THE GRAND ARMY.

What is Being Done by the Veterans for the Good of the Order.

[Owing to the lack of space available for such a purpose, a limited number of Post elections will be printed each week, each one taking its place in order of receipt. Hundreds of these are sent to us every year, but no discrimination is made in favor of any as against the others. Comrades are requested to send brief accounts of special Post doings, and for publication in this column, and Adjutants of Posts will greatly oblige by mailing new Post and Department Rosters as they are issued, for reference.]

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

FLORIDA.—

The Department Commander, in General Orders, invites suggestions from comrades as to the best methods for recruiting our ranks, and as to points where new Posts could be established and maintained for the accommodation of comrades who cannot unite with existing Posts without great inconvenience. The suspended list should at once be reduced to the minimum by remitting the dues of those unable to pay.

ILLINOIS.—

Post 182, Lincoln, gave a Campfire and Thanksgiving dinner for the benefit of the relief fund, and the affair was a success in every way; good dinner, good music, good speeches, both from the blue and gray, and a large attendance. The net proceeds for the relief fund were $100.

INDIAN TERRITORY AND OKLAHOMA.—

Chickasaw Post, 21, Ardmore, at a recent meeting passed resolutions in regard to the opening of Government lands, to the effect that "the members of this Post respectfully request the members of Congress to enact a law giving to soldiers, sailors, army nurses, and all others actively engaged in the late war on behalf of the Federal Government, 60 days in advance of the general public, in which to examine and select homesteads in the Kiawa and Comanche Reservations in the Indian Territory; that we urgently request the co-operation of all Posts and all others in securing the passage of this act; that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Adjutant to Gen. Adams, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, for such action as he may determine upon; that a copy also be sent to Hon. Wm. Holman, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, respectfully asking his early and favorable consideration."

KENTUCKY.—

Craxton Post, 9, Fearis—Com., S. G. Hillis; S. V. C., Wm. Gilkinson; J. V. C., Thos. F. Dothrie; Q. M., A. S. Cole; O. D., G. W. Bevard; Chap., H. W. Walker; Adj't, Wm. H. Rinehart; O. G., Jos. Renchen; Guard, A. H. Carr. The delegates from the Post were instructed to cast its vote for D. O'Riley, of Litchfield, for Department Commander.

MASSACHUSETTS.—

Samuel F. Woods Post, Barre—Com., J. Harding Allen; S. V. C., J. A. Carruth; J. V. C., T. P. Blakely; Q. M., W. E. Bacon; Surg., D. A. Gilmore; Chap., J. T. Sennett; O. D., George Wilson; O. G., P. H. Babbitt.

A. W. Bartlett Post, 49, Newburyport—Com., Thomas W. Cogger; S. V. C., Moses Bartlett; J. V. C., John S. Follert; Q. M., Thos. E. Cutter; Surg., Luther Carter; Chap., Albert O. Colby; O. D., James O. Wilkinson; O. G., Edward Saxton. Delegates, Thomas W. Cogger, Thos. E. Cutter, William C. Cuseck, Caleb P. Davis, jr., Josiah E. Johnson, Moses Bartlett. Alternates, Albert O. Colby, John Burke, Fred E. Lowell, Luther Carter, John Q. A. Johnston. Thomas E. Cutter, who was re-elected Quartermaster of this Post, has held that position since 1870, and enjoys the distinction of having held that office longer than any Quartermaster in in the State. Comrade Cutter's faithful services are fully appreciated by the comrades of the Post.

Geo. H. Naintien Post, Plainville—Com., Wm. H. Wade; S. V. C., Francis Young; J. V. C., Jas. B. Johnson; Surg., Joel Barden; Chap., Lemas F. Mendell; Q. M., Albert W. Burton; O. D., H. Eugene Coombs; O. G., Thos. Breen. Delegate, A. W. Burton; Alternate, L. F. Mendell. The Post voted to have a joint installation with W.R.C. No. 74.

MICHIGAN.—

Col. Baker Post, 84, Kalkaska—Com., John Lewis; S. V. C., Jas. M. Steel; J. V. C., Mason C. Kidder; Surg., Jesse Decker; Chap., David M. White; Q. M., James Greacen; O. D., Wilbur J. Wilson; O. G. Emmerson J. Corpe.

MINNESOTA.—

D. F. Markham Post, 7, Marshall—Com., O. E. Gail; S. V. C., O. Marron; J. V. C., T. J. Barber; Chap., O. Warren; Q. M., C. H. Richardson; O. D., J. D. Eastman; O. G., G. R. Watkins; Surg., J. L. Armington.

NEW YORK.—

John P. Robinson Post, 14, Perry—Com., Robert Kershaw; S. V. C., Patrick Duffy; J. V. C., F. M. Alburty; Q. M., M. L. Calkins; Surg., Wm. C. Hendershott; Chap., Malory Hewitt; O. D., Chas. G. Westlake; O. G., S. D. Phillips.

Post 275, Webster—Com., A. J. Pratt; S. V. C., John Pallett; J. V. C., Jacob Hoffman; Surg., Jacob Hilflicker; Chap., J. T. Brown; O. D., J. W. McFarlin; O. G., Richard Morely.

Frank Head Post, Brooklyn, at its last regular meeting, received from Mrs. Cornelius S. Morrell, a large and suitably-framed picture of her brother, for whom the Post is named. The presentation was made by Gen. James McLeer, who briefly recounted the services and death of this brave soldier. The plate on the frame contains this inscription: "Frank Head, Color-Bearer of the Brooklyn Fourteenth Regiment, killed on the field of Bull Run, July 21, 1861," and these memorable words of this patriot-soldier, as he fell upon the field mortally wounded and his comrades offered to assist him: "Never mind me, boys; save the colors!"

Tibbits Post and Tibbits Veteran Association recently dedicated their delightful quarters. The joint organizations have fitted the rooms with pictures and furniture, so that they are among the most pleasant in the city. The organizations have long felt the want of such rooms, and now they have secured the lease of their new quarters for a term of years, and in the future they will have as pleasant meeting-rooms as there are in the city. Speeches were made by the Tibbits Post members, and such Commanders as were present from other Posts of the city and the neighboring towns. Comrade Pierce also made a short speech; and it was a late hour when the veterans reluctantly dispersed.

OHIO.—

L. H. Williams, Department Commander, in recent orders, announces the appointment of Aids as follows: Spencer Garwood, Post 570, Milford Center; Nat Brooks, 593, Bybalia; R. Cantwell, 299, Covington; M. L. Brown, 161, Bradford; Thomas C. Yates, 210, Higginsport; W. J. Parrett, 669, South Salem; L. T. Earhart, 275, Mt. Orab; D. M. Barrett, 243, Rainsboro—address, Lancaster; D. J. Wilhelm, 385, Canal Fulton; Mark Sternberger, 365, Jackson.

Craig W. Wadsworth Post, Nunda, gave a banquet on their 10th anniversary, at which speeches were made by Gen. J. P. Cleary, Department Commander; Col. James S. Graham, Col. Redman, Quartermaster-General, and Col. Sherman D. Richardson. Department Commander Cleary gave the people a good insight in regard to the aims and objects of the Grand Army, and strongly urged the organization of the Sons of Veterans at that place.

KANSAS.—

The Campfire and basket supper given by Curtis Post was a very successful affair, although the attendance was not as large as had been expected. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Post Chaplain, followed by music and speech-making until the supper was served.

PENNSYLVANIA.—

Department Commander T. G. Sample and staff visited Chester during the last week of November to participate in the installation of the officers of Wilde Post, which took place in the rooms of that Post. During their stay in Chester the party visited the Eddystone Print Works and the Military College, besides many other points of interest. At the Military College the visitors were taken on a tour of inspection of the large building. After going through the building the Commander and staff were conducted to the parade-ground, where they watched the cavalry drills with much interest. This drill over the comrades were taken to the mess-room, and witnessed the students entering and securing their places at the tables. After all had been seated the Commander was introduced to the boys, and told them they should be proud of the school they were attending, and that from his observations he was confident if trouble should come they would make good soldiers. This speech was greeted with cheers from the students. In the evening the party attended the meeting of Wilde Post, where they met many comrades and Sons from all the Posts and Camps in the city. The following officers were elected by the Post: Com., Chas. K. Melville; S. V. C., Richard A. Leggett; J. V. C., H. Nelson Platt; O. D., Jos. Tongue; Q. M., Wm. H. Martin; Q. M. S., John R. Cullingworth; Surg., D. W. Jefferis; O. G., Samuel Corbett. After the election a Campfire was held.

TEXAS.—

Burnside Post, 56, Weatherford, held a Thanksgiving Campfire on the evening of the 30th, which was largely attended, not only by the comrades of the G.A.R., but by the Camp of Confederate Veterans at that place. Comrade Welch led off with an eloquent appeal for harmony, Gen. O. G. Peterson followed with a few appropriate remarks, and then Capt. Kidd, of the Confederate Camp, spoke of the organization and growth of the G.A.R. in that city. There were also present a number of members from other Posts in the adjacent Counties.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA.—

The comrades of Pacific Post, 48, aided by Pacific Corps, 21, and the members of Camp 28, S. of V., are making great efforts to establish a public library at Port Angeles. At a recent meeting of the members interested in the enterprise, speeches were made by Mrs. Malony and Mrs. Haynes, of the W.R.C., as well as by several comrades and a number of Sons. By a unanimous vote it was agreed to hold, at some time in the near future, a meeting for the benefit of the fund being raised for the purpose. The building is to be known as the Lincoln Memorial Library and Hall, and is to be used by the old soldiers and other organizations springing out of the late war.

SONS OF VETERANS.

News from the Various Divisions—Election of Officers, etc.

MAINE.

Charles E. Merrill, Division Commander, in recent orders announces the appointment of Assistant Inspectors, and calls attention to the plan adopted by some Camps of recruiting members. The following Assistant Inspectors are hereby appointed: E. N. Courson, Camp 43, Brunswick, and F. R. Fife, Camp 52, P. O. address, Fryeburg. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. A preliminary inspection will be had in February, 1894. The newly-elected officers should prepare themselves for the same. Some practicable plan should be adopted by every Camp for increasing its membership. The membership should be double what it is in the majority of cities and towns in which our Camps are located. Some Camps appoint a recruiting committee to serve for a month. At the end of that time, another committee is appointed for the next month, and so on, one for each month. Another method is to divide the territory into districts and appoint a committee for each district. These two plans are suggested by the Division Commander, and it is hoped that if neither are adopted, some other practicable one may be, by every Camp in the Division.

The Adjutant's report for the quarter ending Sept. 30, gives the number of members in good standing at date of report as 1,227; Camps, 41; gained by muster, 44 members; gained by transfer, one member; gained by reinstatement three Camps, 108 members.

MICHIGAN.

Following are reports of Division Adjutant and Quartermaster: Number in good standing last report, 57 Camps, 1,197 members; gained and muster-in, 1 Camp, 39 members; gained by transfer, 7 members; gained by reinstatement, 1 Camp, 24 members; aggregate, 59 Camps, 1,267. Loss by Camps disbanded, 1 Camp, 20 members; by death, 1 member; by transfer, 7 members; by suspension, 11 Camps, 228 members. Total loss, 12 Camps, 256 members. Number in good standing, 47 Camps, 1,011 members.—W. H. Green, Adjutant.

OHIO.

Holdcroft Camp, 498—Capt., H. E. Rathburn; First Lieut., A. J. Clark; Second Lieut., J. L. Foutch; Chap., John Holdcroft; First Serg't, W. S. Turrill; Q. M. S., R. E. Holdcroft; S. of G., G. W. Clark; C. S., Chauncey Van Dyke; P. M., W. D. Clark; C. of G., M. N. Linscott; C. G., Orlo Ogg; P. G., W. J. Holdcroft; Camp Council, C. O. Wharff, Leonard Ogg, Isaiah Clark.

W. S. Turrill, First Sergeant, Holdcroft Camp, voicing the sentiment of his Camp in regard to the admission of members of the Sons of Veterans to the meetings of the G.A.R., says:

"We think that it is no more than right that we should be admitted to their meetings the same as they are to ours. We think that this matter should be brought up at the next National Encampment of the G.A.R., and a law passed entitling the Sons of Veterans to admission."

PENNSYLVANIA.

The report of the Adjutant for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1893, to the Adjutant-General, was as follows:

Number in good standing at last report, 151 Camps, 5,187 members; gained by organization and muster, 5 Camps, 316 members; gained by transfer, 26 members; gained by reinstatement, 7 Camps, 147 members. Loss: By Camps disbanded, 2 Camps, 28 members; by death, 6 members; by honorable discharge, 5 members; by transfer, 6 members; by suspension, 7 Camps, 482 members. Number in good standing, 154 Camps, 5,149 members.

REUNIONS.

Annual Meetings and Other Matters Pertaining to Various Organizations.

INDIANA.

George E. Loury, Secretary, Indianapolis, wants the addresses of all survivors of the 13th Ind. At a meeting of the Association at Indianapolis during the Encampment at that place, it was decided to publish a roster of the members of that regiment, and the Secretary is now collecting data, and desires the help of all members.

NEW YORK.

H. P. Jackson, Secretary: Reunion of the 5th N. Y. H. A., known as the "Dandy Fifth," in the Ball Room, New Johnston Building, Brooklyn, Jan. 18. Tickets are $1 each, admitting lady and gentleman, and can be obtained from the committee: Jas. H. Barker, Edgar H. Moot, and H. P. Jackson. For the past 15 years their invitations have been complimentary, but this year they have to appeal to their numerous friends in New York and elsewhere.

PENNSYLVANIA.

W. H. Felex, Secretary, Williamsport: Reunion 131st Pa., Lewistown, Dec. 13 and 14. All comrades are invited to be present.

Senator George.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: In your issue of Nov. 23 there seems to be a confliction regarding the rank of Senator James Z. George, of Mississippi, and an officer in the Confederate army. As a pensioner of the Mexican war, you state that Senator George served in the Confederate army as a Colonel, and on the same page, in speaking editorially of the soldiers in the Senate, you class Senator George as a Brigadier-General. Please state which is correct.—W. N. NEWCOMB, Ware, Mass.

[Senator George was a Brigadier-General of Mississippi State troops, and Colonel of the 5th Miss. Cav. in the Confederate States army. This will explain the apparent discrepancy. Senator George draws a pension on account of service in Mexico as a private in the 1st Miss., commanded by Col. Jefferson Davis.—EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE.]

Hard Times Made Easy.

TO THE EDITOR:—

You are probably aware that millions of America's men are tobacco spitting and puffing billions of dollars away. The total value of tobacco consumed is appalling; all this can be saved. The nerve nicotizing and destroying effects of using tobacco, in any form, upon the physical and mental organization is simply terrible. One of Chicago's great newspapers, the "Inter-Ocean," devoted an entire eight-page, illustrated in eight colors, supplement, to tell all about *No-To-Bac*, the only reliable and *absolutely guaranteed habit cure* in all the world. As a remedial agent in destroying the desire for tobacco, building up the nervous system, making pure, rich blood, and increasing the weight, strength, and vitality of the user, *No-To-Bac* performs miracles. If the readers of your paper are interested in learning all about the injurious effects of tobacco, and how it can be easily, economically and permanently cured, write us,—we will send them a copy as long as they last. Address the Chicago Office, 45 Randolph street, or the main office and laboratory, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

Respectfully yours,
A. L. THOMAS, Pres.,
Sterling Remedy Co., makers of No-To-Bac.

THE RELIEF CORPS.

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

OUR ARMY NURSES.

The National Relief Corps, Its Needs and Services.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

HEADQUARTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS HOME, MADISON, O., Nov. 24, 1893.

To Members of the Woman's Relief Corps:

I. The 11th National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps referred the work of prosecuting the claims of Army Nurses for pensions to the Board of Directors of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home. Hundreds of these heroic women have not as yet received their pensions, owing to the difficulty of obtaining evidence sufficient to establish their claims after the lapse of so many years. If they could get their pension claims through most of them would be able to take care of themselves; but to accomplish this they must have aid in looking up witnesses and securing affidavits.

A large number of these claimants are in destitute circumstances, are old and feeble, and unable to support themselves. They must have aid very soon or suffer.

II. In addition to the demands of the Home and its inmates upon the funds of the National treasury, we have the pressing needs of the large number of Army Nurses outside the Home, varying from 80 to 100, who, by occasional assistance from the Home fund, are striving to maintain themselves and remain with their friends. Every year since the opening of the Home a large portion of our fund has been devoted to this purpose; and they anticipate, as only the needy and helpless can, the coming of the quarterly allowance.

Unless the fund which is provided for the maintenance of the Home and the other demands devolving upon it be increased, the pensioners upon our bounty will be deprived of this assistance, as the sum provided for the present year will barely suffice to meet the present estimate of Home expenses. The Board of Directors of the National Woman's Relief Corps Home therefore appeal to the 134,495 members of the Order to aid them, so that no Army Nurse may die in neglect and destitution, or suffer for lack of food, clothing, or fuel during the coming Winter.

III. Owing to the feeble and disabled condition of many of the inmates, and the numerous applications for admission pending, it has been found necessary to open the original Home Building once more for a hospital for the benefit of the sick and better care of those who are comparatively well. Heating the building, extra service, and necessary equipments for such a department are among the many requirements.

Old linen and cotton cloth, for use in the hospital, are greatly needed. Delicacies, such as would be acceptable to the sick, will be thankfully received, and should be sent to Mrs. Hannah R. Plimpton, Matron, National Woman's Relief Corps Home, Madison, O.

No other supplies are needed at the Home at present.

IV. Corps and members of the Order willing to donate money for these worthy claims upon our generosity will send their contributions through their own Department Treasurer to Armilla A. Cheney, National Treasurer, 84 Brainard street, Detroit, Mich., to be placed in the National Woman's Relief Corps Home fund.

Immediate action is urged. Yours, in F., C. and L.,

Sarah C. Mink, National President, Syracuse, N. Y.; Sarah E. Phillips, National Secretary, Syracuse, N. Y., Ex-officio; Annie Wittenmyer, Sanatoga, Pa., Chairman; Pluma L. Cowles, Geneva, O., Secretary; Charity Rusk Craig, Viroqua, Wis.; Margaret R. Wickins, Sabetha, Kan.; Emma B. Lowd, Salem, Mass., Elected; Directors National National Woman's Relief Corps Home Board.

Unanimously approved by National Council.

LET THE RESPONSE BE PROMPT.

It is to complete the work as far as possible, which is being so ably pushed in the hands of Mrs. Wittenmyer, in the furtherance of Army Nurse pension claims, that the Board of Directors have issued their circular letter.

Most earnest appeals for aid are daily coming in from those whose pensions are delayed, and who may never receive one, not coming under the requirements of the law. These, with the hospital needs of the National Home, call upon the great heart of the Woman's Relief Corps to give prompt and generous response.

RELIEF CORPS PENSION WORK.

In compliance with the request of the Board of Directors, National Relief Corps Home, Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, at the annual meeting in October, furnished a list of 91 Army Nurses for whom she had secured pensions under the Army Nurse bill. The names are on file with Pluma L. Cowles, Secretary, but are not published, as some of the Nurses have requested that no publicity be given to their cases. Continuing, Mrs. Wittenmyer says:

All these passed directly through my hands. In addition to this I have assisted, by instructions and assistance in procuring testimony, 121, who applied directly to the Pension Office; also, secured pensions for six widows, making a total of my work of 214.

I herewith transmit the names of the widows for whom I obtained pensions; also, a list of Army Nurses and widows in the Home for whom, by direct effort, I secured pensions.

The entire expense of my work for the two years in securing the passage of the bill and assisting claimants was $357.85.

The income from the four inmates who still remain in the Home (amount paid towards their expenses under pension rule) will be, each year, more than I have expended in all my hard work for them.

Of the 330 who have, up to Oct. 20, 1893, received pensions, I have been directly or mainly instrumental in securing 208 Army Nurses' pensions.

Pension agents all over the country have been very kind in reporting cases to me and in aiding the Nurses in getting their papers in legal shape free of charge.

I must especially speak of J. H. Johnston, of Keokuk, Iowa, who was a Hospital Steward during the war, and who furnished at his own cost the evidence of the services of about 20. Also, of Maj. Bickford, of Washington, D. C., who, when I was sick from overwork, sent his best stenographer and typewriter for gratuitous work for 10 days or more to my room at the Fredonia.

It is impossible at this time for me to make out the full list, as I am overwhelmed with work, as I still have 165 cases in my hands, and they are still coming in. Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

Annie Wittenmyer.

DIRECTORS' TESTIMONIALS.

Indorsements of the Board of Directors National W.R.C. Home, on receiving Mrs. Wittenmyer's report, are as follows:

I am much gratified with statement, and recommend its publication in Home report for this year.—Emma B. Lowd.

I indorse Mrs. Lowd's recommendation and wish to express my gratification in reading the statement of work accomplished by Mrs. Wittenmyer.—Sarah C. Mink, National President, W.R.C.

I gladly indorse Mrs. Lowd's recommendation, as this report does Mrs. Wittenmyer the justice she so richly deserves for her arduous labor for Army Nurses.—Sarah E. Phillips, National Secretary, W.R.C.

I am pleased with the report, and indorse the recommendation of Mrs. Lowd; am not surprised at the report, as I had received from friends in Washington some account of the amount of work being done by Mrs. Wittenmyer last Winter.—Charity Rusk Craig.

I feel the report does Mrs. Wittenmyer great credit justly earned. I approve Mrs. Lowd's recommendation.—Margaret R. Wickins.

I am delighted with the report. I not only indorse the recommendation, but that it be published in all the leading papers, G.A.R. and W.R.C. as well. I am not surprised at this grand record of work for the Army Nurses, as, being in close correspondence during the time, I was conscious of its magnitude, that would have overcome any woman of less courage and vitality. The Order owes Mrs. Wittenmyer a lasting debt of gratitude. The Board will be saved $400 annually, above the amount given in the report, as 16 of this number were formerly on our list for quarterly remittances.—Pluma L. Cowles, Secretary Home Board.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE LAW.

Hon. John M. Reynolds, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, as was noted in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE at the time, is the official who gave the equitable construction of the Army Nurse Bill, allowing the devoted women of the Diet Kitchens to share in its privileges.

Secretary Reynolds having been thanked by Mrs. Wittenmyer, on behalf of the W.R.C., makes response as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, WASHINGTON, Oct. 28, 1893.

MRS. ANNIE WITTENMYER, Sanatoga, Pa.

MY DEAR MADAM: Returning to my office after an extended absence, I find your letter of the 10th instant. I am greatly pleased that in the discharge of a public duty, in construing the law as I understood it, I have met the intent of the framers, and I assure you of my high appreciation of the kind words in which you have extended to me the thanks of the Woman's Relief Corps for my part in giving a just interpretation of this law.

I am, with great respect, yours very sincerely,

John M. Reynolds, Assistant Secretary.

TRIBUTE TO THE RELIEF CORPS.

Edith Train, National Instituting and Installing Officer, W.R.C., and a ready writer on all that pertains to the advancement of women, says the organized charities of the United States, which are carried on by women, have been a school of training to those whose time has been given because of the good they might do. Also, that the thorough method adopted for conducting these charities, the intercourse with talented women who have been pioneers in these good works, the meeting together and exchange of ideas have brightened and polished the great mass of women who have associated themselves together.

Mrs. Train believes this to be particularly true of the Woman's Relief Corps, and desiring to know how the matter might present itself to others, she addressed an inquiry to Gen. Given, a veteran of the Mexican war and of the war of the rebellion, and present Judge of the Supreme Court of Iowa, receiving from him the following reply, which every Relief Corps woman will read with pardonable pride:

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS, DES MOINES, IOWA, Nov. 16, 1893.

Miss EDITH TRAIN, National Instituting and Installing Officer, W.R.C.

MY DEAR FRIEND: You ask me if I approve of the Woman's Relief Corps; and if so, why?

I approve of it with all my heart, because in this age of charitable organizations it is the grandest. As auxiliary to the G.A.R. it judiciously distributes the largest charity that is administered by any charitable organization, and mainly to the most deserving—the needy veterans of the Union army and navy.

The necessity for the organization arises out of the inability of the men of the G.A.R., because of their numerous engagements, to judiciously administer the large charities of the Order.

It was with the G.A.R. as in the sixties, when men undertook to distribute the generous donations of the loyal people in the hospitals and camps in the front, confusion marked the enterprise, and the most needy were frequently the least favored.

It was not until loyal women like Mother Bickerdyke, Mother Wittenmyer, and Aunt Becky Young took charge that order came out of confusion, and the sanitary supplies so lavishly contributed reached the sick and wounded. So it was with the G.A.R. until the women through their organization came to the rescue.

It is evident that as the veterans grow older the demands on Posts and Corps must increase, hence every Post should see to it that a Corps is organized to aid in its charitable work, and every woman who is eligible and desires to be in the way of doing more good than she can otherwise possibly do, should join the Relief Corps. I am, very respectfully, yours in F., C., and L.—Josiah Given.

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

DEAR TRIBUNE: This is the time of year for the Inspector to make her annual visit to the Corps, and all communications which reach this office are filled with words of praise and commendation for the good work being done by Department Inspector Flora E. Bowley. She is winning friends wherever she goes.

She inspected Appomattox Corps, 5, Oakland, and complimented them upon their work. At the close of the inspection President Cannon presented her with a magnificent bunch of roses, tied with red ribbon, the Department colors.

Gov. Morton Corps, 40, Calistoga, sends word of a pleasant inspection. In the evening Mrs. Capt. Simmons gave a reception to the Department Inspector at her residence. The members of Post and Corps were out in large numbers, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. This Corps recently gave a social dance, and realized handsomely for their relief fund.

Kearsarge Corps, 64, Ukiah, was inspected at a special meeting. In the evening the Corps, Post, and friends gathered at the home of Corps President McGowan to greet the Department Inspector, and conversation, music, and literary exercises were enjoyed by all. A delightful supper was served.

Corps 64 gave a successful Blue Jay Supper. Each person upon entering the hall was given a blue J bearing a certain number. For diversion there was music, recitations, and the shadow pantomime, Little Red Riding Hood. Each person then found a partner according to number and marched to the supper-table.

Assistant Inspector Adalisa Baugham inspected Vicksburg Corps, 37. Fifty-two members were present, and the work was gone through with most thoroughly and satisfactorily. In the evening Past President Sarah Sanders entertained the Inspector, the Corps, and their friends at her beautiful home. This Corps is doing splendid work, because of the harmonious spirit prevailing.

The Board of Directors of the W.R.C. Home held their monthly meeting at San Jose, when all the inmates were reported in good health. Treasurer reported receipts from the Corps during the month $161. The Board voted to give the inmates a real old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner.

Jessie Ensign, Secretary of the Board, stated she had the pleasure of visiting the National W.R.C. Home while East, and while she found some things there superior to our Home, in many things she thought ours the best.

Antietam Corps, 76, Petaluma, has been called to mourn the loss of their beloved and gifted President, Belle Johnson. Antietam Post served as escort to the grave. The floral offerings were both profuse and exquisite, Lincoln Corps, of San Francisco, sending a beautiful design. President Johnson was a noble woman; her life was a bouquet of beautiful, kindly deeds.

Word comes from the Corps at Santa Monica, "our sister by the Southern sea," of a successful social to replenish the treasury.

Col. E. D. Baker Corps, Newcastle, was inspected by the Department President (Johnson). Under "Good of the Order" a fine program was given. Although but a small place, the Corps numbers 45 earnest, active workers. Ice cream and cake were indulged in. The hall was handsomely decorated.

Lyon Corps, 6, Oakland, gave a fraternal social, to which Appomattox Corps, of the same city, was bidden, and a most delightful afternoon was spent in social converse, varied with music, recitations, and toothsome edibles.

Commander E. W. Woodard, of Lyon Post, held a fine Reunion of his Post and Corps at his beautiful residence, East Oakland Hights. The Commander of Appomattox Post, and wife, and the President of Appomattox Corps were among the guests present.

Appomattox Corps gave a farewell surprise party to Emma Cannon, who has gone to reside with her brother at Spokane Falls, Wash. Miss Cannon was the faithful chorister of the Corps for four years.

At the annual New England dinner of Appomattox Corps five long tables were spread, each table being decorated in a different color—red, pink, blue, yellow, and green. The waiters wore bows of the same colors. A handsome sum was realized for the relief fund.

Stanton Corps, 16, Los Angeles, always celebrates the anniversary of its organization by a reception to all the Army Nurses of southern California, of whom there are not a few. It is looked forward to with great pleasure, and always intensely enjoyed. The last one was no exception to the rule. Addresses of welcome were given by the President and Past Presidents, and letters of regret from absent ones were read. Then came the most interesting and entertaining feature of the program, the reminiscent speeches of the Army Nurses themselves.

And what experiences, what memories are called up; what graphic pictures they can paint for memory's gallery; the grotesque and picturesque, the tragic and comic, pathos and humor, mingle together in one panoramic view.

Refreshments are served and social converse is enjoyed by all, and thus another milestone in the journey of life is passed, and all are thinking, Who may be promoted members before another Reunion. Sarah C. Borland.

DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS.

DEAR TRIBUNE: Sunny Kansas, the State that is for "God and Home and Native Land" above all things else, is doing good work in the W.R.C. cause.

The choice of the Department Convention last year for Department President was the daughter of a soldier, the sister of a soldier, the wife of a son of a veteran, and the mother of eight children, one of whom, Lulu D. Jones, has made such an estimable Department Secretary.

Department President Lucy R. Jones has traveled the entire State in the interests of her work, with but little expense to the Department, and has imparted the magnetism of a chief officer's presence to numerous Campfires, working thus in unison with the Department Commander of the G.A.R., who arranged for a County Campfire in every County in the State during the past year, bringing back the wandering soldier to his companionship with the boys.

Thanksgiving is a fitting day to be generally observed by all Corps of the United States, and Kansas has always made it pre-eminently observed by the W.R.C.

Stockton gave due notice that they would not only serve a Thanksgiving dinner, but would arrange for families to have special private tables, a program carried out to the letter.

Beloit gave the "Temple of Fame," increasing their relief fund considerably.

Cauker gave a "Hard Times Social," which showed anything but hard times.

Parsons began early in November with a chrysanthemum show, giving valuable presents for finest plants and a silk quilt for the best collection. The "Tennessee Scout" was presented five evenings, and Department Commander Kelly gave his noted lecture on "American Homes."

Bucklin, one of the youngest Corps, is one of the first in its efforts.

Manhattan did nobly; and, by the way, they gave a royal welcome to the Auditing Committee upon the occasion of their recent visit there—lunch, a 5-o'clock tea, a drive through the grounds of the State Agricultural College, and an inspection of the library and industrial departments. Department President Jones, Past Department Ida W. Moore, the present Counselor, Past Department S. of V. President Alrich, and other State officers, past and present, joined in the felicitations of the joint G.A.R., W.R.C. and S. of V. Campfire. All will remember with pleasure the hospitable greeting of Gore Post and Corps and the S. of V. of Manhattan.

Emma B. Alrich, Dep't Cor. Secretary.

ALL ALONG THE LINE.

President Sadie E. James, of John Bashore Corps, Centerville, Iowa, gives a bright picture of work in that Corps, and of the animating spirit of its membership. Since January, 1893, the Corps roster has been raised from 30 to 45 names, and all are ready and willing to extend a helping hand to the needy and sick comrades and their families in proportion as God has prospered them. A rousing Thanksgiving dinner was their latest enterprise.

"The means we procure, through the liberality of friends," says President James, "goes toward warming the heart of the widow by lighting a fire on the hearth; to brightening the eyes of the soldier's orphan by furnishing food and clothing, and in many ways sending out light and comfort. And in doing good to others we find our own hearts caught and cheered in the rebound."

Ladies' Aid Society.

A sociable was given at the home of Sister Clark by the Ladies' Aid Society, 12, of Poultney, Vt. The members of C. C. Ruggles Camp, 67, and Joice Post, 49, were invited to be present. The house was decorated on the exterior with Chinese lanterns and the interior was tastefully trimmed with flags and bunting. About 50 were present; an oyster supper was served about 10 o'clock, also cake and coffee in abundance, after which the party adjourned to the parlor, when several stories of soldier-life were recounted.

Closure in the English House.

[*Scribner's Magazine.*]

The closure is a still more remarkable instrument of government. The late Mr. Smith invented it. He was the mildest-mannered man who ever led the House of Commons; yet he introduced the gag. He was made leader because of the contending ambitions of other persons who, when the poor, innocent, unambitious man died of exhaustion, outvied one another in praise of his devotion. I am always sorry for the *Tertium Quid* in politics, unless he be a peer, when he gets on well enough. However, Mr. Smith made an excellent leader, and introduced the closure. He was the first Minister who ever used the now familiar words: "I move that the question be now put." He was not an orator, but much practice had made him perfect in his little speech.

Whenever this motion is made it is put without debate, unless the Speaker or Chairman considers it an abuse of the rules or an infringement of the rights of the minority. If he puts it and a division is challenged, the motion is lost unless carried by a majority, and unless at least 100 members vote in that majority.

It is obvious that the duty cast upon the Speaker or Chairman, of deciding whether or not the motion is an abuse of the rules or an infringement of the rights of the minority, is a difficult one. A strong man in the chair, who attentively follows the debate, makes up his mind on the merits of each case; but a weak man, whose attention flags, is apt to be governed by the position of the member making the motion.

Oratory is no doubt a tradition of the House of Commons. What are we to say about it? In America you seem still to love talk for its own sake. I am told that in the States grown men and women really enjoy sitting still and being talked to in a loud voice. You love to hear the rolling sentence and the lofty and familiar sentiment. We don't. It cannot be denied that even common juries dislike what a few decades ago would have been considered very passable eloquence. It is daily growing upon us, this dislike of being talked to in a lofty vein—or, indeed, in any vein.

Eccentricities in Palaces.

[*Harper's Young People.*]

The King of Siam, who, according to late reports, has had a palace constructed which he can submerge in the sea at will, and so live under water whenever he chooses, is not the only monarch who has indulged in eccentricities of this sort.

For instance, history has preserved the memory of the ice palace built by the Russian Empress Anne, who punished several of her dainty courtiers by compelling them to pass the night in this great chamber of state, where they were almost frozen to death.

The Czar Paul, ancestor of the present Emperor of Russia, constructed a room formed entirely of huge mirrors, where he spent hours walking to and fro in full uniform—a singular taste for the ugliest man in Russia.

One of the native Princes of Java cooled his palace by making a stream fall in a cascade over the gateway; and the Indian despot Tippo Sahib placed beside his dinner-table a life-size figure of a tiger devouring an English officer, the roar of the beast and the shrieks of the victim being imitated by hidden machinery.

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN NO. 112.

1019—C-all

1020—SAVACOU, ALAMORT, VALERIE, AMENDER, CORDONS, ORIENTE, UTERSEN

1021—SARATOV, AREBALA, RETIRER, ABIETIN, TARTINI, OLEINES, VARNISH

1022—Own; Now.

1023—BEHATED, EMANATE, HANAPER, ANAMESE, TAPETIS, ETESIAE, DERESER

1024—BLABBED, LATRATE, ATTIRER, BRIGOSE, BARODIS, ETESIAE, DERESER

1025—Wimpling; Dimpling.

1026—RETRACT, LARACHE, TRASHES, RASCALS, ACHALOI, CHELONE, TESSIER

1027—SALTPIT, AVARICE, LAIATEA, TRAFFIC, PITFISH, ICEISLE, TEACHER

1028—Left; Felt.

1031—Pixy-led.

1029—REGISTRATING, EXANTHEMATA, GANGRENATE, INGLOBATE, STROMATA, THEBANS, RENATS, AMATE, TATE, ITE, NA, G

1030—SCISSORSTAIL, CONCAVENESS, INGAGEMENT, SCALARIAS, SAGAMOND, OVEROLD, REMIND, SNEAD, TENS, AST, IS, L

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