetched up after Shiloh, was made, after the pork and beans spread had been bountifully partaken of, the first day. The second day the World's Fair was visited, when the old colors at Illinois Building were saluted. The Ladies of the G.A.R., Circle 1, received the regiment in a most hospitable manner, to which a vote of thanks was tendered. Z. R. Winslow, 319 S. Clark street, Chicago, was re-elected President, and E. Potter Dustin, of Cincinnati, O., elected Secretary, who will be glad to have the addresses of any old member not on the roster. This regiment has a war record, having had 16 companies and 2,300 men from first to last.

M. C. Edwards, Secretary, Pinckneyville: Reunion 81st Ill., Centralia, on the second day of the Reunion of the Sailors and Soldiers' Association of Southern Ill. in October.

The 12th Ill. Cav. held their Reunion in the Illinois State Building at the World's Fair on Sept. 9 and 11. Only a few comrades met on the 9th, but about 75 old comrades shook hands and registered on the 11th. The business meeting was called to order at 2 p. m., with President Redman in the chair and Clark H. Calkins acting as Secretary. The following organization was perfected for the ensuing year: Pres., Maj. Luff, Chicago; First V.-P., Capt. Redman, Harvey; Second V.-P., Lieut. Hartwell, Challacomb; Sec. and Treas., Serg't Calkins, Union, Mo. Resolutions of thanks for outgoing officers, President Redman and Secretary Clark, were passed. On motion Pres. Luff appointed Maj. Daily, Gen. Dox, Capts. Redman and De Lacy as a committee to compile history of regiment. With resolution to meet next time in Chicago, and three cheers for "Old Glory," the meeting adjourned.

The 113th Ill. held their annual Reunion at Camp Lincoln, Chicago, with 75 of the members present, a good number having their wives with them. Many of the comrades had not seen each other since being mustered out in 1865, 28 years ago, and in several instances did not recognize each other until their names were spoken. A cordial and happy greeting followed only such as old soldiers can give. Col. A. C. Higgins, of Chicago, delivered an able address, which was greeted with loud applause. The officers elected for next year are: Pres., B. F. Fender; First V.-P., L. E. Runyan; Second V.-P., Fred Becker; Sec. and Treas., F. J. Filbert, Palatine. Palatine was fixed as the place of the Reunion in 1894, to be held sometime during the month of September.

The 24th Reunion of the 127th Ill. was held at Aurora. The business meeting was called to order by the President of the Association, Capt. Richmond. After some discussion Elgin was chosen as the place for the Reunion in 1894. This was owing to the fact that the first Reunion was held at that point in 1869, and it was thought fitting to go there for the silver anniversary. The old officers were re-elected: Pres., Capt. J. Frank Richmond; V.-P., E. A. Cummings; Sec., Geo. H. Knott; Ass't Sec., Frank Young. Fitting resolutions were prepared and adopted in memory of the comrades deceased during the year, and the meeting adjourned to the basement of the People's Church for an excellent spread served by the Ladies of the G.A.R.

INDIANA.

Nearly 100 of the 115th Ind. registered at the National Encampment at Indianapolis, and on the evening of Sept. 6 a Campfire was held in connection with the brigade Reunion. S. N. Chambers was chosen President, and W. C. Edgerman, of New Albany, Secretary and Treasurer. The next Reunion will be held at Marion in the Fall of 1894.

The 68th Ind. held their Reunion at Indianapolis. There were present 135 members; many had not met since their muster-out, in 1865. A perfect lovefeast was the result of this meeting. Officers for ensuing year are: Pres., Col. B. C. Shaw; V.-P., Capt. H. D. Moore; Sec., Capt. J. H. Mauzy. The next Reunion will be held at Elwood Aug. 19, 1894, and Capt. Leeson, of Co. C, desires every member of the regiment to be present and share his hospitality, as he proposes to entertain the boys right royally.

The 10th Ind. Cav. held their Reunion during the Encampment, with very pleasant results. The Secretary was instructed to secure a supply of badges, similar to those procured at the meeting two years ago, and that the same be furnished to all members of the regiment who are not supplied with them. Under these instructions every ex-member of the regiment may be supplied with a badge by making request to John G. Springer, Springfield, Ill. These badges cost about 25 cents each. Officers chosen were: Pres., Dudley Wickersham; V.-P.'s, W. H. Coffman, Wm. Crawley, Gustave Lang, H. M. Graham, and Samuel Van Brunt; Sec. and Treas., John G. Springer, Springfield, Ill. It was decided that the next meeting be held at Champaign, Ill., at a time to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

The 50th Ind. held a Reunion at Military Park during the session of the National Encampment. Capt. James H. Johnson, of Co. K, was chosen Temporary Chairman, and George G. Hoover, of Co. E, Secretary. After short speeches by the different members present it was unanimously agreed that this be made a permanent organization for regimental Reunions. James Harrel, of Co. D, was elected President, and George G. Hoover, of Co. E, 97 Highland Place, Indianapolis, Secretary, and they were given the power to appoint a committee of five to act as an advisory board to assist them in arranging the details and program for the Reunion. The President and Secretary were given the power to appoint a committee of one from each of the several Counties where companies were organized to assist the Secretary in obtaining the names and addresses of the survivors, to enable him to prepare a roster of the regiment. Seymour was selected as the place of holding the next Reunion, and the President and Secretary was authorized to fix the day and date of the Reunion. Seymour having been the first rendezvous the Secretary was instructed to open correspondence with the city authorities and ascertain what could be done in the way of preparing a fitting reception.

MAINE.

The 4th Me. and 2d Me. battery had the largest attended Reunion ever recorded at Rockland. The soldiers were guests of Gen. Davis Tillson, proceeding to Hurricane Isle by the Steamer Gov. Bodwell, where a mammoth clambake was enjoyed, followed by speeches. These officers were elected: Pres., Capt. William N. Ulmer; V.-P.'s, William H. Simmons, George H. Thomas; Sec. and Treas., Robert Anderson. Returning to this city a Campfire was held in Grand Army Hall, with speeches by Mayor Knight, Gen. Tillson, Gen. J. P. Cilley, Col. Elijah Walker, and others.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Edwin F. Spofford, 175 Lebanon street, Malden: I want the addresses of all members of Co. M, "Lander's Guards," 1st Mass. H. A., with photographs, to be used in a memorial of the company.

The attendance at the 26th Reunion of the 53d Mass., held at Gardner, was small during the forenoon, but the warm afternoon sun swelled the number considerably. The Secretary's report showed nine deaths since the last meeting. This regiment engaged in many battles, the severest loss being at Port Hudson; and when in the course of his speech Capt. Whitney drew from his pocket a piece of the old regimental flag, torn by shot at that battle, there was much cheering.

The veterans of the old 40th Mass. met and greeted each other at Faneuil Hall on the 31st anniversary of their organization. About 80 of the survivors of this regiment were present. The business meeting was held in the forenoon. The number of deaths as reported by the Secretary were 11. The following officers were unanimously elected: Pres., Joseph A. Dalton; First V.-P., Wm. H. Cundy; Second V.-P., Chas. A. Currier; Sec., Edward L. Giddings; Chap., J. Henry Thayer. The afternoon was spent in speech-making and story-telling.

The Reunion of the 18th Mass. was held in Boston, at the American House. About 50 of the survivors of some 300 of that old regiment were present and celebrated the 32d anniversary of the day of their departure from the State for the front Aug. 26, 1861. The business of the Association was performed, a fine dinner enjoyed, etc. Officers were elected as follows: Pres., J. W. Footman; V.-P. and Sec., W. W. Hemenway; Treas., H. W. Kenyan. Resolutions were passed on the deaths since the last meeting of seven members.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Charles F. Benjamin, Secretary, 70 Corcoran Building, Washington, D. C., sends us the constitution and historical summary of the Washington Branch of the Third Corps Union.

NEW YORK.

Thomas W. Smith, Secretary, 300 Third avenue, New York City: Reunion 11th N. Y. Cav. (Scott's 900), Peekskill, Oct. 12.

The fourth annual Reunion of the Fraternity of the Survivors of the 6th N. Y. Art. was held at Floral Hall, White Plains. Hon. Wm. H. Robertson, Gen. Wm. H. Morris, Lieut. Fordham Morris, James B. Wood, President of the Westchester Historical Society, and Joseph B. Eakins, President of the Association, delivered addresses. Judge Wm. H. Robertson read a paper on the organization of War Committee for the Eighth Senatorial District of New York. Only seven of this committee are now living, and two were present at the Reunion, Wm. H. Robertson and Silas D. Gifford. The following officers were elected: Pres., Stephen Baker; First V.-P., Geo. R. Hendrickson; Second V.-P., Capt. John Gedney; Third V.-P., Maj. H. B. Hall; Fourth V.-P., Capt. Fordham Morris; Historian, Maj. Frederick Shonnard; Treas., Capt. Watson C. Vredenburgh; Sec., Lieut. Louis H. Bleakley; Cor. Sec., John D. Crawford. The next annual Reunion will be held at Yonkers Sept. 2, as guests of Kitching Post, G.A.R.

At the roll-call of the 125th N. Y. at Weinberger's Grove, West Troy, 45 members answering to their names. The meeting of this regiment was to have been held at Pleasure Island, but on recount of heavy rains that island was covered with water, so it was impossible to get to it. The Reunion was in the shape of a basket picnic, and the veterans and their families had a pleasant time.

The 125th N. Y. were to have held their Reunion at Pleasure Island, but on account of a freshet in the Hudson River they were obliged to go elsewhere, as the Island was under water. Weinberger's Grove, West Troy, was selected, and 45 responded to roll-call. Capt. W. D. Taylor presided in his usual happy manner. The members, accompanied by their families, carried large, well-filled baskets, and had an enjoyable time. During the year death has entered the ranks. Gen. S. C. Armstrong, of Co. D, Principal of the Hampton School for Freedmen and Indians, closed a useful and eventful life; Wm. Bolton, of Co. C, of Lansingburg, N. Y., and, last, Capt. Joseph Egolf, Co. I, of Troy. The finance of the association is in good shape